

Origami Peacock

Crafter Level: Intermediate

Time Needed: 15 minutes

What you'll need

- A dollar bill or a rectangle-shaped piece of paper.

How to make it

1. Fold your dollar bill diagonally from one corner. The two perpendicular edges should line up, as shown.

2. Unfold and do the same thing to the other side. The two folds should form an "x."

3. Fold the bill in half lengthwise and unfold.

4. Pinch the sides inward between your x-fold and press flat to form the shape shown.

5. You should have two large leg flaps on top with a body below. Flip one leg flap over so that the two legs are facing the same direction.

6. Fold the remaining edge in toward the center, like when making a paper airplane.

7. Flip the two leg flaps to the opposite side and repeat the airplane fold. This helps create a long, lean body for your peacock.

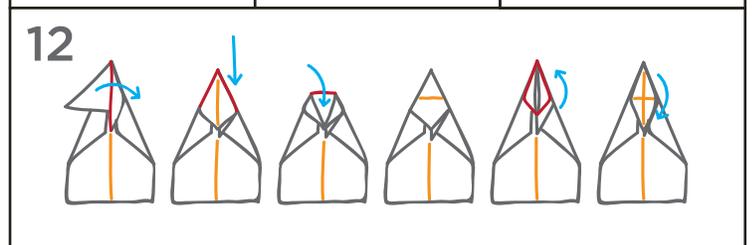
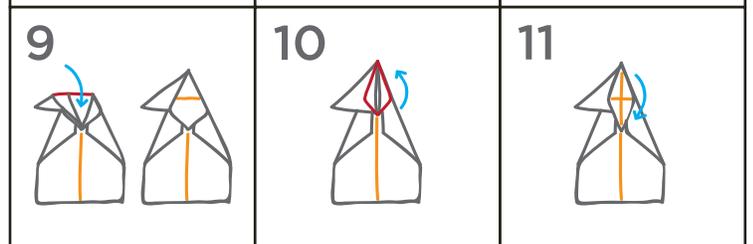
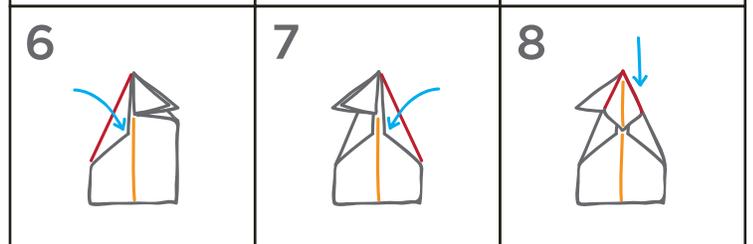
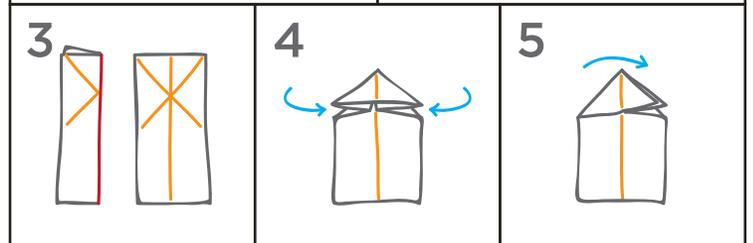
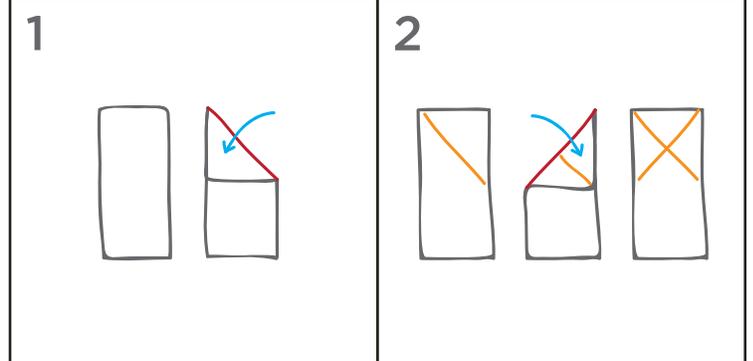
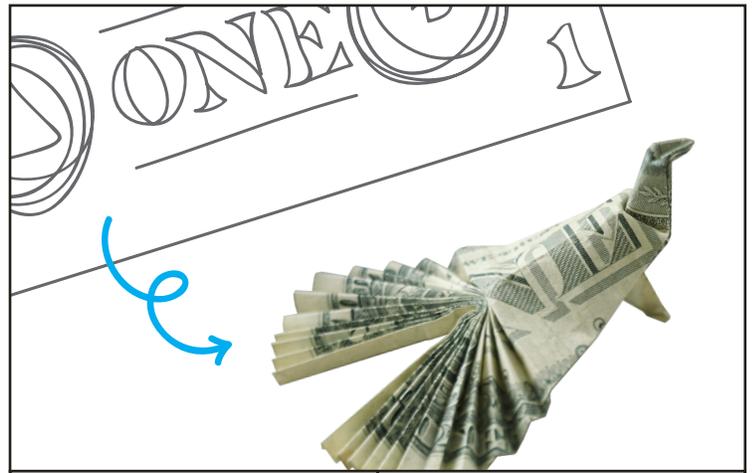
8. Lift one leg flap vertically and open the pocket. Press the pocket flat and open so that the point aligns with the center of the bill.

