Traditional Origami Crab
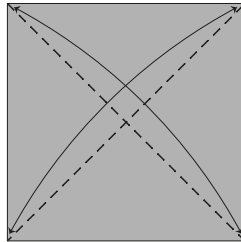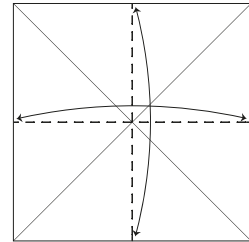
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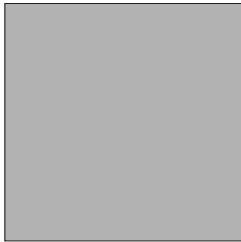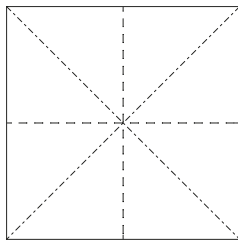
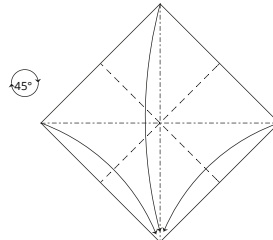**Step 1)** Start with the colored side of the paper facing up.

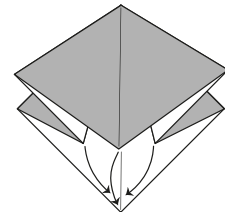**Step 2)** Fold and unfold both diagonals. Then, turn the paper over.

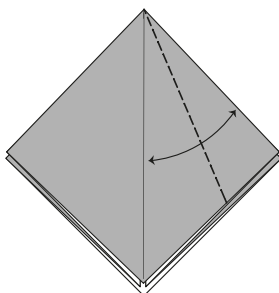**Step 3)** Fold and unfold in half both horizontally and vertically.
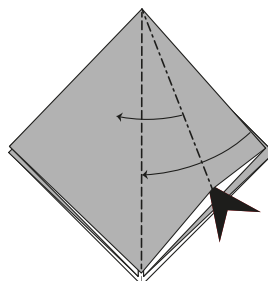
3(a) : It looks like this.

Step 4) Rotate the paper 45° clockwise. Then, collapse the paper as shown on the diagram using the existing creases, making a square base.
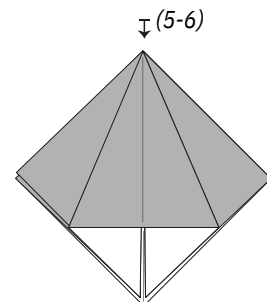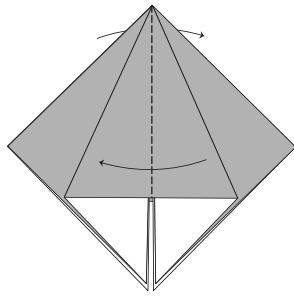
4.(a): In progress

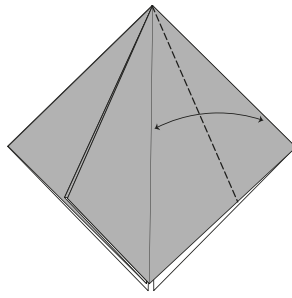**Step 5)** Fold and unfold the right flap along the dotted line.

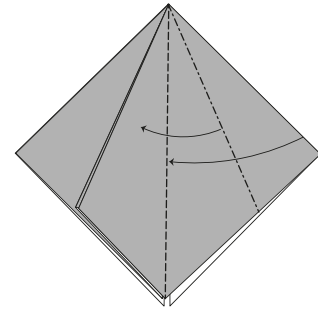**Step 6)** Bring the right flap to the center line, open it, and squash fold.

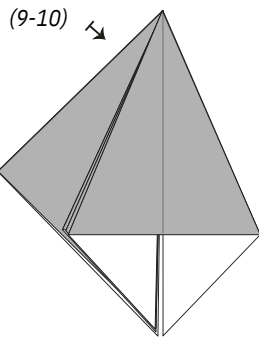**Step 7)** Repeat Steps 5 to 6 on the other side of the model.

