



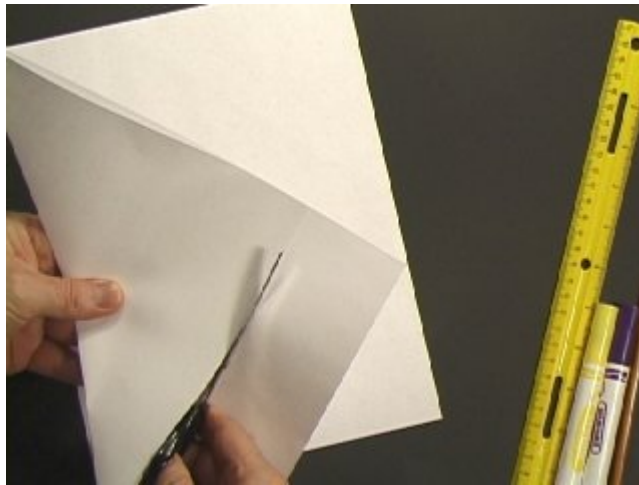
Here is an excellent project to start our sculpture series. You might never have thought of Origami as sculpture but it is a very old and beautiful three-dimensional art form. Sculptures have height, width and depth. They are three-dimensional. This sculpture is also a useful box in which to keep your little valuables or a pretty container for a present to someone you love.



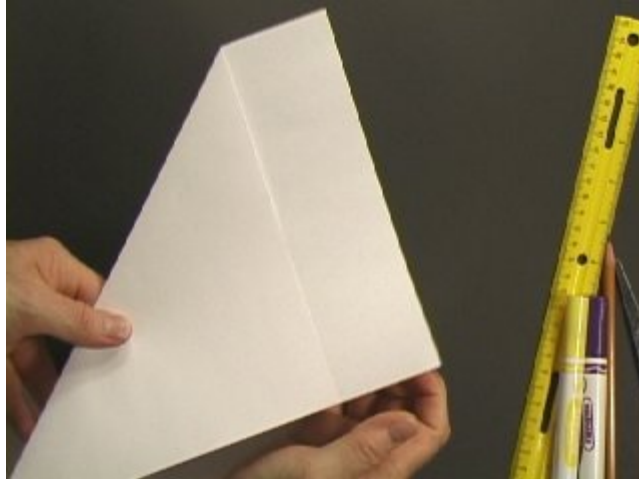
You will need a ruler for a straight edge, two color markers, a pencil, scissors, and two sheets of paper. If you don't have markers you can use anything to color or draw on your box.



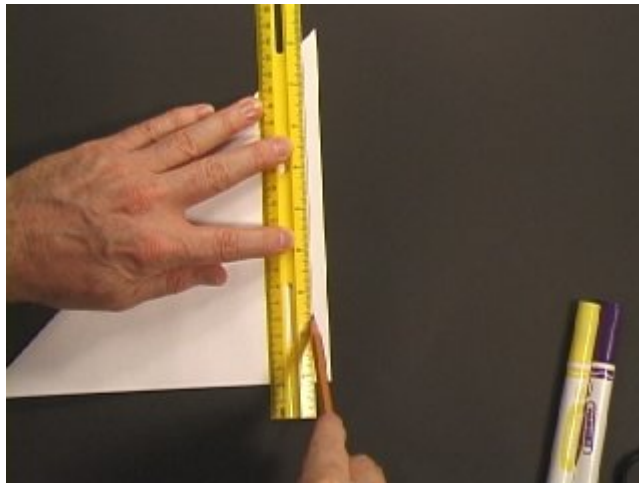
First you will need to fold one of the pages so one of the short sides of the paper lays straight across one of the long sides. Then make a crease by pressing the fold flat.



Use the scissors to cut of the part of the paper that wasn't covered by the folded part.



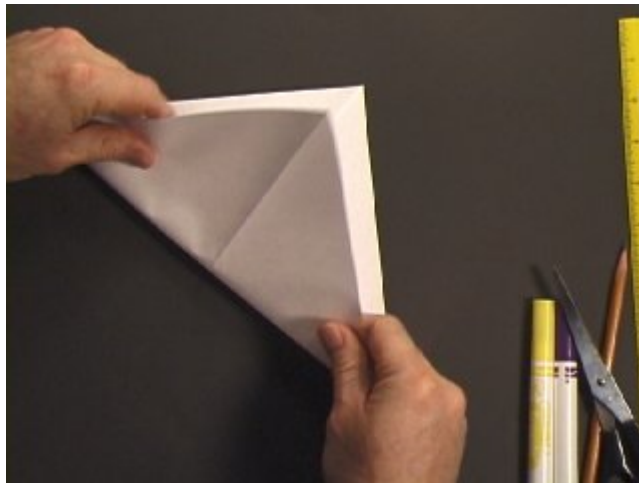
Do the same with the second page.



