## Origami Elephant

Elephant fold created by Origami Club. Used by permission of Origami Club.

## Instructions

## Watch Math Unfold!



1. Start with a square piece of paper. (All sides should be equal, and all angles should be right angles.)

Make sure the white side of your paper is up, and the square is turned as shown.

2. Fold the paper from right to left to make a triangle. Slide the back of your thumbnail or the side of a ruler along the crease to make it sharp. Then unfold.

This crease is a guide for the next step.

3. Fold the sides in toward the center guide crease. Make sure the edges meet and the creases are sharp.

The shape is now a kite.

4. Turn the kite so that the sharpest point is up. Then turn the kite over from left to right.


## Origami Elephant (cont.)

5. Fold the top half of the kite to the back. Let the tip extend beyond the bottom about 4 centimeters. Make sure the crease is sharp. This is a horizontal crease.

6. Fold the top part of the kite back up. Make a sharp crease about 1 centimeter below the first horizontal crease.

7. Turn the shape over from left to right.

8. Fold the bottom point up. Make sure the tip just touches the bottom of the part you already folded.

Now you can see three similar triangles side-by-side across the bottom.

9. Fold the shape in half vertically from right to left and make a sharp crease.


## Origami Elephant (cont.)

10. Fold the top point back and down toward the left. Make this fold at a point about 6 centimeters from the tip. This is a diagonal fold.

11. At a point closer to the tip, fold the top point back and up. This is another diagonal fold.

Now the elephant has a trunk.

12. Rotate the elephant 45 degrees counterclockwise, and draw an eye on the elephant's face.

13. Pull the bottom of the elephant apart. The elephant will stand up by itself. Success! You have folded an elephant!


