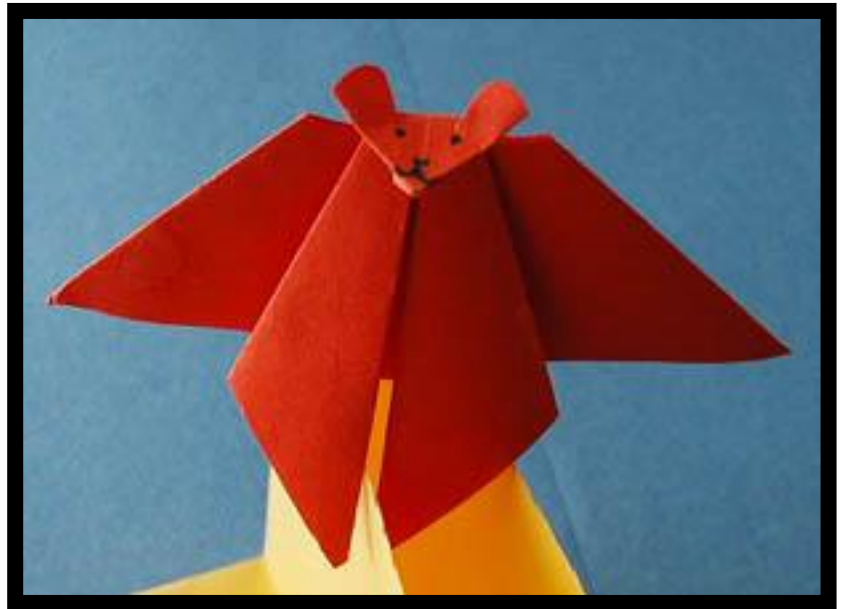


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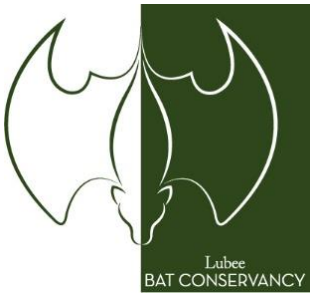


This little bat is simple origami. It's fun for any age to make and it often fits with science lessons. A great example to use to illustrate how cultures view things (like bats) differently and how that difference reflects their art. A good craft for any age.

New to origami? Use any square, lightweight paper. Cheap printer paper is fine. My red bat is a small 3-inch sheet from a square note pad from Staples, while the yellow one is 8½ inch square copier paper.

LOOK carefully at each picture. Follow the following steps and pictures.
Here we go!!

Study each picture before each step.



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Bat Origami cont. 2

STEP 1:

Fold square in half. Hold down the edges hard! They will move around if you don't.



STEP 2:

Use something smooth and hard to create smooth creases.





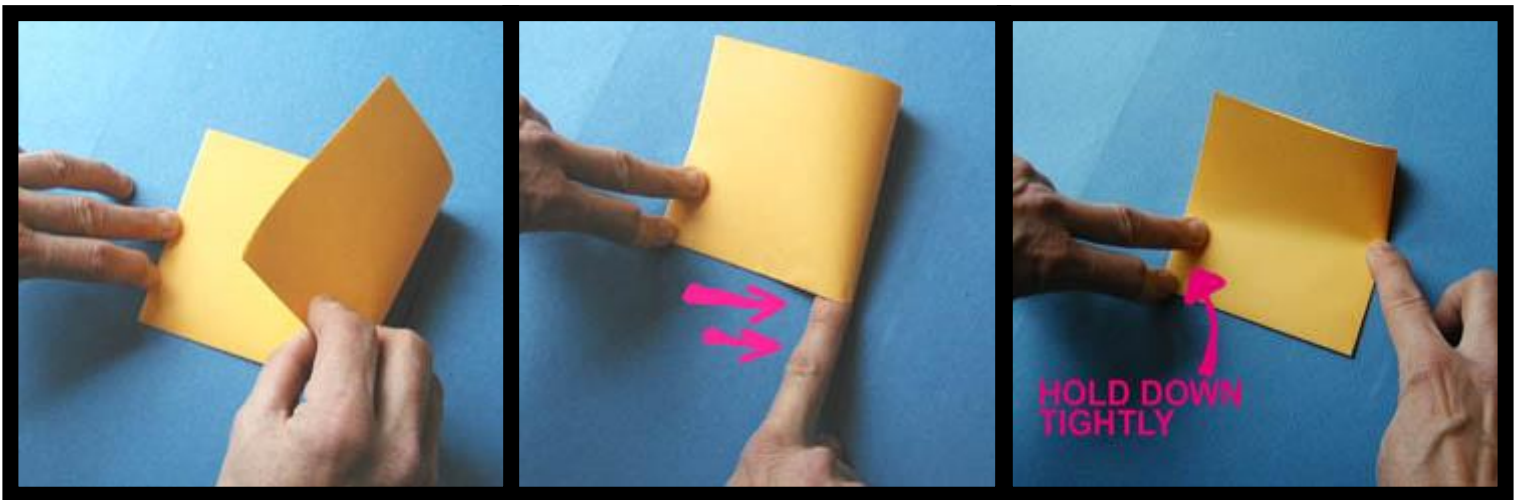
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Bat Origami cont. 3