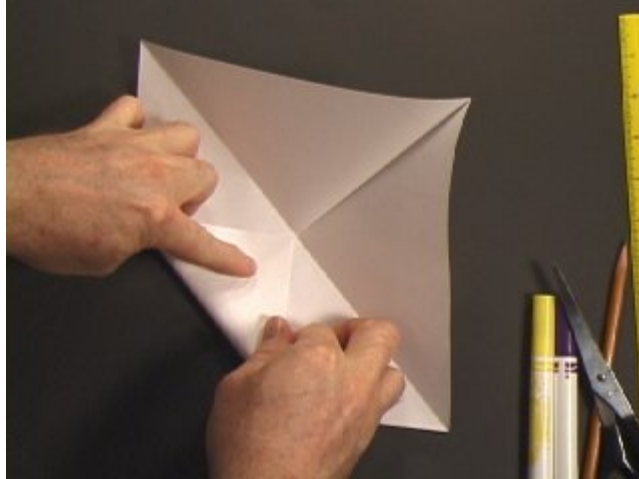
Now you have to make the second page smaller. On the second page you lay the ruler across the side that you cut off and draw a line about a centimeter or a quarter of an inch from the edge.



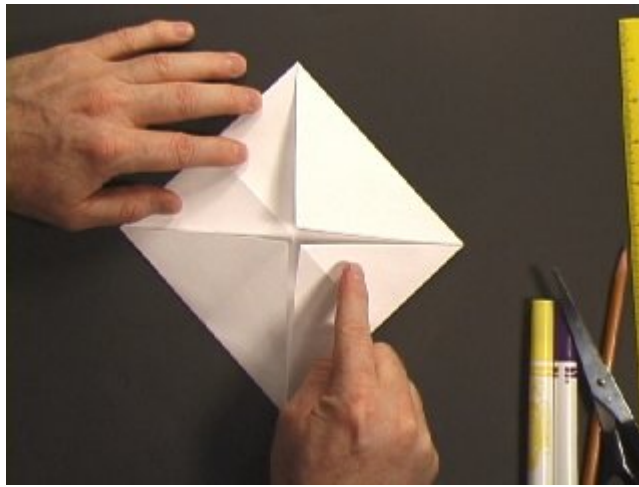
Use the scissors to cut on the line.



Start with the larger square and fold it again the opposite way.



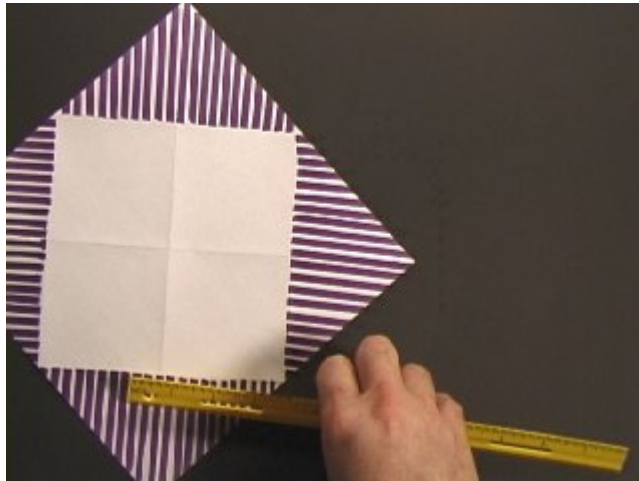
Fold each of the four corners into the center like this.



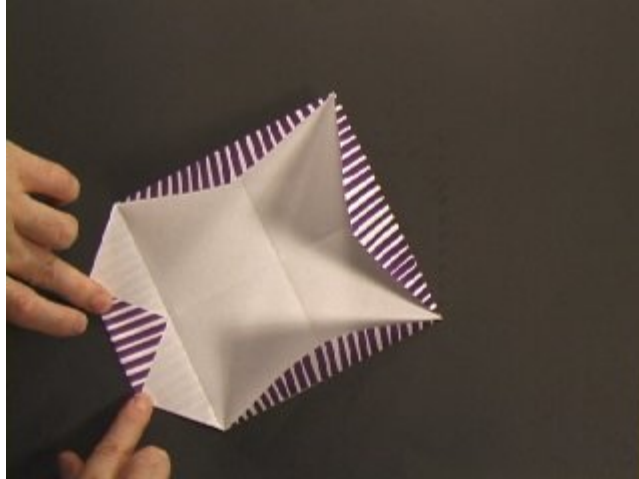
When they are all folded in they will look like this.



