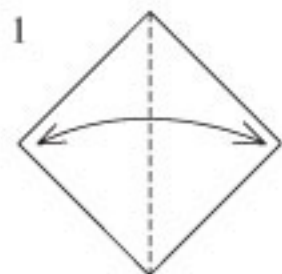


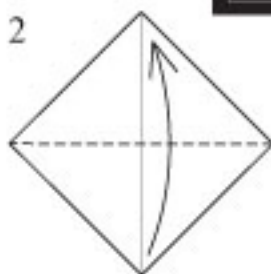
# Exploding Envelope

No longer is it necessary to use combustible material to make an envelope explode... This model explodes with the simple pull of a tab!



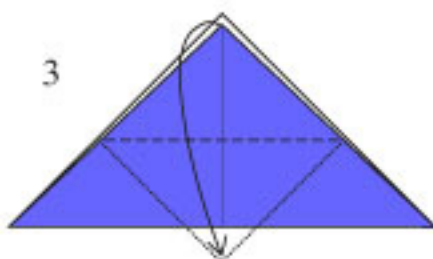
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Works well out of Kami, Wyndstone or typing paper. Consider first writing a letter on the paper before you begin folding it. White side up, lightly valley-fold and unfold diagonally in half.



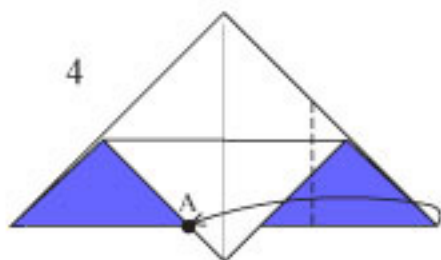
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Valley-fold diagonally in half.



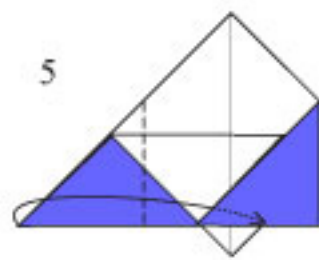
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Valley-fold one flap down to just beyond the bottom.



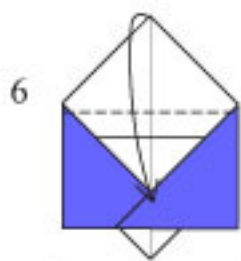
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Valley-fold the right corner to point A.



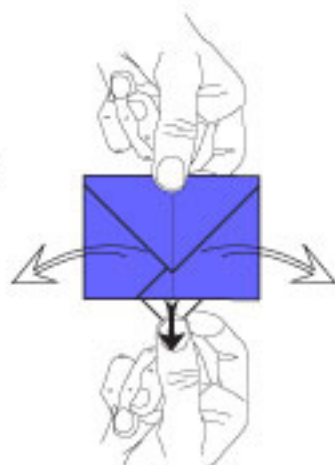
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Valley-fold the left flap similarly, slipping it inside the right flap.



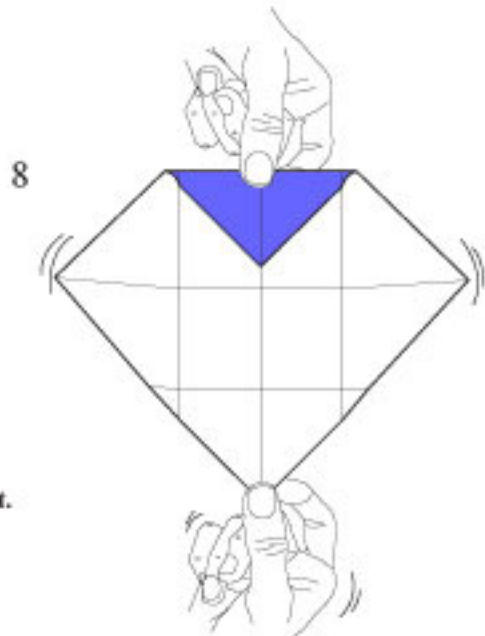
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Now is a good time to fill the envelope with goodies—origami models, class notes, baseball cards, gum wrappers, birdseed, thumbtacks, etc. Also remember, a well packed envelope makes a more dramatic explosion. When the envelope is sufficiently filled, valley-fold the top flap down, so that it covers up the white and a little bit more.



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**The Exploding Envelope has been built.** To explode it, pull on the white tab. To avoid tearing, explode the envelope slowly at first and help the paper to open out. Once the envelope has been trained, it can be exploded quickly and safely.



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**The Exploded Envelope has BURST forth!**

## *Thoughts Behind the Folds*

Discovery of the Exploding Envelope was a result of experimenting. I was just trying to make a quick, simple envelope and this one appeared. Then, when I tried to open it, it exploded—a new model!

**Exercise:** See what other models you can “explode” by pulling at two opposite ends.