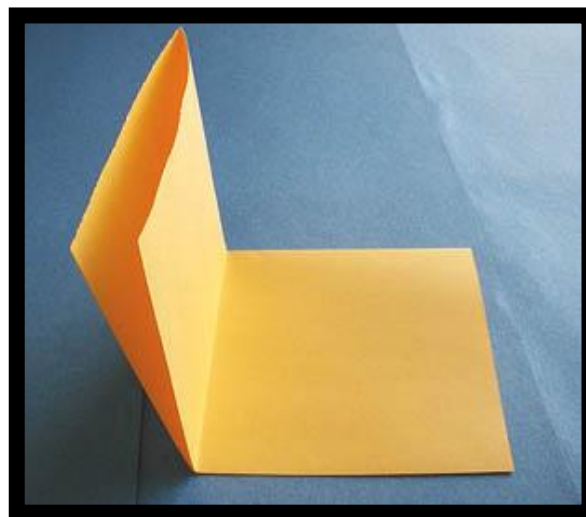
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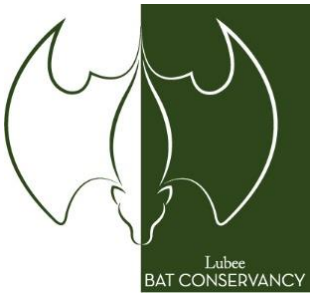
Fold paper in half. You've made a little square!! Sometimes the paper gets a lump in the corner and it will not fold neatly. Put your finger inside and give it a BOP! Crease the newest fold well. The rest of your creation depends on this little square!



STEP 4:

IMPORTANT!!! Turn the square so the corner is pointing away from you and a fold is pointing straight up to the ceiling; as pictured shows below.





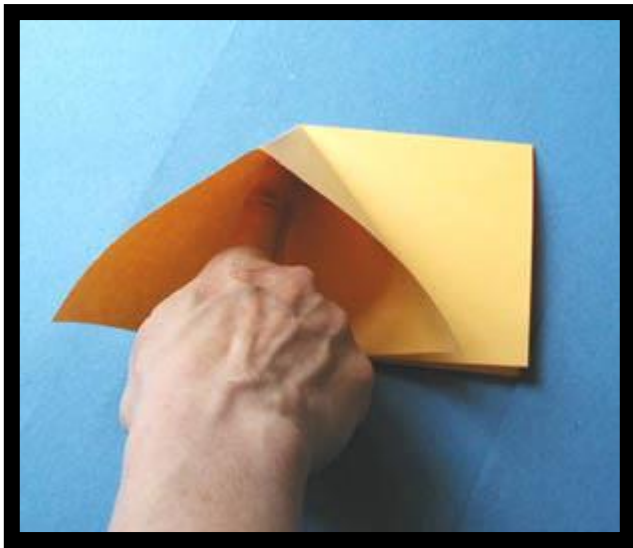
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Bat Origami cont. 4

