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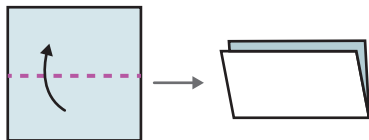
PAPER PIGEONS

Instructions

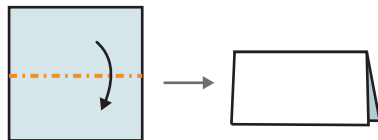


BEFORE YOU START

BASIC FOLDS



A **valley fold** means that you are creating a valley shape as you fold.



A **mountain fold** means that you are folding away from you to create a “peak”.

UNDERSTANDING THE SYMBOLS



Flip paper



Rotate 90 degrees



Fold and unfold



Pinch

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Classic pigeon

Wing
side —



Feet
side —



Dark grey pigeon

Wing
side —

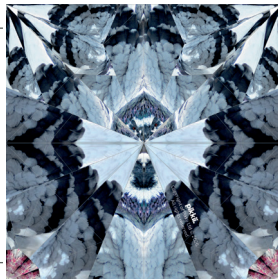


Feet
side —



White & grey pigeon

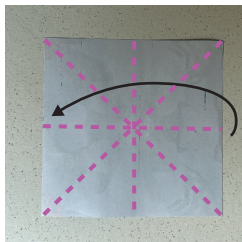
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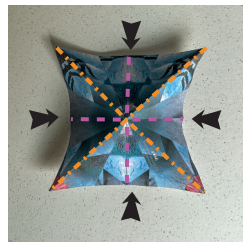
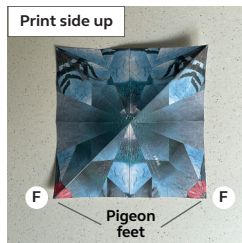
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WATCH THE VIDEO

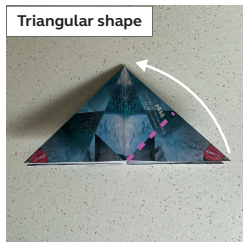
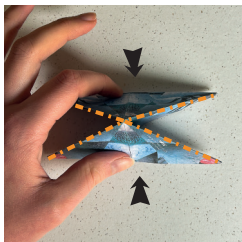




1. Start with the “classic pigeon” print for your first attempt. Fold the sheet in half **vertically, horizontally** and along both **diagonals**. Now flip the sheet over so it is print side up for step 2.



2. With the print side up, check that the **pigeon feet** ⑥ are now at the bottom. Next, reinforce the diagonal **mountain folds** by pushing in along the **vertical** and **horizontal** creases as indicated by the **arrows**.



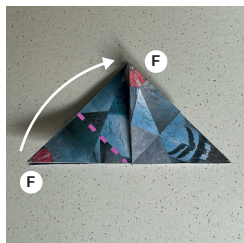
3. **Pinch** as shown to fold the sheet flat into a triangular shape. Now create a **valley fold** by bringing the right corner (foot) to the top point.

DID YOU KNOW?

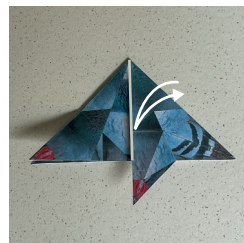
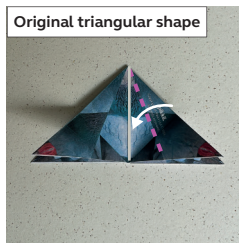
Pigeons were actually the very first domesticated bird.

Ancient Mesopotamians and Egyptians kept them as pets and messengers over 5,000 years ago!

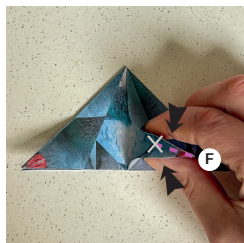
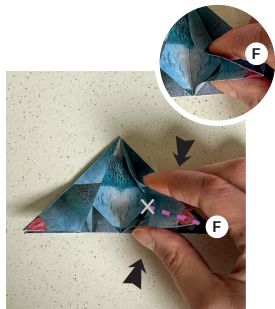




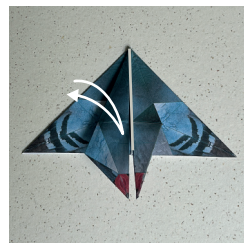
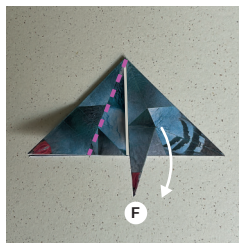
4. Repeat this **valley fold** on the other side, folding the left corner (foot) up to the top point. Unfold both creases just made to return to the original triangle shape.



