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Step by Step Instructions
for Folding Paper Hearts

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There are **several options** when you decide to fold valentines in your class.

There is a colorful poster to share with the entire class and half page mini-posters for individual students. Most of the pages are offered in color and greyscale for copying.

Materials: scrap paper for practice, paper bags, magazines, any kind of paper cut in squares, (Have a template handy?) and origami paper in all sizes and colors. You might need clip boards, scissors, rulers, caryons, pens, pencils, glue sticks, and tape.

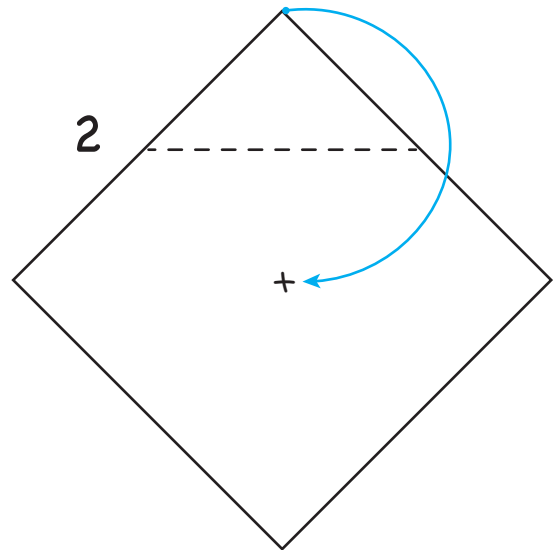
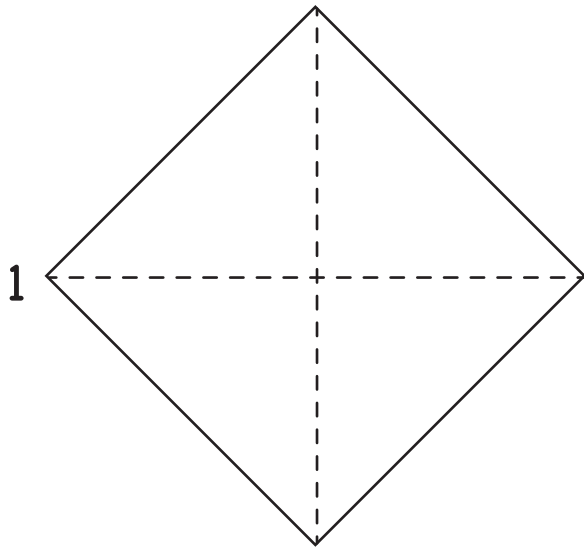
Set up step by step stations: Print the half page instructions and set up folding stations around the room. Invite your students to visit them in order, folding as they go.

Help students visualize each step - have a real paper model, folded up to that point at each station. Write "model" on the paper. Draw fold lines as needed. Students can see what their model should look like and practice the next fold on the model.

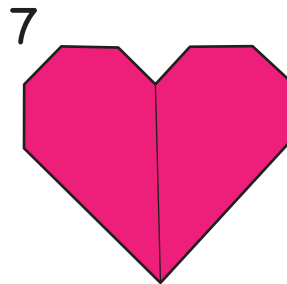
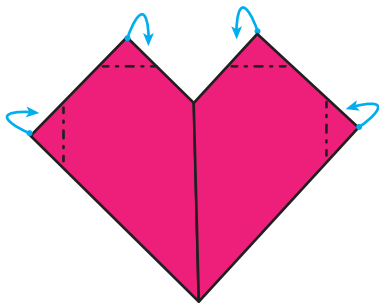
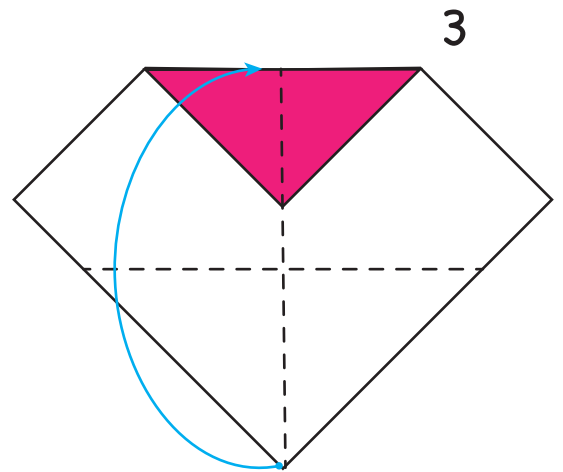
Fold some mega-models. Bring out some giant squares cut from bulletin board paper or wrapping paper. Let students work in teams to fold these huge hearts! Post them in the hall with some snapshots of your class folding valentines.