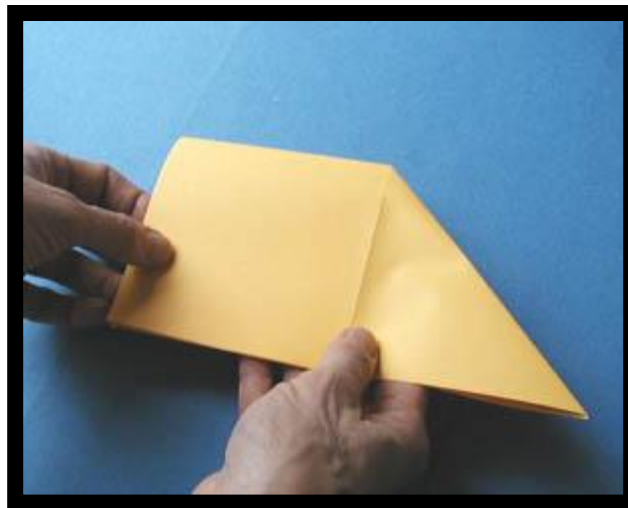
STEP 5:

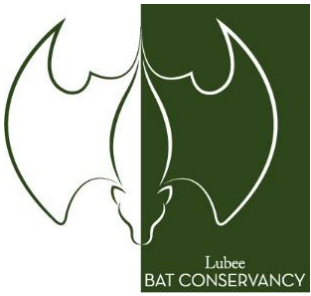
Push your finger to the top and all the way to the bottom (to the table) of the crease pointing to the ceiling. It will begin to open up and create the roof shape. Hold it while taking your finger out. Be sure the points all look flat.



STEP 6:

Check to see it is symmetrical. The "roof" shape should be the same on both sides. Crease everything well. Turn it over. It will look like this.



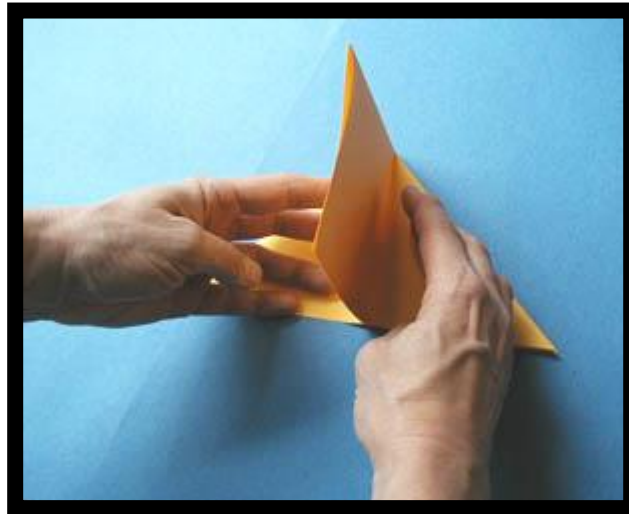


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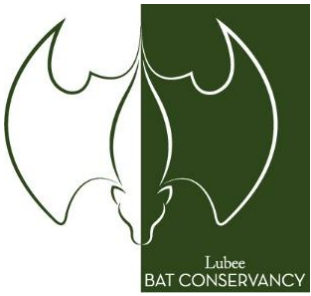
Bat Origami cont. 5

STEP 7: Stand up the square flap. You may have to push it around and rub the fold to make it willing to stand up.



STEP 8: Collapse the roof shape. Be sure it looks the same on both sides before you crease the folds.