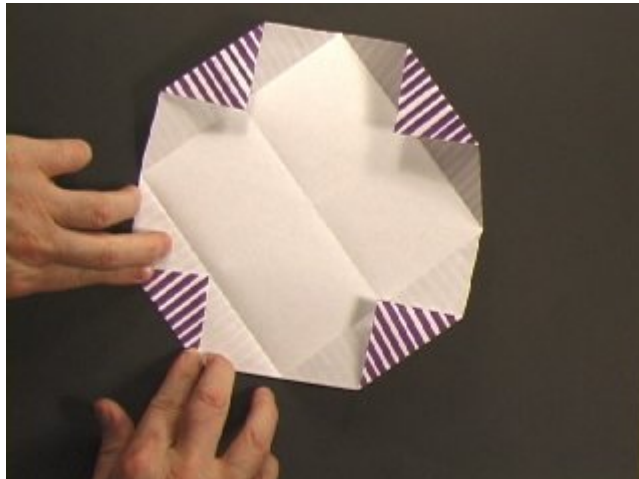
Now open the paper again, turn the paper over and use one of your markers and the ruler to make any design you want from



You can make any pattern you wish.



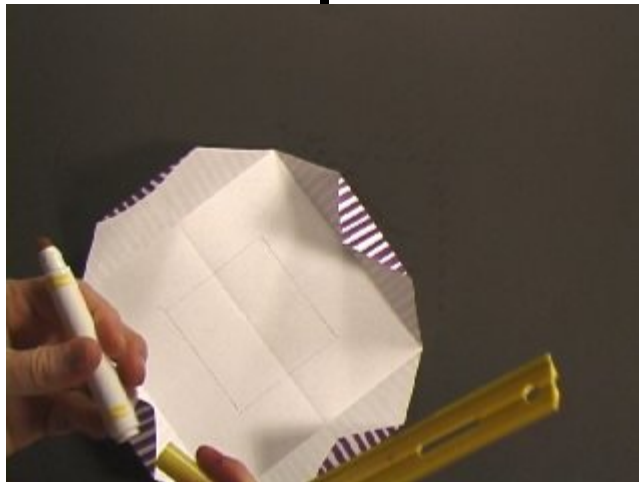
your paper over again and fold each of the points to where the center folds meet the last folds you made.



When you have finished all four points it will look like this.



Fold the points under and use the pencil to make very light make very light lines on the edge of the folds.

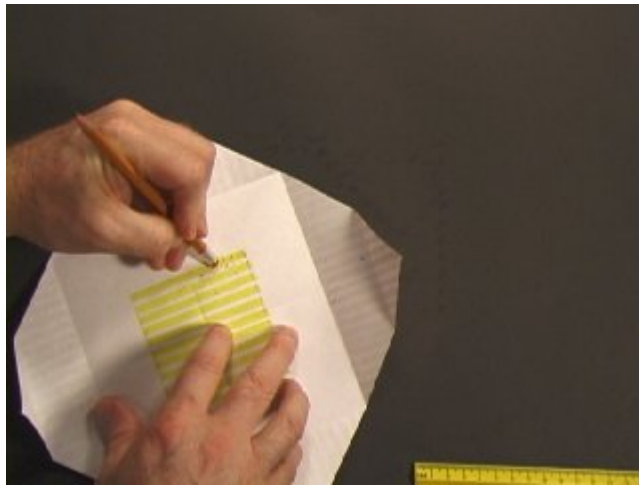


The lines will form a square, which you will use to make a decoration. This will be the top of the box and you can make any decoration you wish. It could be a flower or lines like me.

