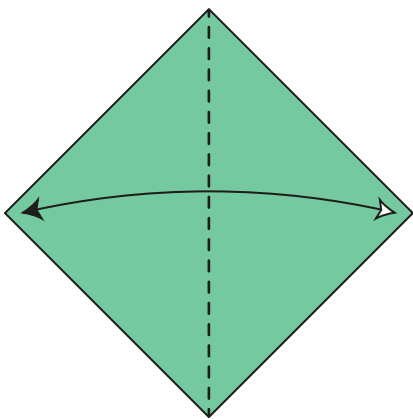
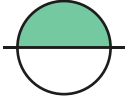


# Zodiac Snake (by Oriol Esteve)

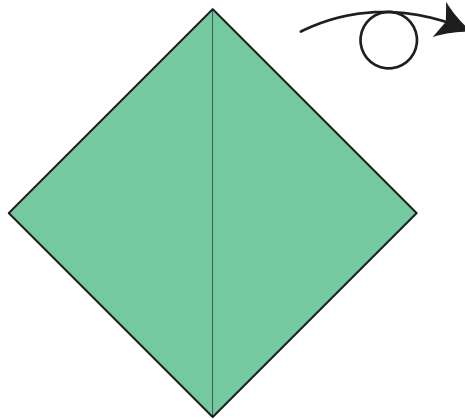
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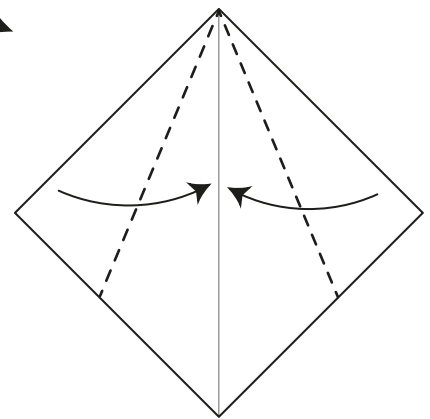
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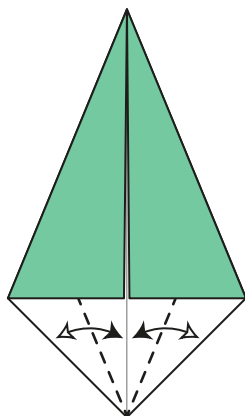
**STEP 1:** Start with the colored side of the paper facing up. Fold it in half diagonally, then unfold.



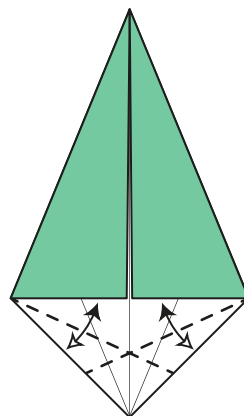
**STEP 2:** Turn the paper over.



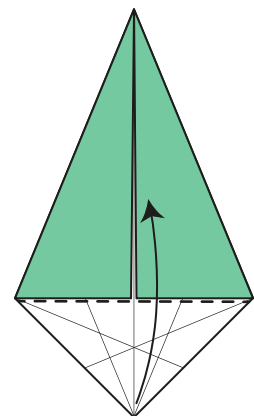
**STEP 3:** Fold the top edges to meet the center crease.



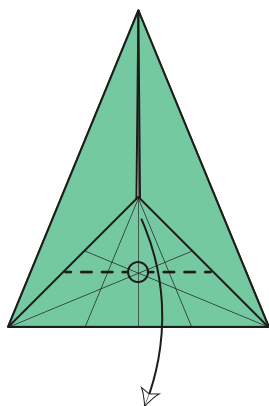
**STEP 4:** Fold the bottom edges toward the centerline, but only crease from the point where the colored and white parts of the paper meet down to the bottom corner. Then, unfold.



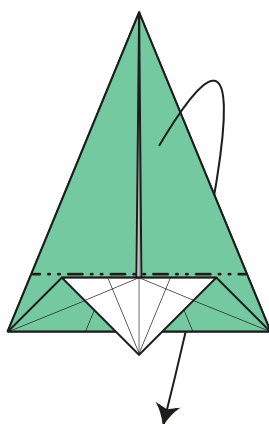
**STEP 5:** Fold the bottom edges to the line where the colored side and white side of the paper meet. Then, unfold.