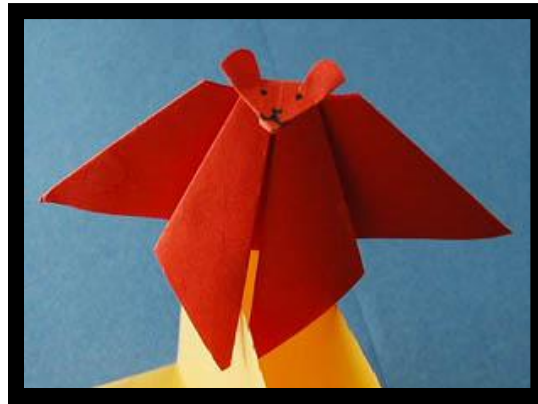


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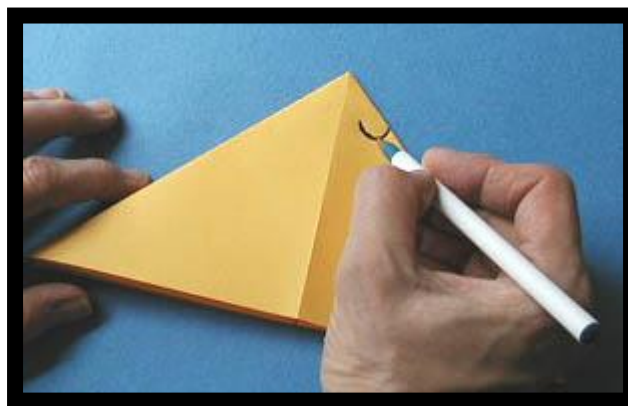
Bat Origami cont. 6

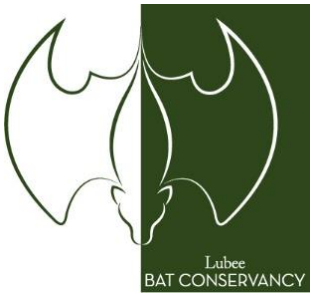
You need scissors now! 😊



STEP 9:

Draw a "smile" shape that **does not touch** the center crease. See how it is away from the crease. If you touch the crease, or get too close, the bat's head falls off. **YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!**





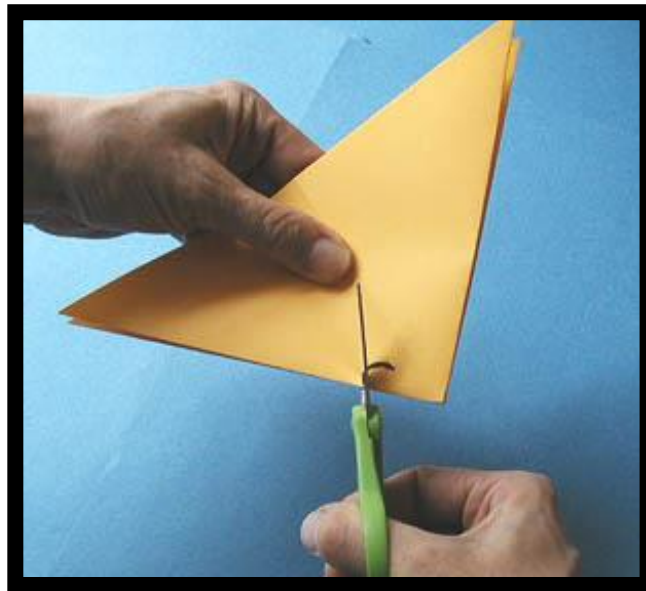
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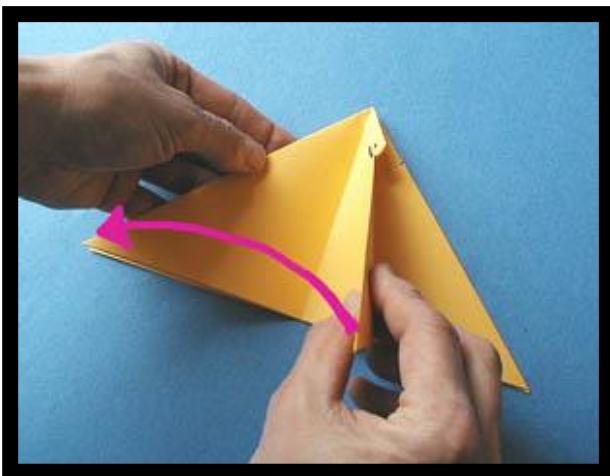
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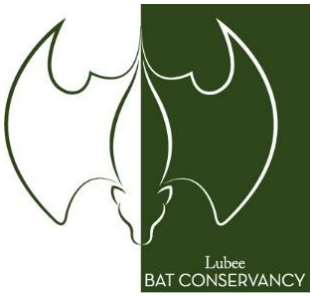
Cut on the line.



