

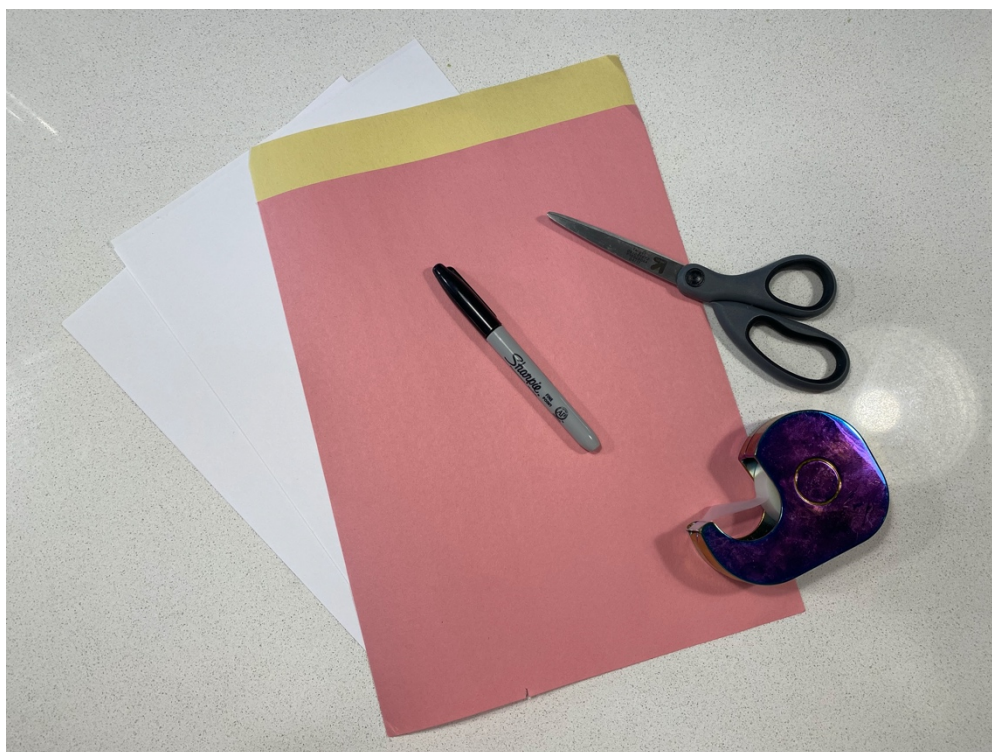
Metal Ox Origami

2021 is the year of the Metal Ox in the Chinese Lunar Calendar! Each new year is associated with one of the twelve animals of the Chinese Zodiac, featuring the Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. It is believed that each animal carries with it a specific personality that is shared by those born in the year corresponding to that animal. Chinese tradition describes those born in the year of the Ox as being diligent, persistent, and honest.

To celebrate the year of the Metal Ox, we invite you to try these origami activities! While origami is a traditionally Japanese artform, it relies solely on paper, which was first invented in China around the year 105 C.E. Below you can find instructions for creating a **Metal Ox Envelope** (p. 2) and a **Metal Ox Bookmark** (p. 6).

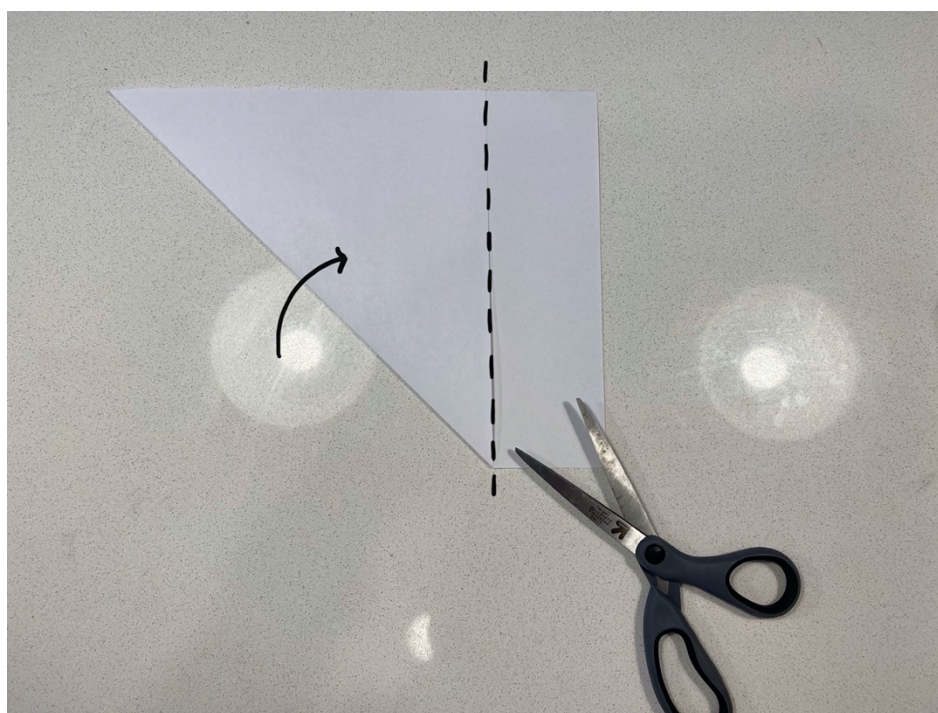
Materials for Both Activities:

- Paper for ox body
- Colored paper for ox ears and nose
- Scissors
- Glue or Tape
- Marker

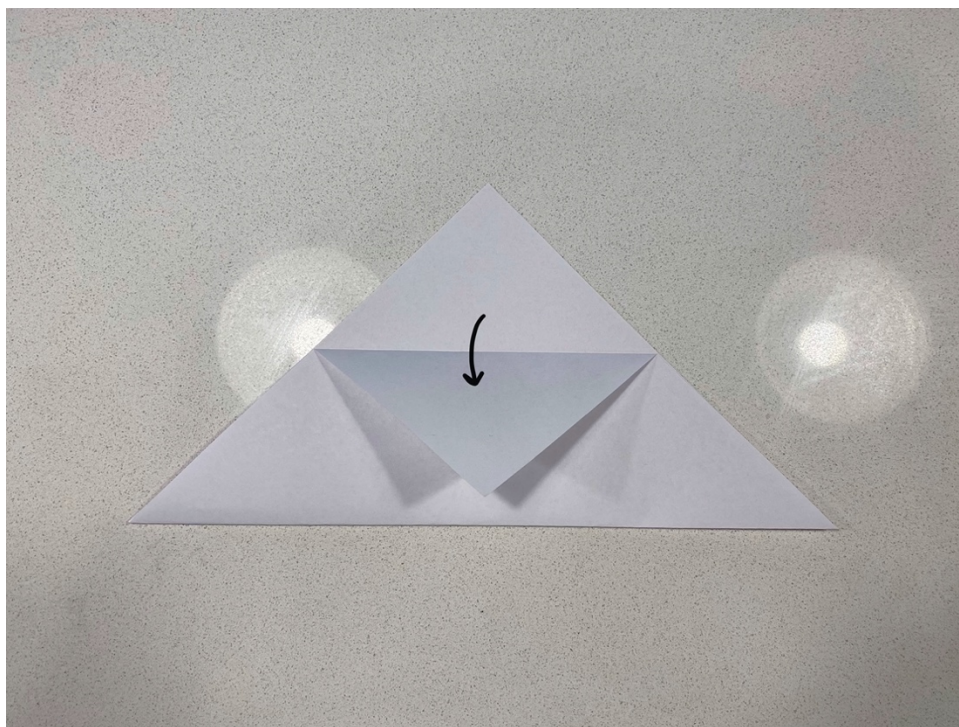


Metal Ox Envelope:

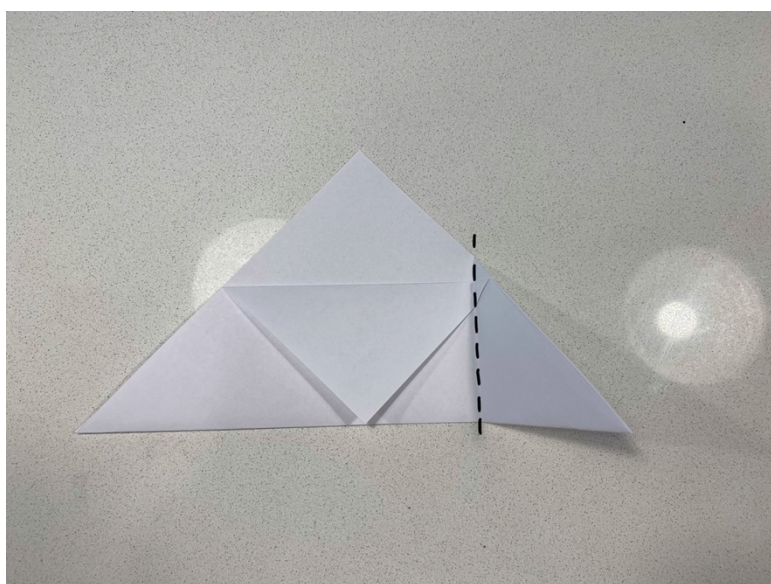
Step 1. Fold paper on diagonal to form a triangle. Cut off excess paper.