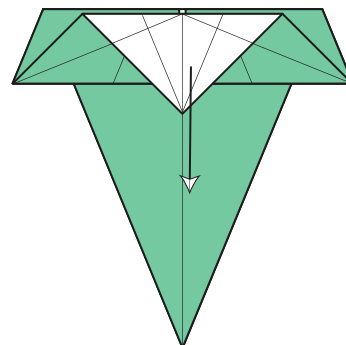
**STEP 6:** Fold the bottom corner up along the same line where the colored and white sides meet.



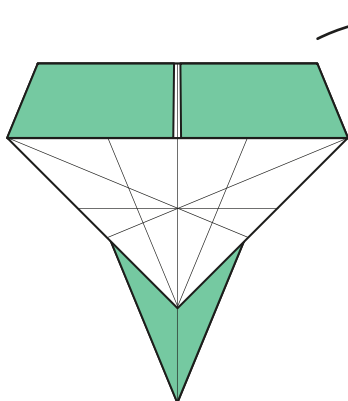
**STEP 7:** Fold the top flap down along the dotted line. Use the intersection of the creases created in Step 5 as a reference point.



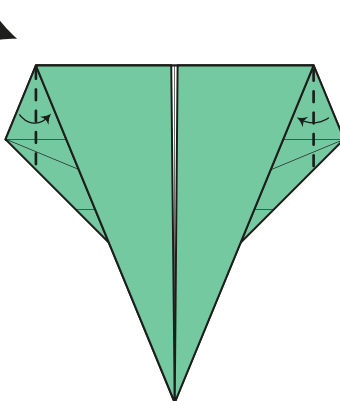
**STEP 8:** Bring the top corner down behind the model and make a mountain fold along the dotted line where the colored and white sides meet.



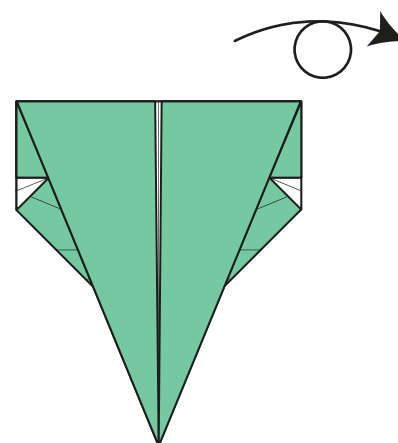
**STEP 9:** Pull the top flap downwards, unfolding Steps 6 and 7.



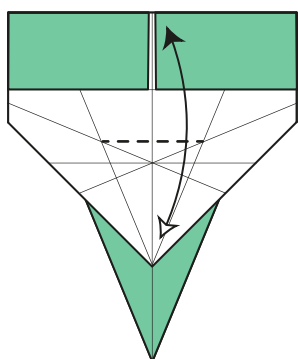
**STEP 10:** Turn the model over.



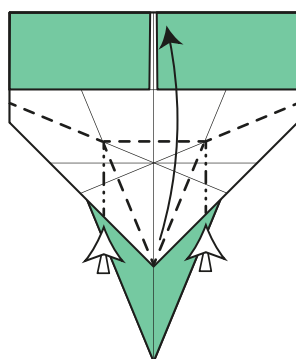
**STEP 11:** Fold the left and right edges to the triangle edges.



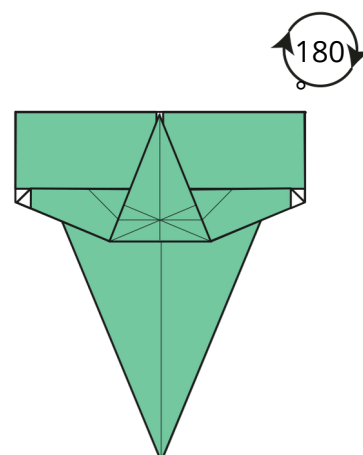
**STEP 12:** Turn the model over.