Invite helpers. Reading buddies? Parents?

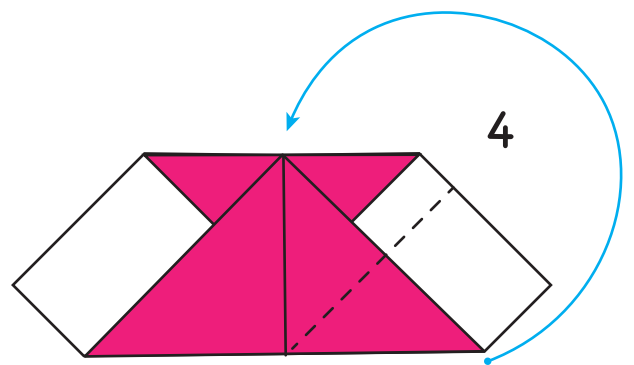
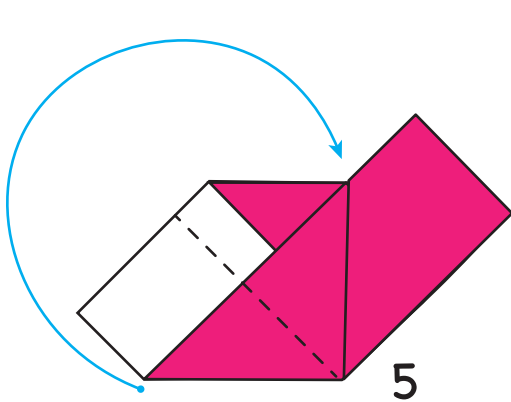




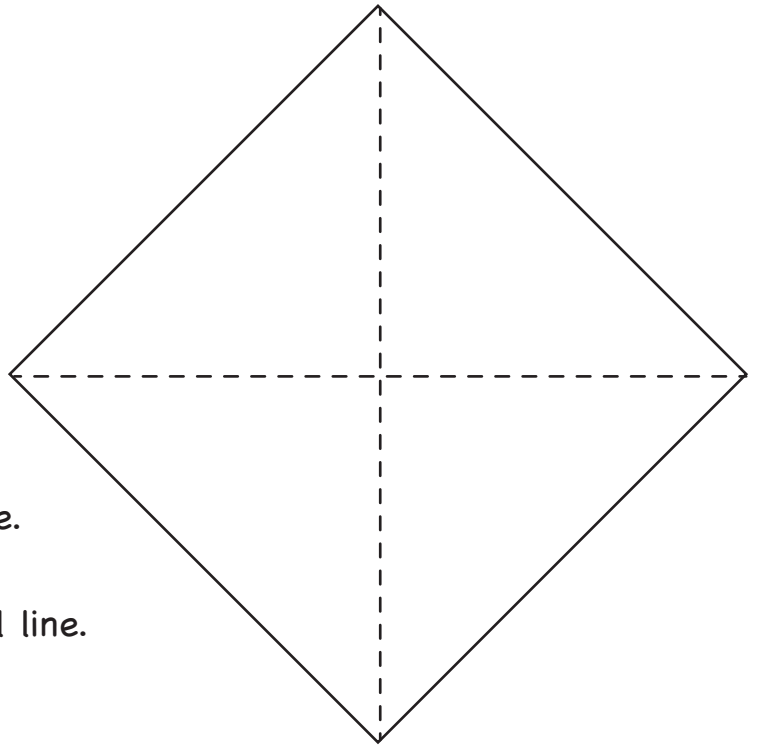
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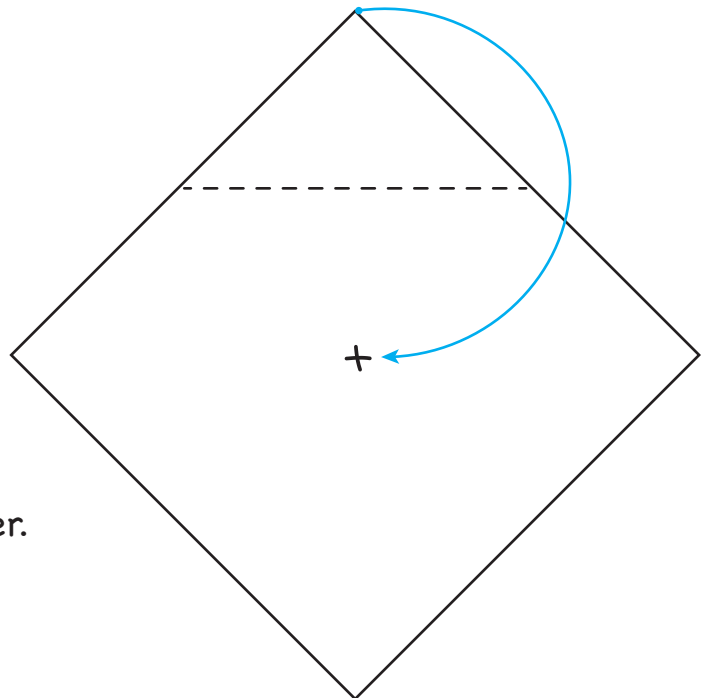