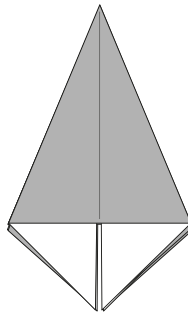**Step 8)** Flip the top right flap to the left. Then, repeat behind.

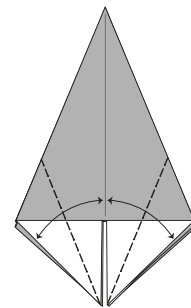**Step 9)** Fold and unfold the right flap along the dotted lines.

Step 10) Bring the right flap to the center line, open it, and squash fold.
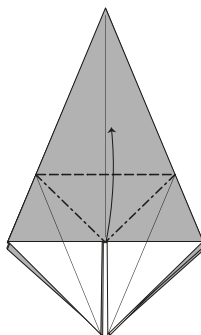
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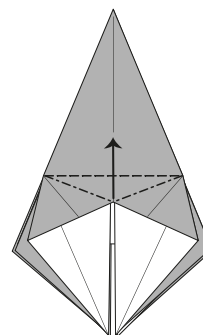**Step 11)** Repeat Steps 9 to 10 on the other side of the model.
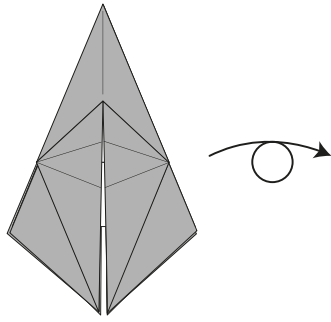
11(a): It looks like this.

Step 12) On each side, fold and unfold the top flaps to the center line.
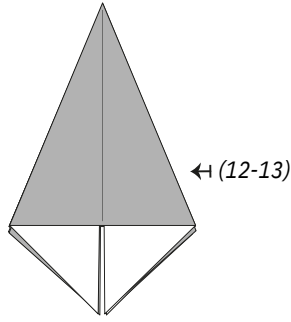
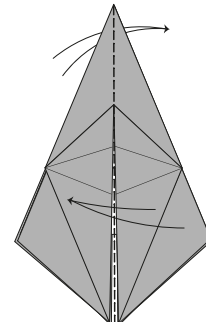**Step 13)** Petal fold the top layer, using the creases created in Step 12.
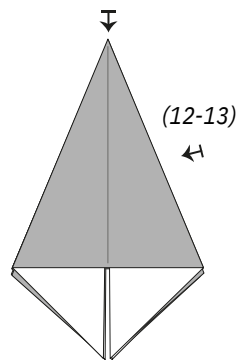
13(a): In progress

13 (b): It looks like this.

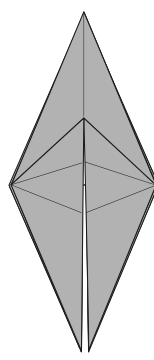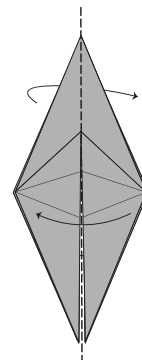**Step 14)** Turn the model over and repeat Steps 12 to 13. ← *(12-13)*

Step 15) Flip the two top right flaps to the left. Then, repeat behind.
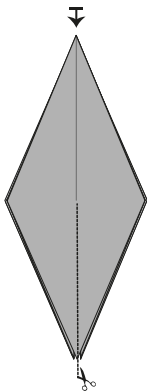
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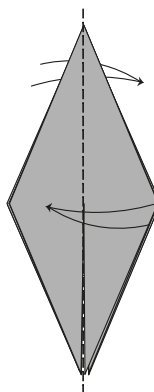**Step 16)** Repeat Steps 12 to 13 on the front and back.

16 (a): It looks like this.