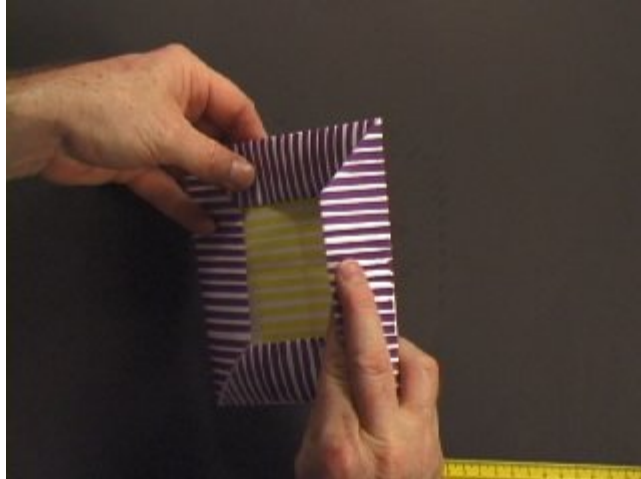




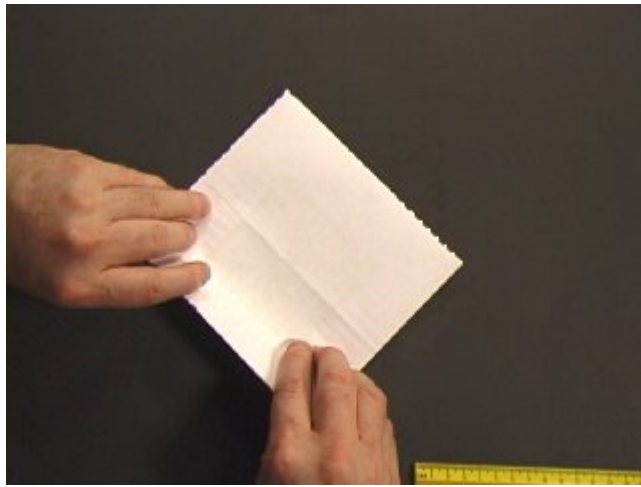
Add your design.



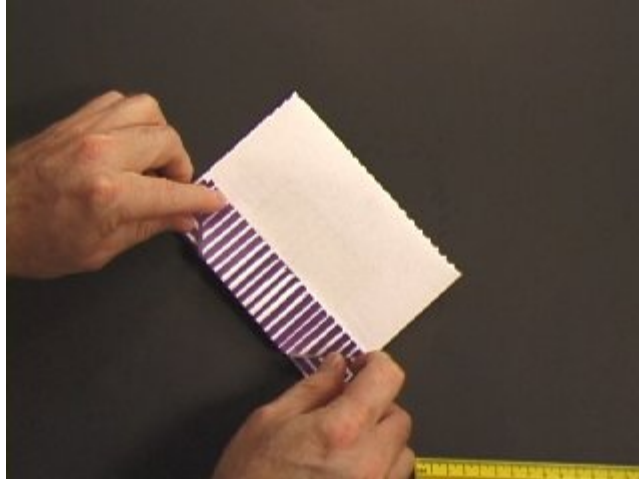
Carefully erase the pencil marks.



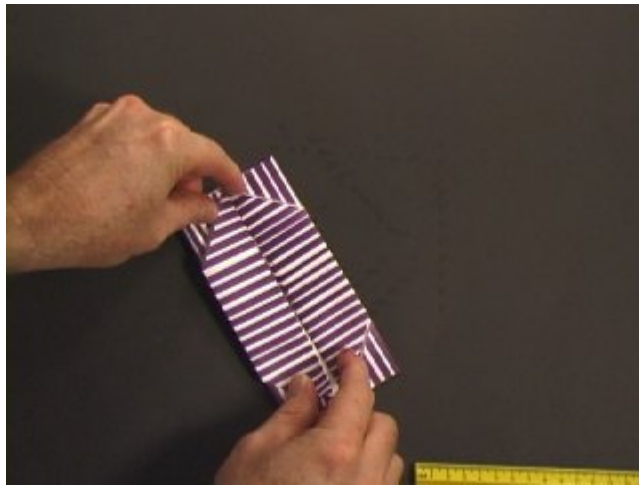
Fold the corners in again and turn it over.



Like this.



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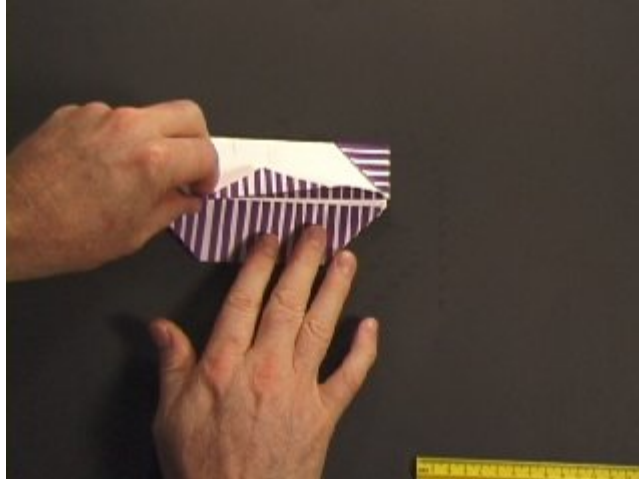


Now lift the two center flaps up and hold them between your fingers.



Take each of the corners and fold them under the center flaps.