1. Bring opposite corners together.
2. Carefully fold the diagonal crease.
3. Open.
4. Repeat to fold the other diagonal line.

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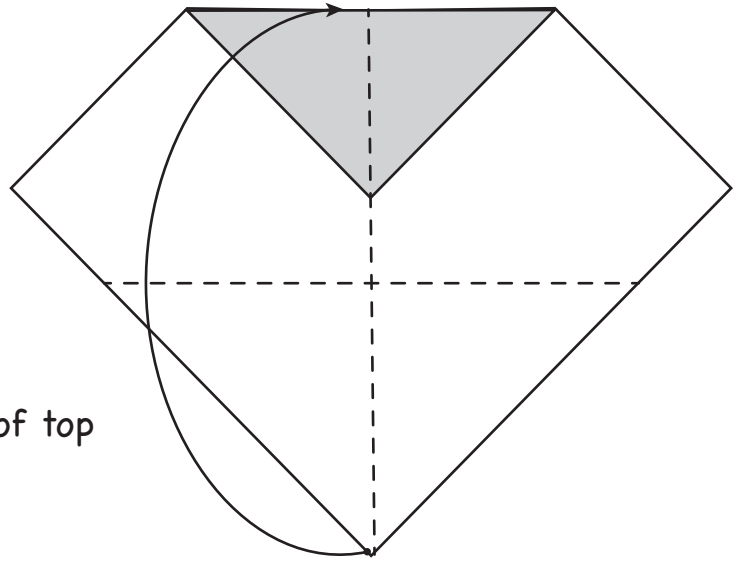
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1. Bring the top corner to the center.
2. Crease the fold.

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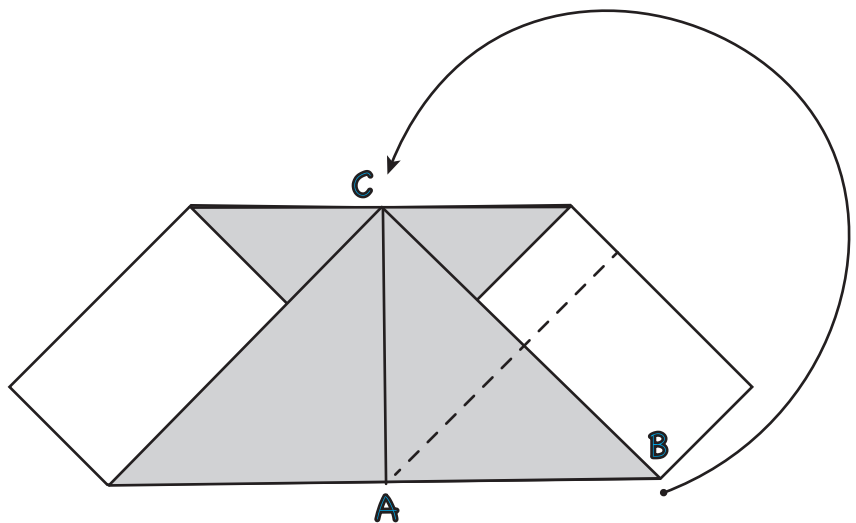


