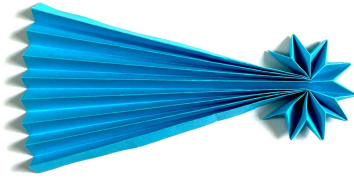


Shooting Star Origami



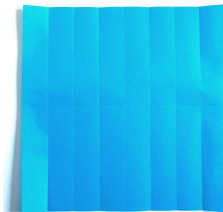
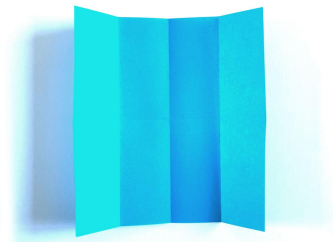
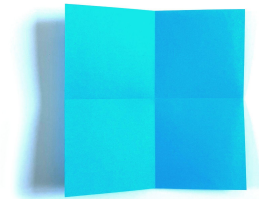
Sometimes called “shooting stars,” meteors are created when rocks or other debris fall from space and burn up in Earth’s atmosphere, resulting in a bright light and glowing trail. This origami project will recreate that iconic shape using a single piece of folded paper.

Materials

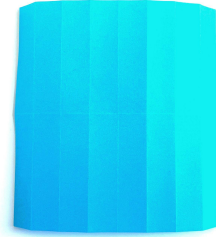
Origami paper (or other paper square)

Directions

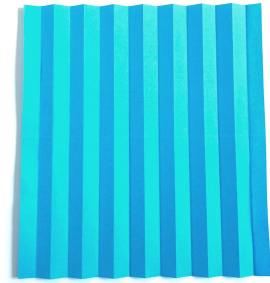
1. **Fold** the paper in half from right to left, **unfold**, and then **fold** in half from top to bottom.
2. **Fold** the left side of the paper in so the edge meets the center crease, then **unfold**. **Fold** the right side of the paper in so the edge meets the center crease, then **unfold**. This should create 4 sections.
3. **Fold** each of the 4 sections in half again, between the creases, then **unfold**. This should create 8 sections.



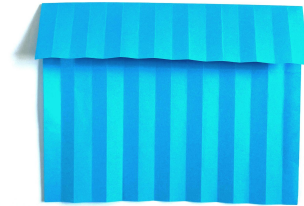
4. **Flip** the paper over.



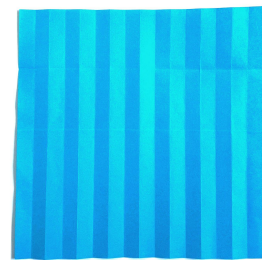
5. **Fold** each section in half again to create a zig-zag shape.
There should be 16 sections.



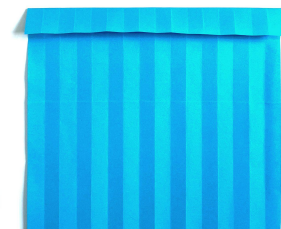
6. **Fold** the top down to the center of the paper.



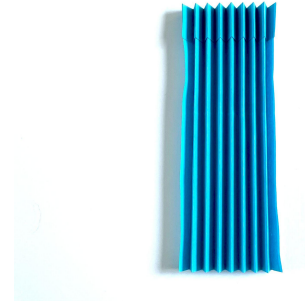
7. **Unfold**, leaving a crease.



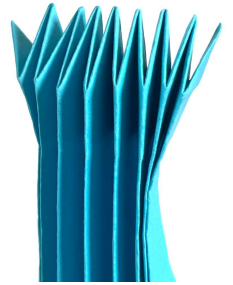
8. **Fold** so that the top edge touches the crease made in the previous step.



9. **Fold** the paper up along the zig-zag creases.



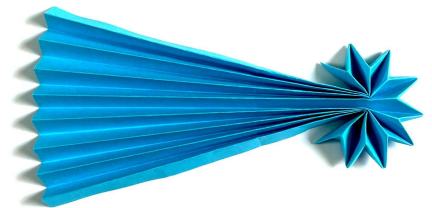
10. **Push** the top corners on one side in, creating triangle shape at the top of the paper.



11. **Pinch** the paper together where the top fold ends, and **pull** the left and right edges down to unfurl the star.



12. **Fan** out the bottom of the paper, and watch the shooting star take shape!





Need a square piece of paper? Use this template and cut along the dotted line.