9. Fold the flattened leg flap in half from top to bottom and unfold (this will help make the next part easier).

10. Lift the flattened leg flap from the bottom point and fold up until the leg reaches the top. You'll form pockets on both sides of the leg. Press the pockets flat and the leg will meet the top easily.

11. Fold the leg back down.

12. Flip the leg over and repeat steps 8-11 for the other leg.



13. Flip the second leg back so that you have one leg on each side (both legs should be pointing down, toward the center fold).

14. A flap should have been formed in the middle. Fold the flap up.

15. Fold each leg 90°, away from the center.

16. Fold the small center flap back down, over the two legs, and press down to keep your folds down.

17. Accordion fold the bottom third of the dollar bill.

18. We'll now be showing you a side view. Hold the peacock on top and bottom, with your thumb on its belly and forefinger on its back.

19. Fold the neck upward.

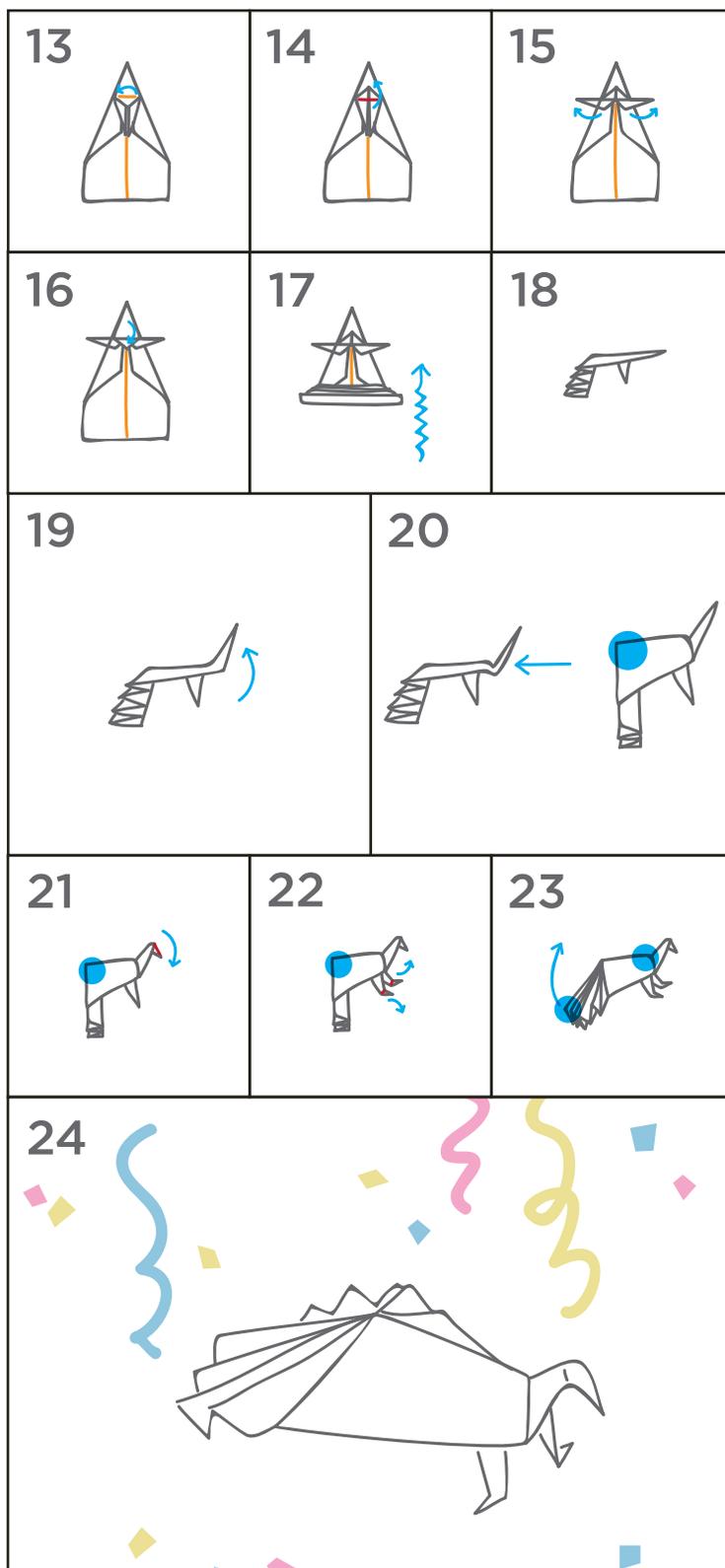
20. Push the neck into the body as you fold the body in half (while removing your thumb from the belly side). The neck should remain pointing upward and your fingers should now pinch the peacock in half to keep everything folded.

21. Flip the top of the neck area down. Reverse the fold as you push inward to form the head.

22. Fold the ends of each leg to form the feet.

23. Hold the body of the peacock as you pinch the bottom of your accordion fold and open the fan shape upward. You can squash the fan shape slightly to help it remain in this position.

24. Hooray! Your peacock is now ready to be tucked inside a card or gift.



Legend

 Pinch here

 Fold in this direction

 Fold line

 Previous fold line

 Edge of paper



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