1. Bring bottom corner to center of top edge.
2. Crease the fold.
3. Notice that the perpendicular lines are the same length.

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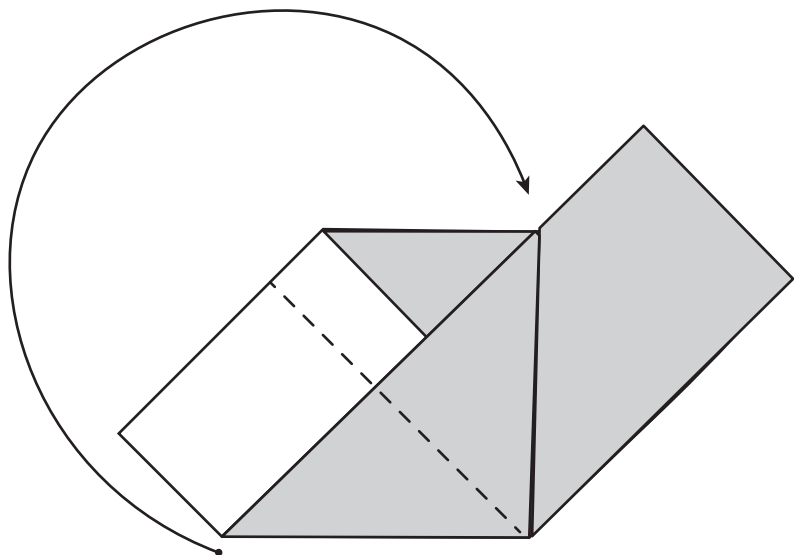
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1. Use point A as a pivot.
2. Bring point B up to meet the center of the top edge at point C.
3. Match \overline{AB} to \overline{AC} very carefully.
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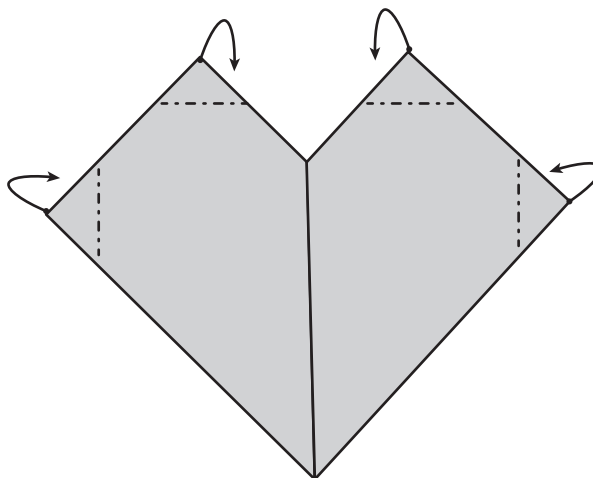


1. Repeat step 4 on the other side.

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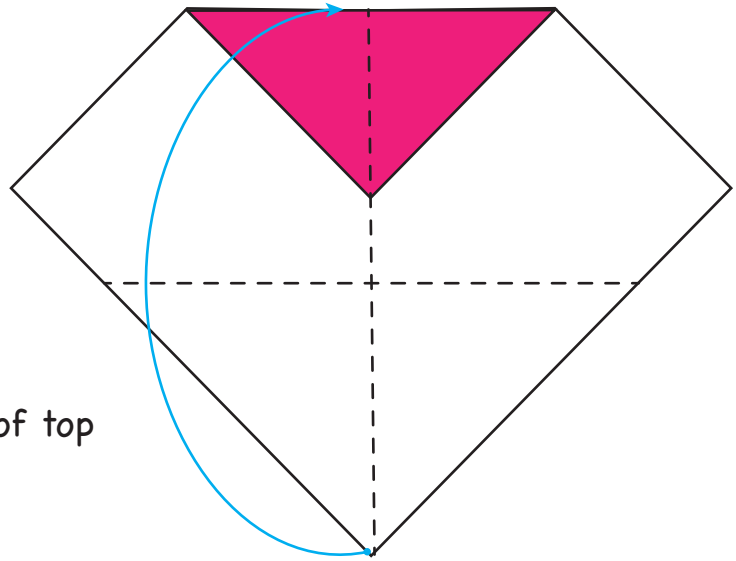
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1. Fold the tip of each corner to the back as shown.
2. Write your name or initials on the back of your paper heart.
3. Try folding another heart from memory.

