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## A SQUARE BALL

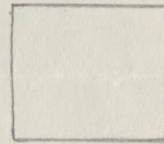
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Have you ever seen a square paper ball? Did you know you could fold one out of paper? The children of Japan learn how to make many things - flowers, baskets, boats and birds - by folding squares of thin colored paper.

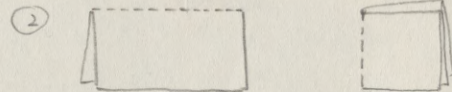
Here are directions for making a square paper ball. When it is finished and blown up, it can be tossed about - if you handle it gently!

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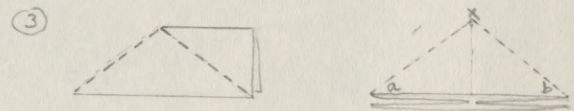
1st: You will need a perfectly square piece of <sup>①</sup> paper, about 8" square.



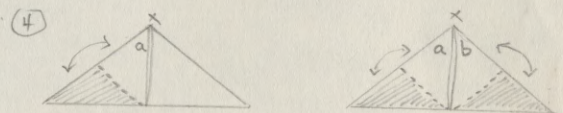
2nd: Fold it in half once, and then again, so you have a small square.



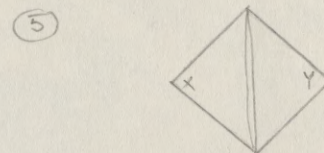
3rd: Open up the square on one side, and then on the other, so you now have a triangle.



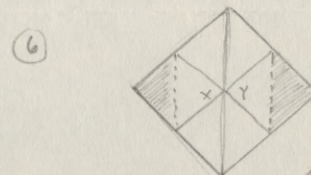
4th: Now, fold up corners a and b, so they meet at point x.



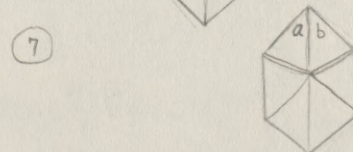
5th: Turn your paper over, and do the same thing on the other side.  
Now you should have a small square once more.



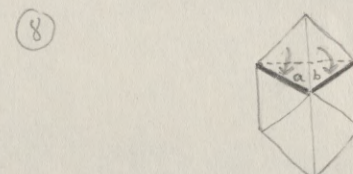
6th: Now, fold the corners marked x and y so they meet at the center.



7th: Turn your paper over, and fold the two other corners in the same way.

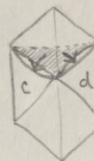


8th: Now fold the points marked a and b down in half, so they just meet the dark heavy lines.



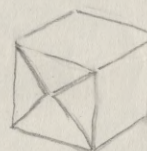


9th: Now, fold them down again, just along the dark heavy line, and insert the shaded small triangle right inside the pockets, marked c and d.



10th: Turn your paper over, and do exactly the same thing on the other side.

11th: Now blow at the hole in the bottom, and shape your ball into a square.



Be sure to make your creases sharp, and to make all the points meet exactly when you are folding.