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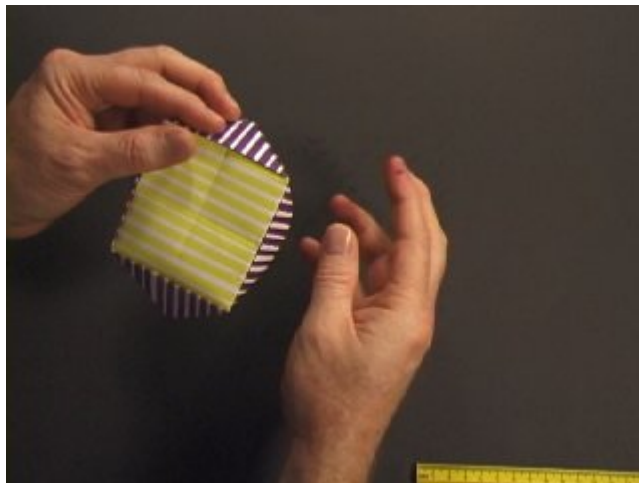
lay the center flap back down on top of the corners.



Do the same thing to the other side and mash it flat.



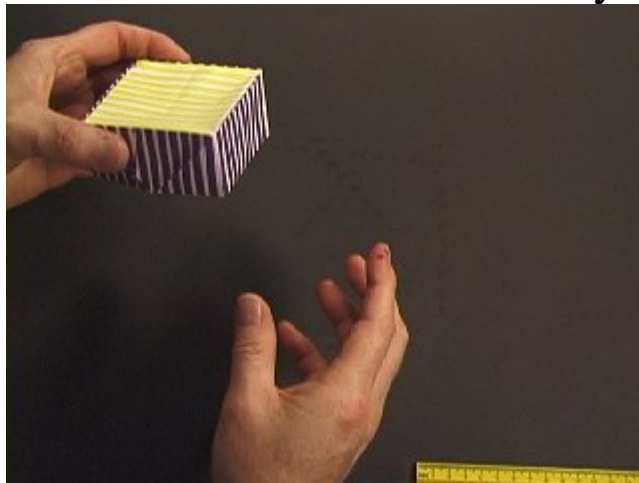
Stick your finger in the very center and pull the object open carefully.



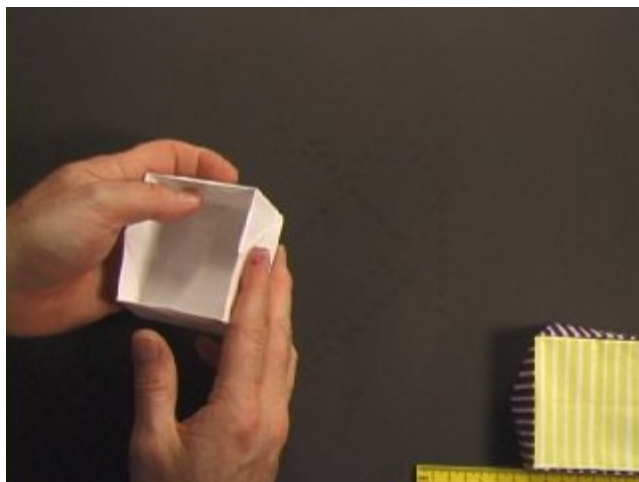
Pinch the edges so the sides stand on their own.



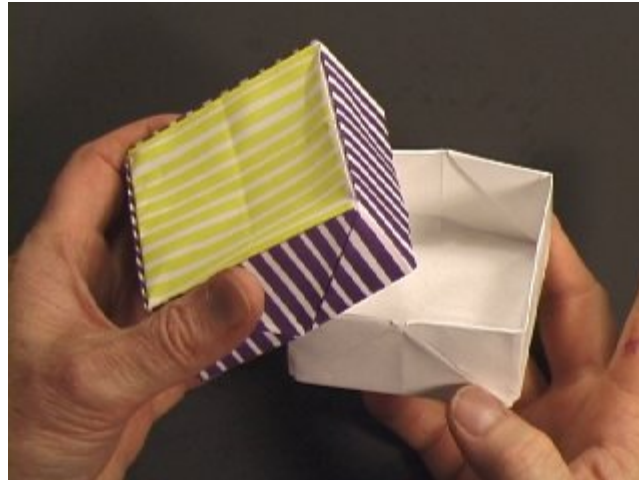
Pinch the four corners so the box stays open.



This is the top of the box.



Repeat the whole process with the smaller piece of paper but you don't have to color it if you don't want to. This is the bottom of the box.



There is your origami box. If you can do make this box you are ready for any of the other sculpture projects in this series. Congratulations!