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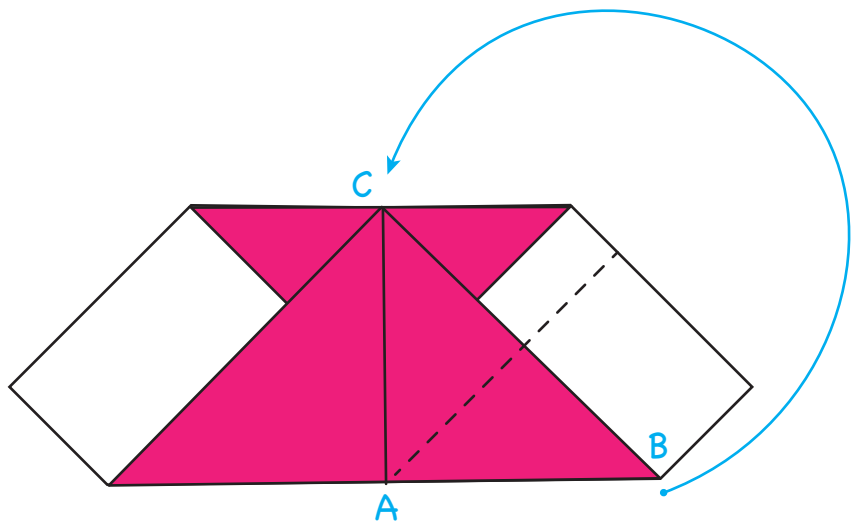


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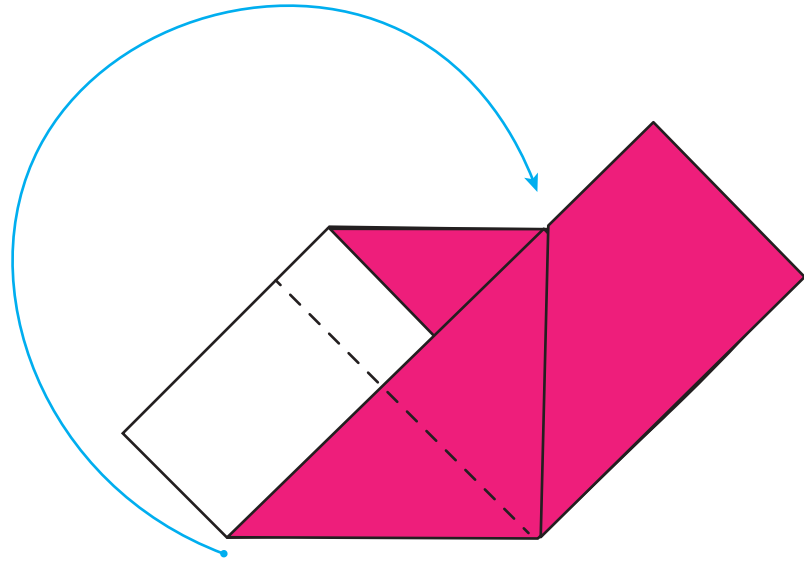
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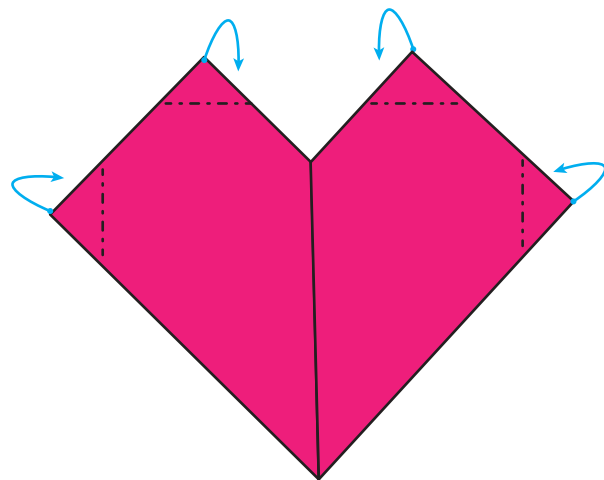