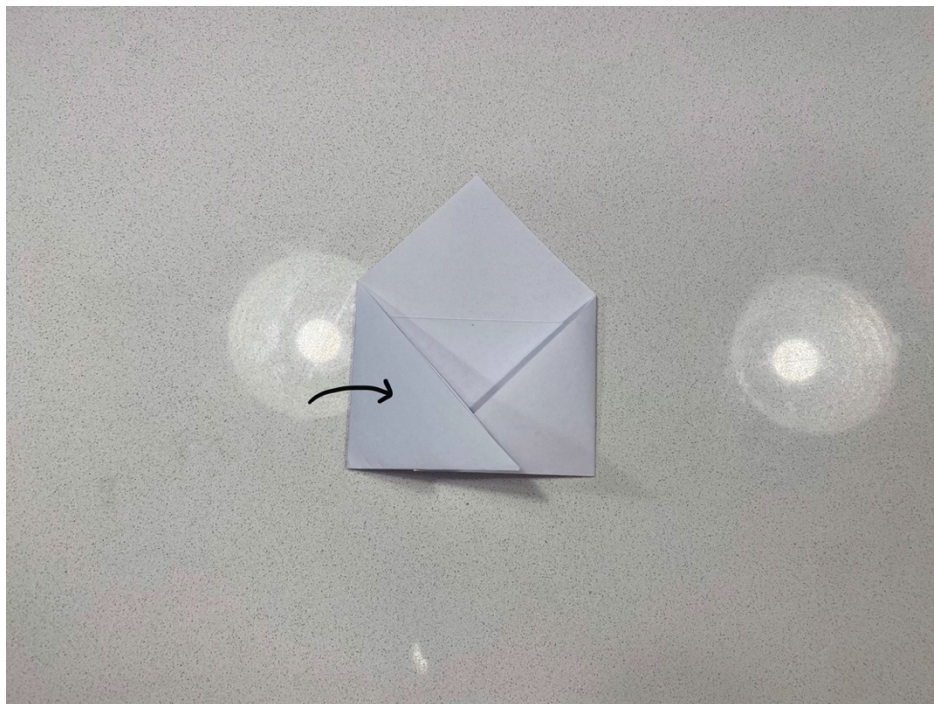
Step 2. Fold down the top half of the triangle.



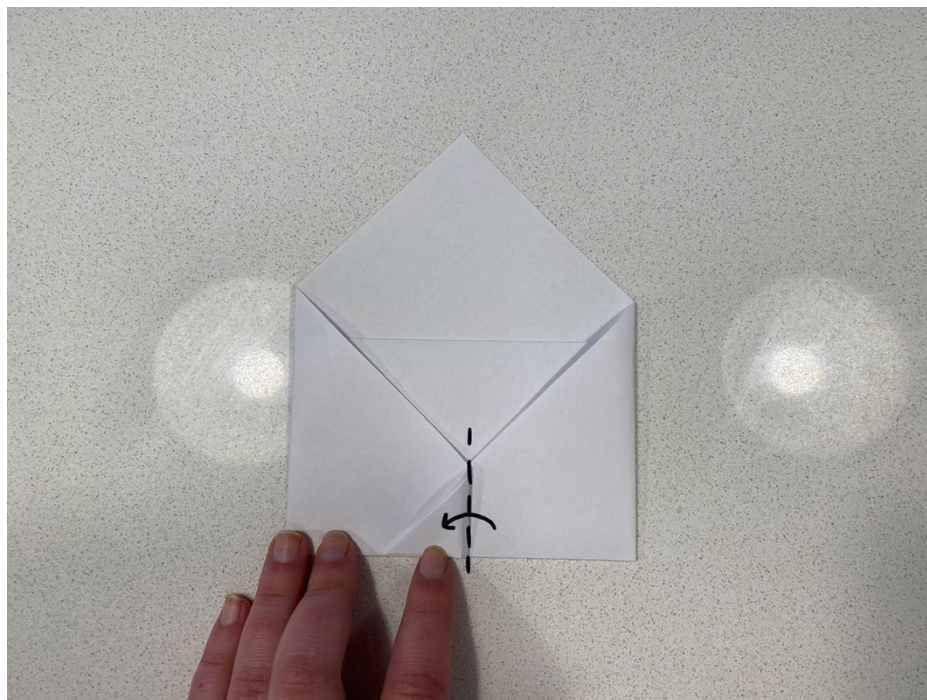
Step 3. Take the right side of the triangle and fold it in half toward the middle. The fold should be slightly above the last crease you made.



