Traditional Origami Lotus
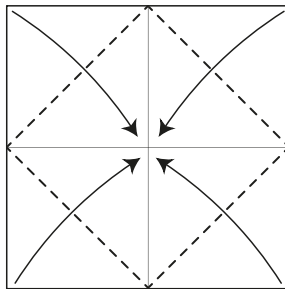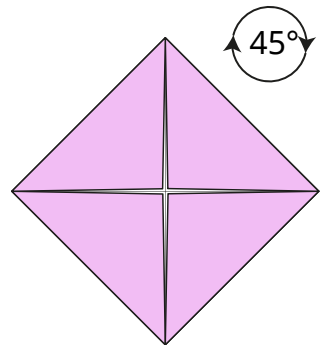
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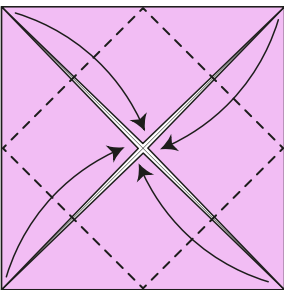Click on the URL above to find pictures, videos, and a helpful community.
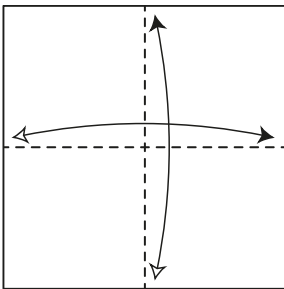
STEP 1: Start whith the white side facing up. Fold and unfold the paper in half vertically and horizontally.
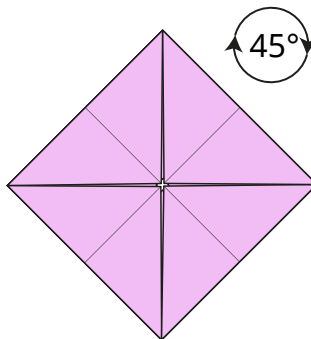
STEP 2: Fold all four corners of the paper to the center, using the creases from Step 1 as guides.
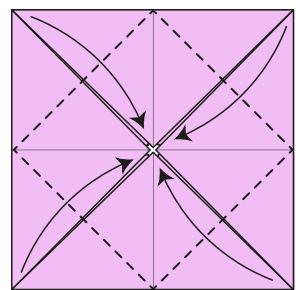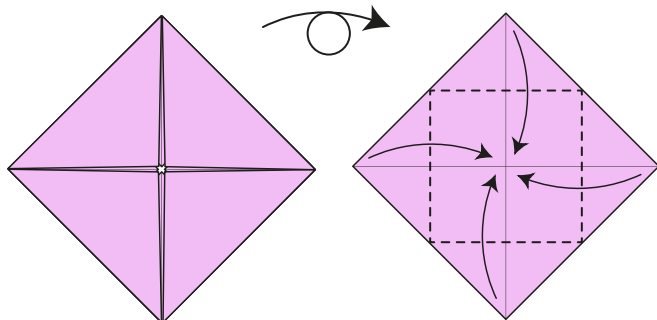
STEP 3: Rotate the paper 45° clockwise.

STEP 4: Fold all four corners to the center again.

STEP 5: Rotate the paper 45° clockwise.

STEP 6: Fold all four corners to the center one more time.
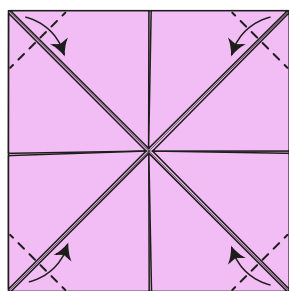
STEP 7: Turn the model over.

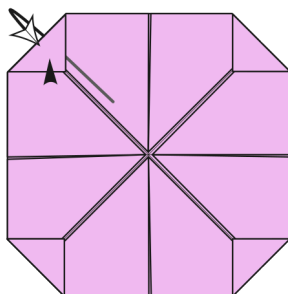**STEP 8:** Fold all four corners to the center again.

Folding tip: The paper might become harder to crease at this stage, depending on its thickness. We recommended using softer paper, like washi, for best results.

STEP 9: Fold each corner inward along the dotted lines.

STEP 10: Hold one small flap from Step 9 with one hand, and with the other hand, gently pull up and reverse the flap on the opposite side.
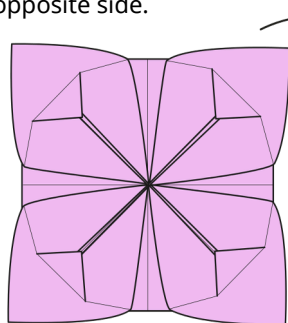
Folding tip: Be patient as the paper may tear at this step.. It often takes several tries to master this part. Go slowly and guide the paper carefully.
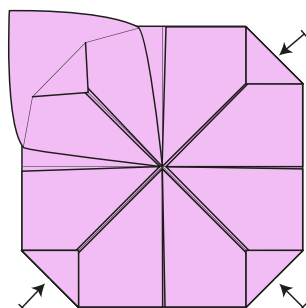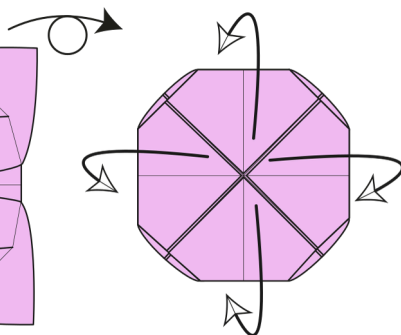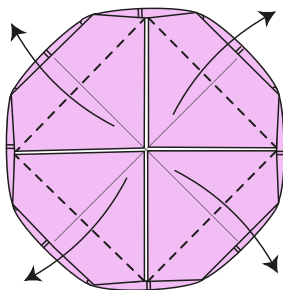

STEP 11: Repeat Step 10 for each corner to form the first set of lotus petals. Once done, push up all the flaps created in Step 9 so they point upward.
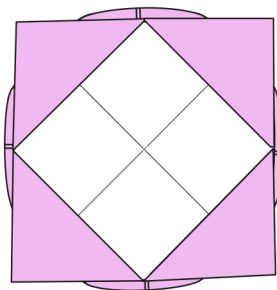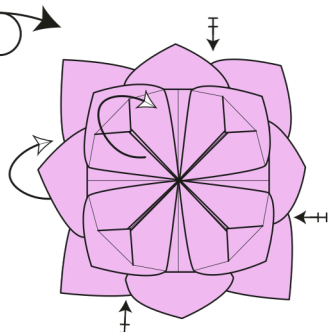

STEP 12: Turn the model over.

STEP 13: Gently pull down and reverse all four flaps to create a new layer of petals.
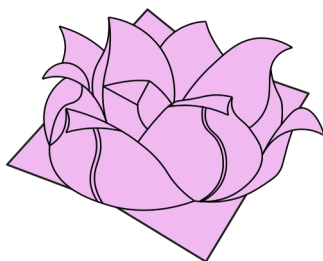
STEP 14: Fold the remaining flaps to create the final layer of petals.

STEP 15: Turn the model over.

STEP 16: Shape the lotus by carefully bending the tops of the petals outward to give your flower a natural look.

The completed origami lotus!