

Suitable for ages 6 - 11

You will need:

- A piece of square paper or A4 paper
- Coloured pencils or pens
- Scissors
- Sticky tape

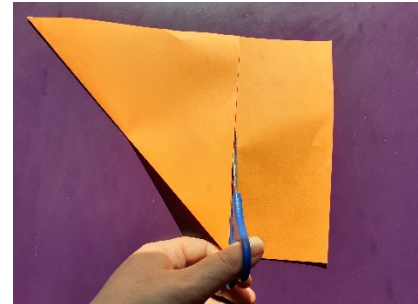


If you enjoyed Samuel Dutton's reading of *Puss in Boots*, why not try making your own cat puppet, using origami? Origami is the ancient art of paper folding.

Instructions

Step 1:

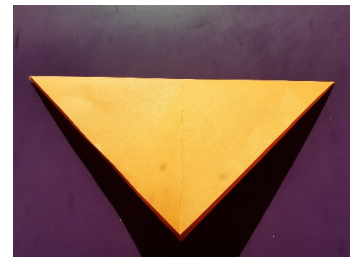
To start, you will need a square piece of paper. If you have A4 paper, you can make it into a square by folding one corner across and cutting off the excess.



Step 2:

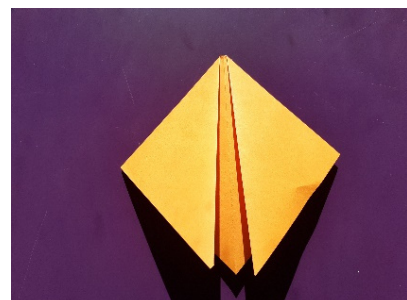
Unfold your paper so that you have a square.

Then fold it over again from top to bottom - so that you have a downward pointing triangle with a crease down the middle.



Step 3:

Fold the top corners down so they meet at the bottom point, creating two flaps.



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Step 4:

Fold the right flap up from halfway. Position the flap with the edge at a roughly 90 degree angle.

Do the same with the left flap. These will be your cat's ears.



Step 5:

Fold one layer from the bottom section up to the top point.

Then flip the whole thing over.



Step 6:

Fold the left and right edges inwards to create a point in line with the ears.



Step 7:

Fold the bottom point up to the top, so they are lined up on top of each other.



Step 8:

Fold the top triangle (the bit sticking up over the top) down over itself. You can stick this down with sticky tape to secure it if you like.



Step 9:

Flip the whole thing over. Your cat is now ready for you to colour in and draw a face.

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How to use your puppet:

Your fingers should fit neatly inside the puppet.



What next?

Cat inspiration:

Can you make a puppet version of a real cat you know?

Puss in Boots:

Can you make a hat for your puppet like the one with a feather that Puss in Boots wears?