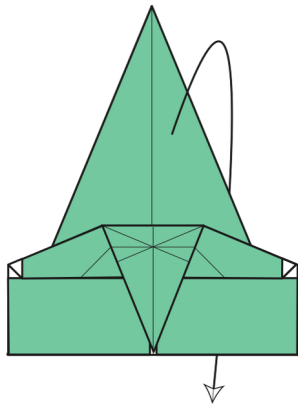
**STEP 13:** Fold the bottom corner of the top edge. Crease only at the center along the dotted line, using the creases from Steps 4 and 5 as guides. Then, unfold.



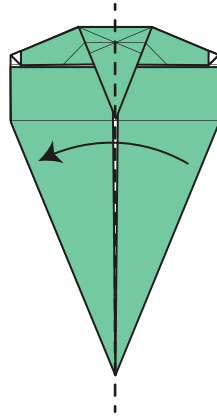
**STEP 14:** Bring the bottom corner of the top flap to the top edge and squash fold, using the exiting creases as guides.



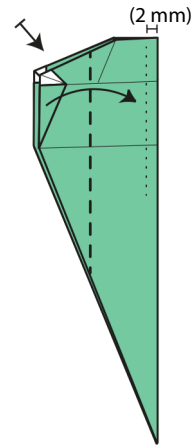
**STEP 15:** Rotate the model 180°.



**STEP 16:** Bring the bottom flap down, unfolding Step 8.

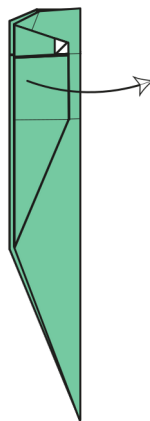


**STEP 17:** Fold the model in half left to right, using the existing crease.

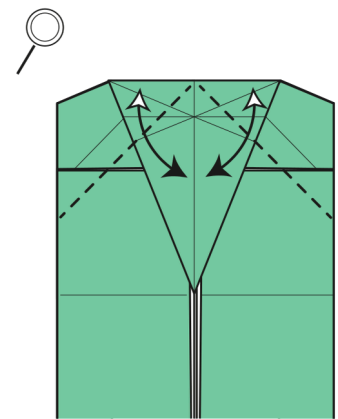


**STEP 18:** Fold the left edge of the top flap almost to the right edge, leaving a small gap (about 2 mm). Repeat on the back side.

**FOLDING TIP:** While folding this step, hold the lower layers to prevent a white gap from appearing on the other side.

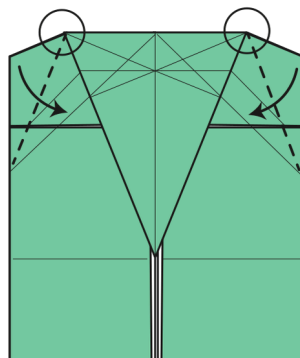


**STEP 19:** Flip the top flap to the right.

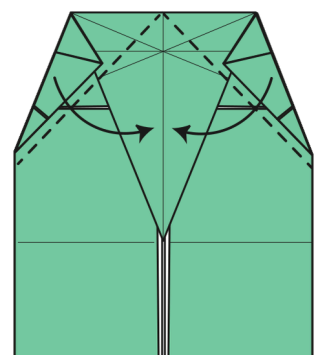


**STEP 20:** Fold the top edges to the center line, then unfold.

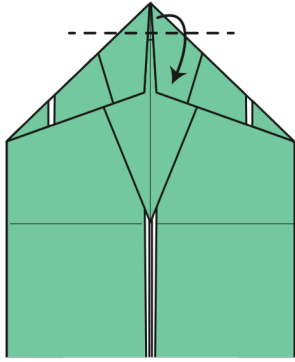
**FOLDING TIP:** Again, hold all layers together to prevent gaps on the other side.



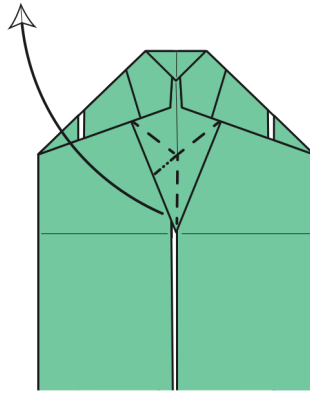
**STEP 21:** Fold the left and right edges along the dotted lines. The creases should start from the reference points and end where the folds from Step 20 meet the edges.