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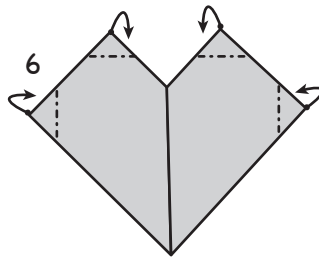
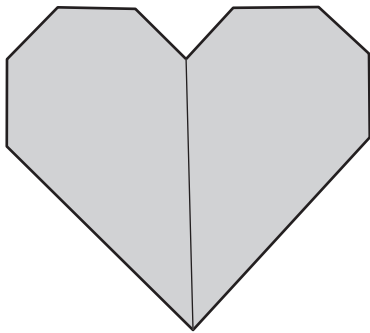
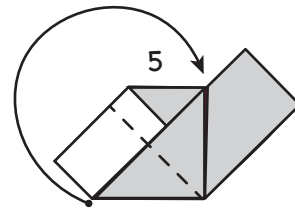
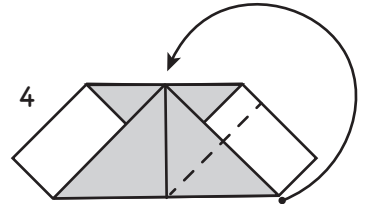
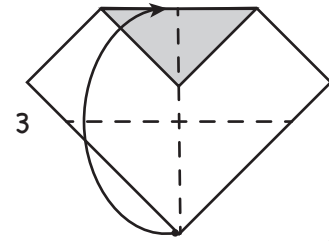
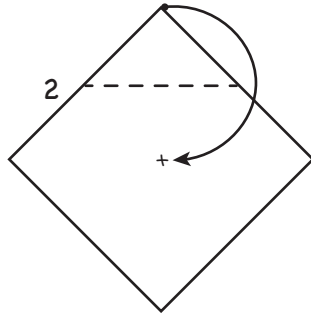
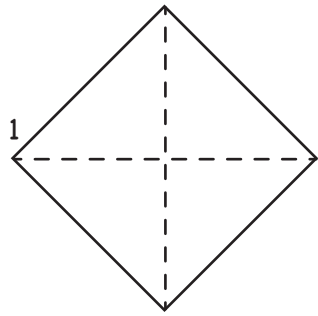
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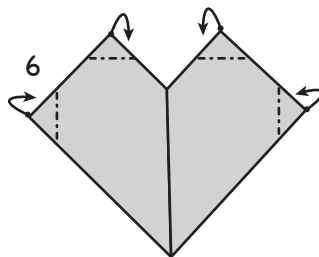
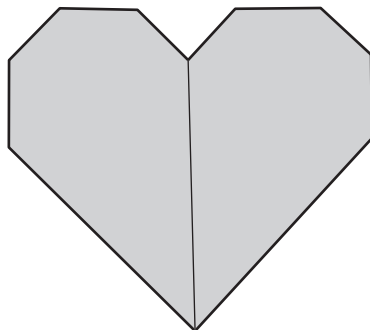
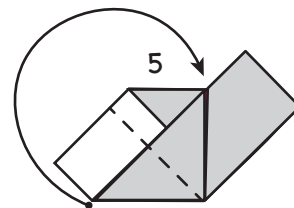
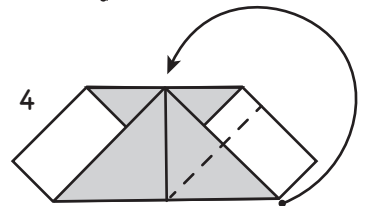
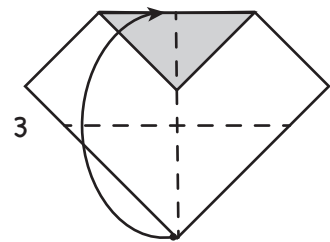
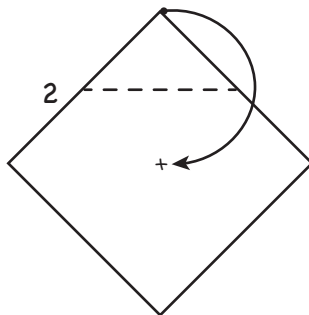
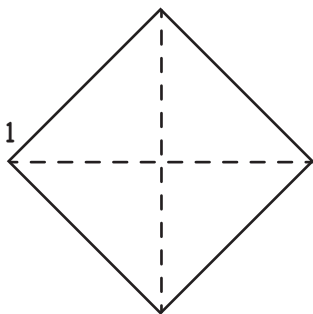