Step 11:

Flip top cut layer over to left. You now have a triangle with both cut ears facing up.





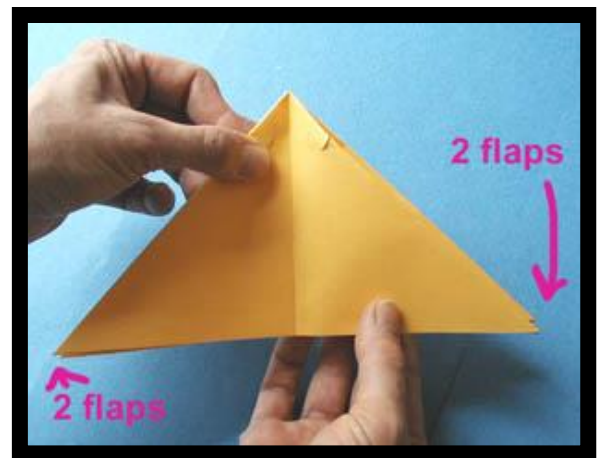
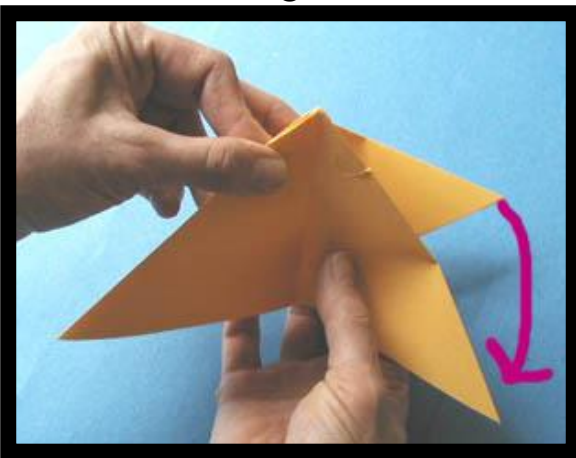
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Bat Origami cont. 8

Step 12:

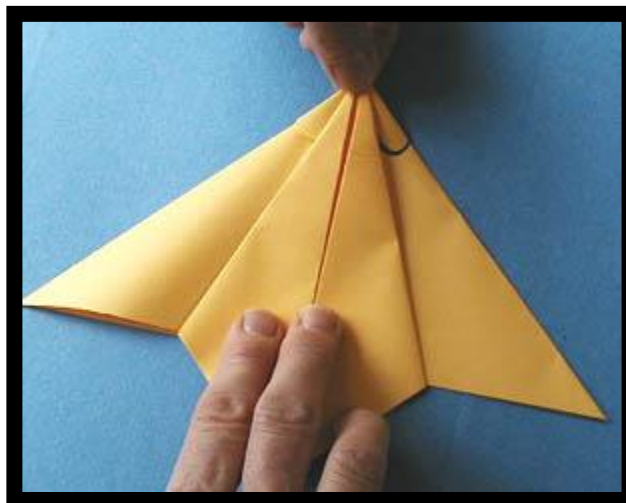
Flip one of the back un-cut layers to the right. You'll have 2 folded layers on each side of the triangle.

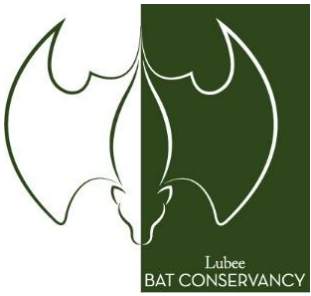


Step 13:

Now turn triangle over, so that the cut ears are on the bottom.

Fold in both back edges to sit along the center crease. Crease the new folds well!





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Step 14:

Grab the bat's nose and fold down the head over the new folds. Arrange head and ears as needed. Now get out there and decorate!!!