Step 17) Flip the top right flap to the left. Then, repeat behind.

Step 18) Cut the bottom top flap along the dotted line. Then, repeat behind.

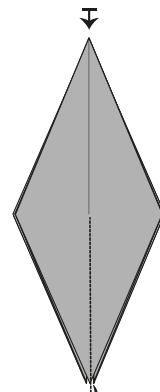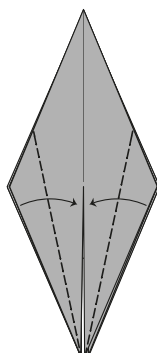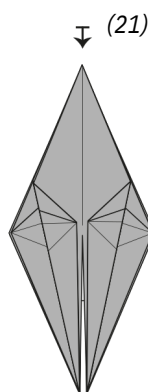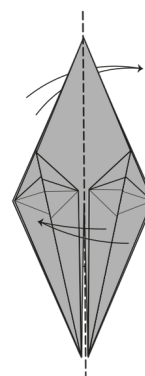**Step 19)** Flip the two top right flap to the left. Then, repeat behind.

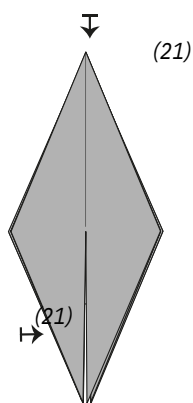**Step 20)** Cut the bottom top flap along the dotted line. Then, repeat behind.

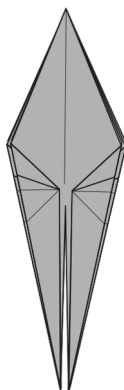**Step 21)** On each side, fold the top flaps to the center line.

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Step 22) Repeat Step 21 on the other side of the model.
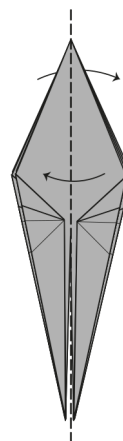
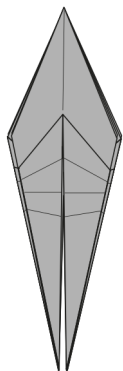**Step 23)** Flip the two top right flap to the left. Then, repeat behind.

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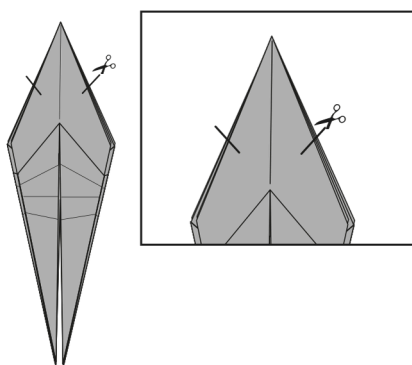**Step 24)** Repeat Step 21 on the front and back.
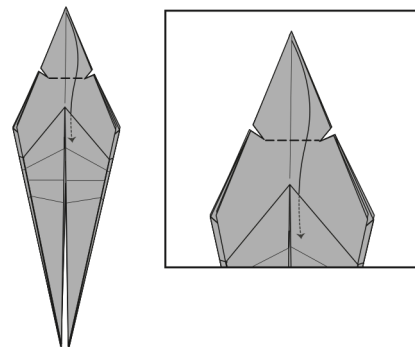
24 (a): It looks like this.

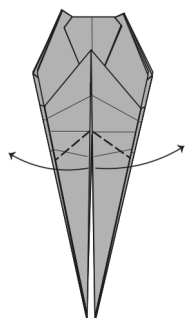**Step 25)** Flip the top right flap to the left. Then, repeat behind.
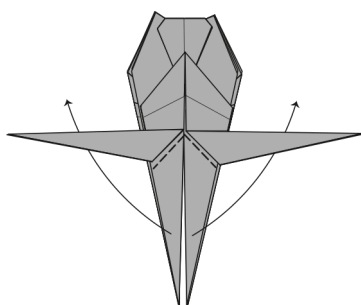
25 (a): It looks like this

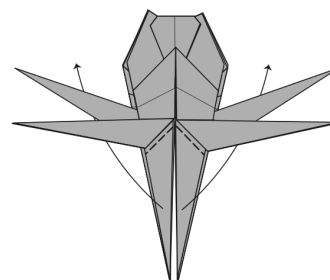**Step 26)** Cut through all layers along the lines.