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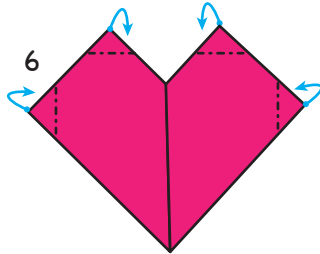
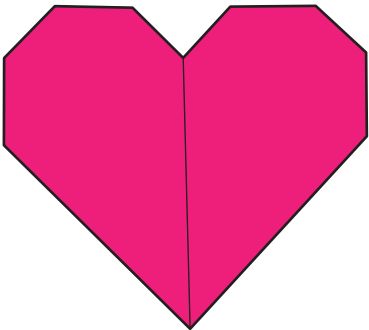
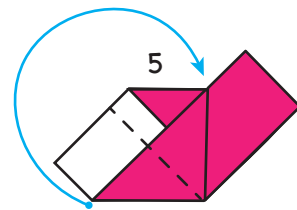
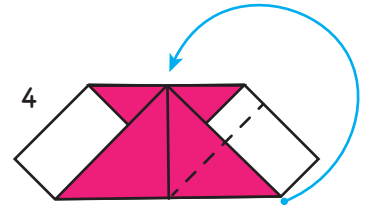
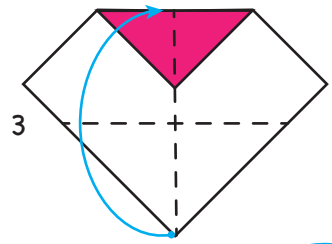
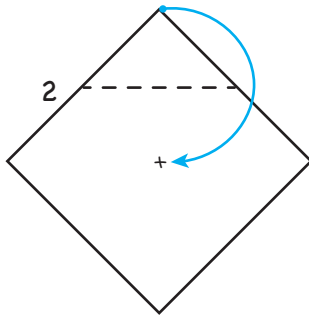
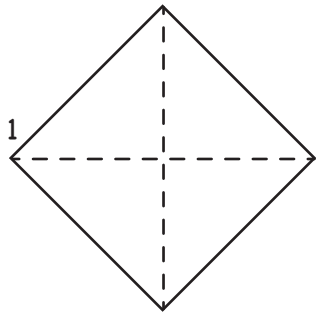
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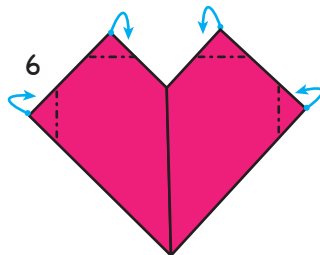
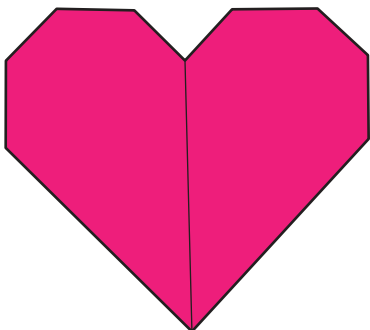
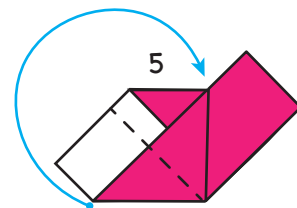
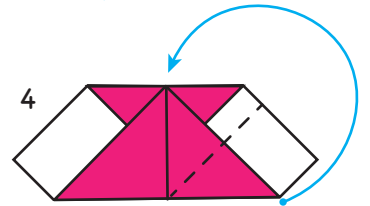
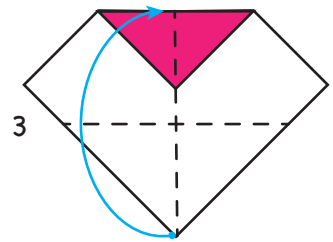
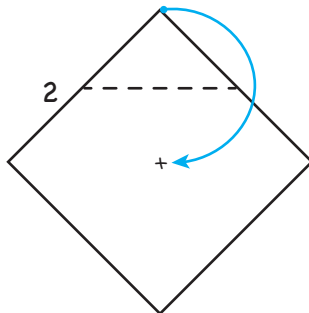
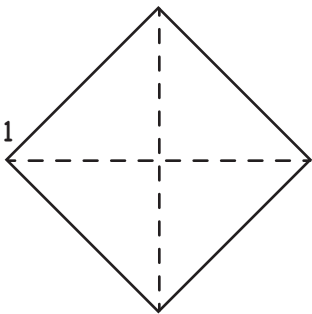