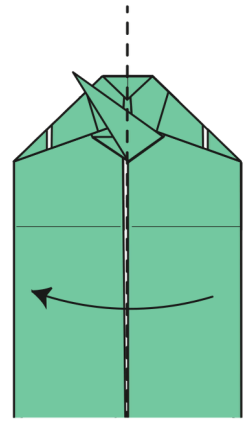
**STEP 22:** Refold the creases from Step 20 to the center line.



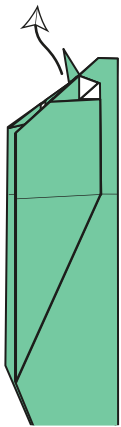
**STEP 23:** Fold the top corner slightly inward (a couple of millimeters)



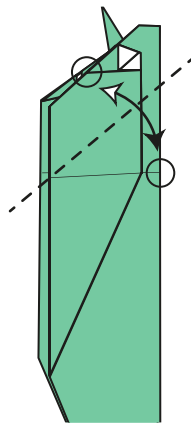
**STEP 24:** Use a rabbit ear fold on the triangular flap to create the snake's tongue. Then, squash to the left side.



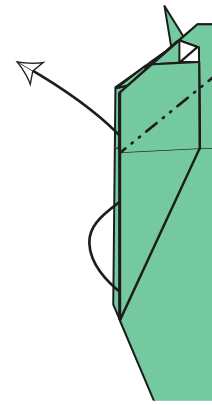
**STEP 25:** Fold the model in half right to left.



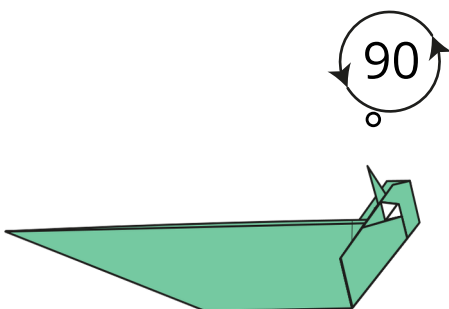
**STEP 26:** Gently pull out the tongue.



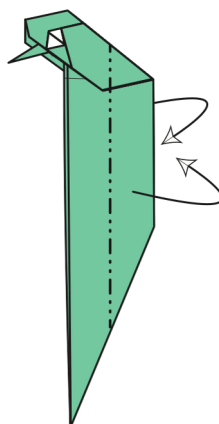
**STEP 27:** Fold along the dotted line, using the reference points as guides (they should meet). Then, unfold.



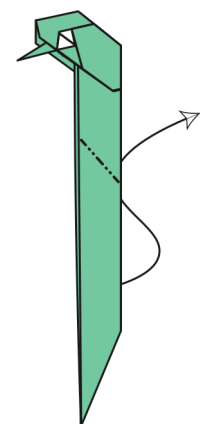
**STEP 28:** Inside reverse fold the snake's body along the crease from Step 26.



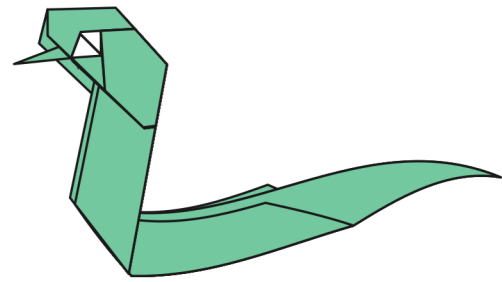
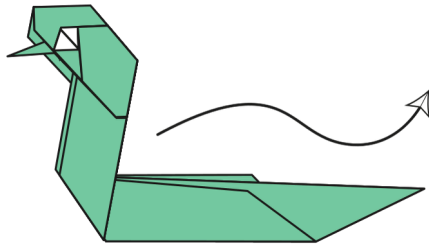
**STEP 29:** Rotate the model 90° counterclockwise.



**STEP 30:** Mountain fold the right edge and tuck it between the layers to form the snake's body. Repeat on the back side.



**STEP 31:** Inside reverse fold the snake's body again.



**STEP 32:** Gently curve the body by rounding the folds with your fingers. You can shape it into natural S-curve or any wavy form you like to give the snake a lifelike appearance.

**The origami snake is complete!**