5. Next, fold the right edge (top layer only) to align with the vertical centre to create a **crease** and **unfold again**.



6. Pinch in the direction of the marked **arrows** to reinforce the creases just made until the meet (point X). Continue pinching along the crease line to bring the foot to a point.

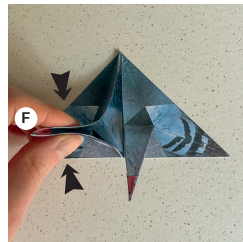
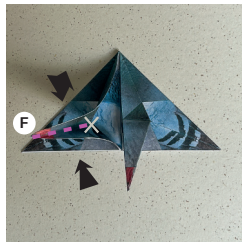


7. Bring the point ⑤ (foot) down and repeat on the left side. Fold the left edge (top layer only) to the vertical centre and **unfold**.

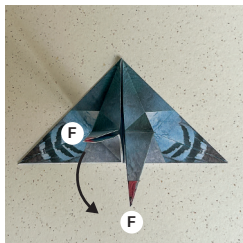
WHERE ARE THE BABY PIGEONS?

Ever wonder why you never see a baby pigeon?

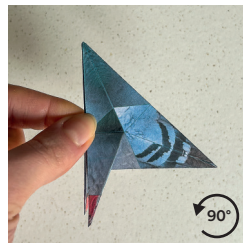
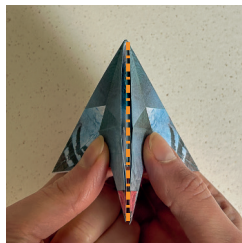
Pigeon chicks (called squabs) stay hidden in their nests for up to a month. By the time they leave, they look exactly like adults!



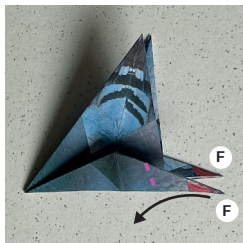
8. Pinch the left side, in the same way, reinforcing the creases up to the point x and pinching the foot ⑤ to a point.



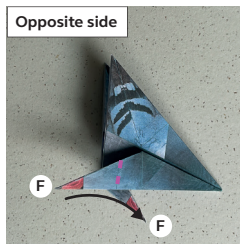
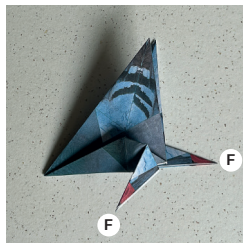
9. Bring the left foot down to join the other. Next, **mountain fold** along the vertical centre.



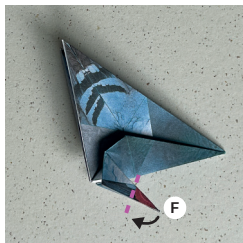
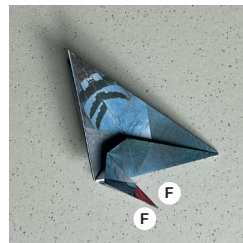
10. Once folded in half, reinforce the creases to flatten the paper as much as possible. Rotate 90 degrees.



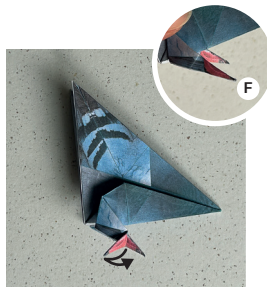
11. Once rotated, your paper should look like the photo above. The next step is to fold the legs. Start by **valley folding** along the marked **crease** line.



12. Flip your paper and repeat the same **valley fold** on the opposite side to make the other leg. Ensure the legs have been folded symmetrically.



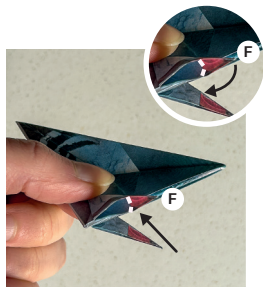
13. **Valley fold** the foot back and unfold to make a sharp crease.



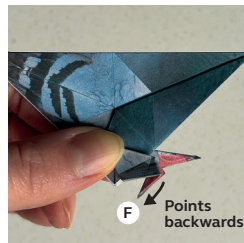
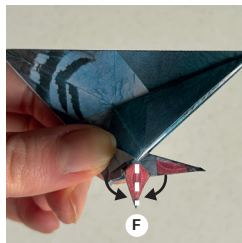
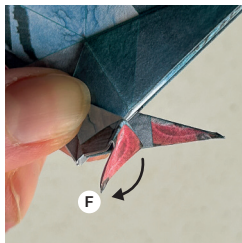
HOME SWEET HOME

Pigeons have an incredible sense of direction, known as *magnetoreception*.