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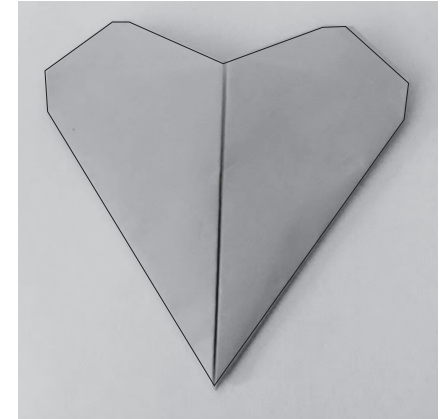
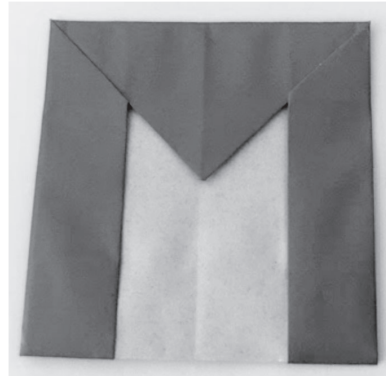
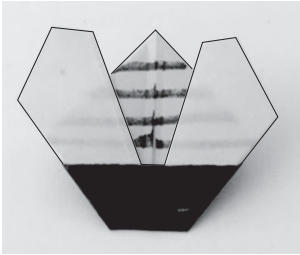


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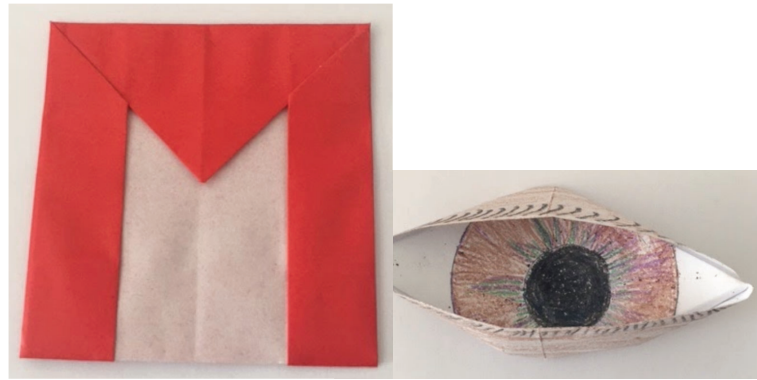
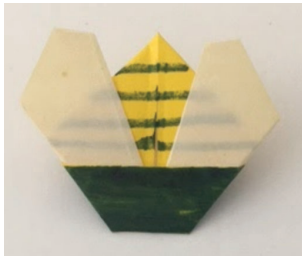
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