Step 27) Fold the top corner down along the dotted line and tuck it under the top flap.
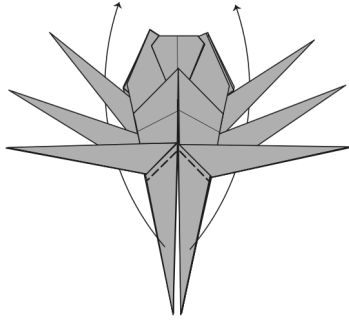
Step 28) Fold the first pair of legs (the top layers) along the dotted lines.
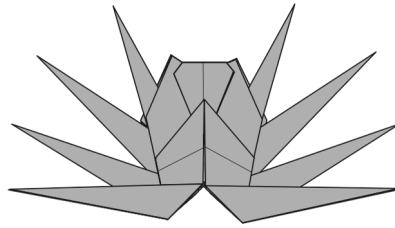
Step 29) Fold the second set of legs (the next layers) under the first pair. Fold them at a different angle than the first pair so they peek out above them.
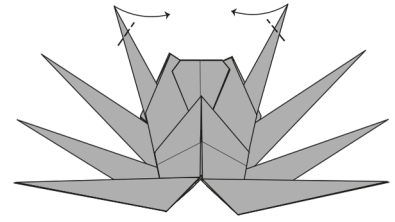
Step 30) Repeat the same folds with the third pair of legs. Again, they should appear above the second pair.
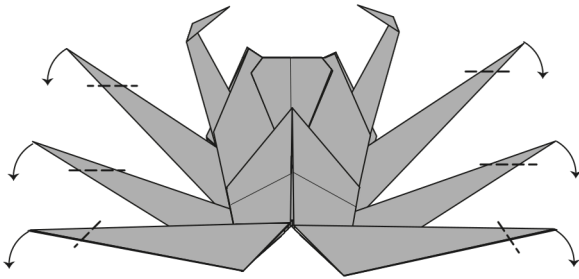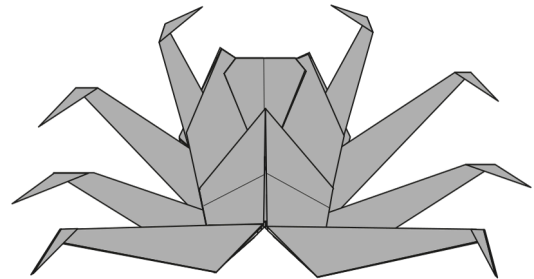
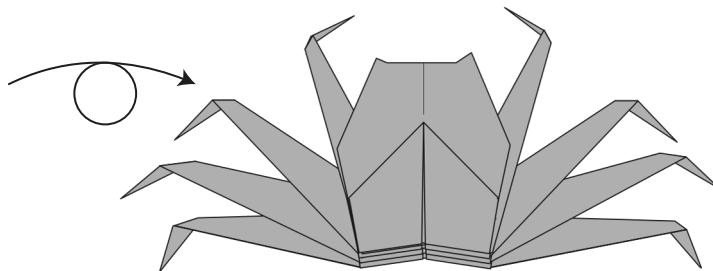**Step 31)** Do the same with the fourth pair of legs.

\31 (a): It looks like this.

Step 32) Fold the top pair of legs (the crab's claws) along the dotted lines so that they point toward the center.

Step 33) Fold the remaining legs along the dotted lines so that they point toward the opposite side.

Step 34) Turn the model over.

The completed origami Crab!