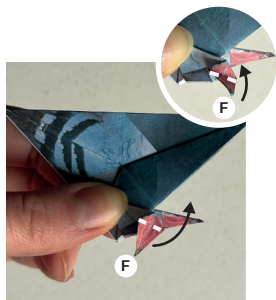
They can sense the Earth's magnetic fields, allowing them to find their way home from hundreds of miles away.



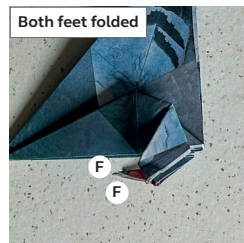
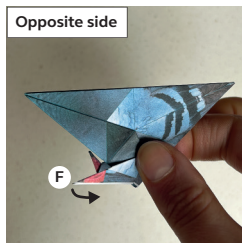
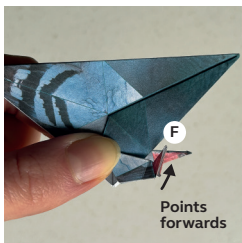
14. Open up the foot from underneath and fold the point of the foot back along the **creases** just made.



15. The foot should look like the photo above. Now close the foot shut by folding along the marked crease line. As you make the fold, the foot should **point backwards** as shown in the second photo.



16. To make the foot **point forwards**, fold the foot ⑤ back to point the opposite way as shown by the **arrow**. Close the foot flat to secure the folds in place.



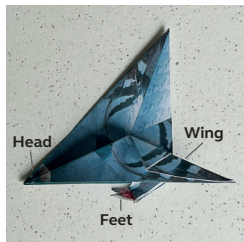
17. Flip the paper and repeat steps 13-16 on this side to fold the second foot. Try to make the feet as symmetrical as possible.



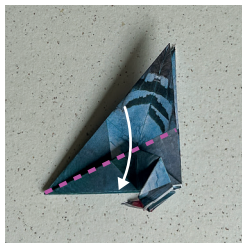
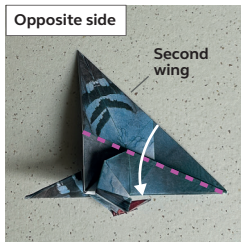
WHY THE BOBBLE HEAD?

Pigeons bob their heads when walking to help them see clearly.

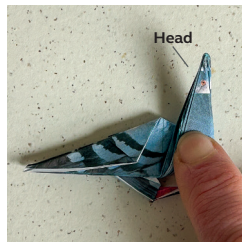
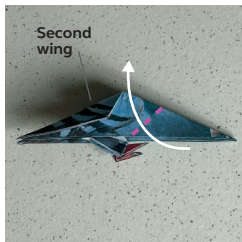
Because their eyes are on the sides, pausing their head between steps stabilises their vision so the world doesn't look blurry.



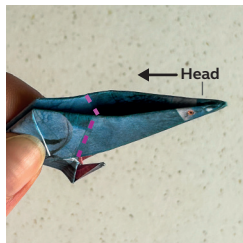
19. Now you start to see the pigeon coming together. Flip the paper and repeat step 18 on the second wing.



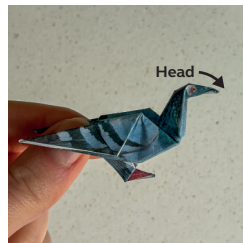
18. Now to fold the wings. Make a **valley fold** along the marked crease line to align the diagonal edge with the bottom horizontal edge. This fold will reveal the **pigeon's head**. Fold along the **crease line** in the second photo to complete the wing.



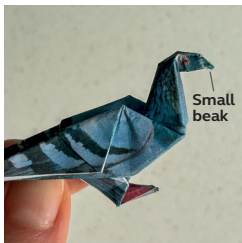
20. Create a crease along the marked **crease line** to define the pigeon's neck.



21. Use the crease lines just made to push the neck and head **back** in the direction of the arrow. The **valley folds** should become **mountain folds**, pushing the head and neck in a more upright position.



22. The head should naturally want to fold forward. Look at the photos above to see how to **adjust** the creases to make the head straight.



23. Look at the images above. To make the small beak, **valley fold** the end of the pigeon's head back, towards the pigeon's eye. Then, **mountain fold** at the tip so it points forward, making the small beak so it pokes out.



24. If necessary, adjust any folds to help make your pigeon stand straight and there you have it! You have completed your first paper pigeon. Now have a go with the other pigeons.

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER FOLD YOUR OWN KITS



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