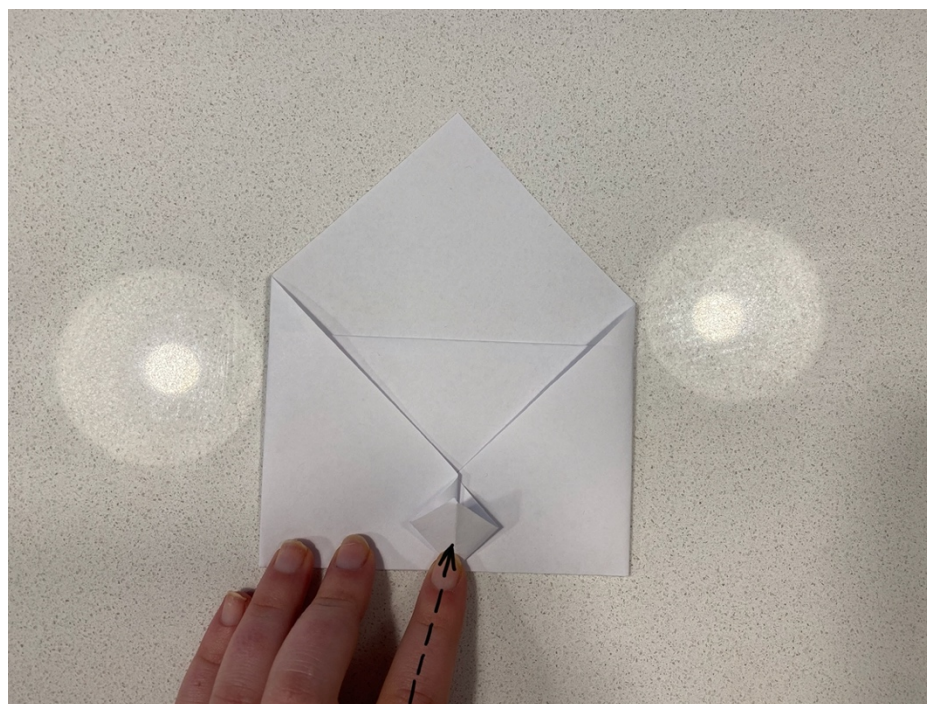
Step 4. Do the same on the left side. You should now have two overlapping flaps, with the left flap on top.



Step 5. At the point where the left and right flaps overlap, fold the left flap so it forms a crease.



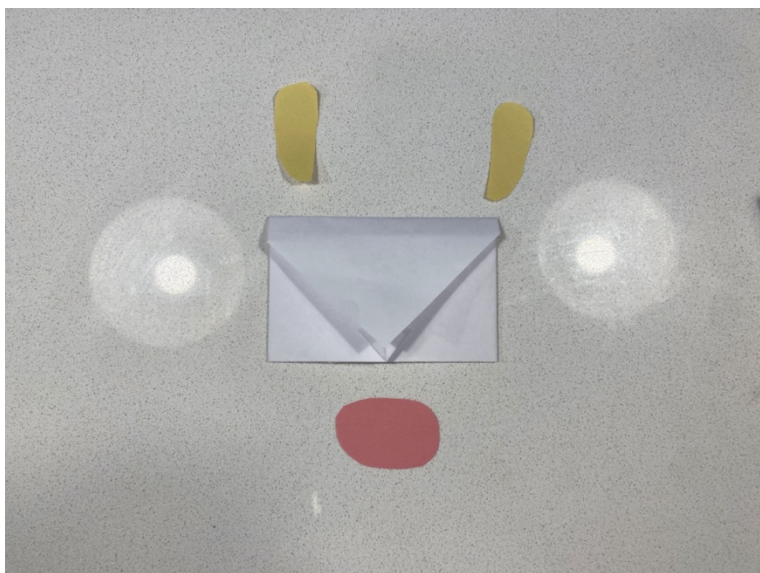
Step 6. After making your crease, push the base of the small triangle in to form a diamond.



Step 7. Fold the remaining top half of your triangle downward to form the envelope.

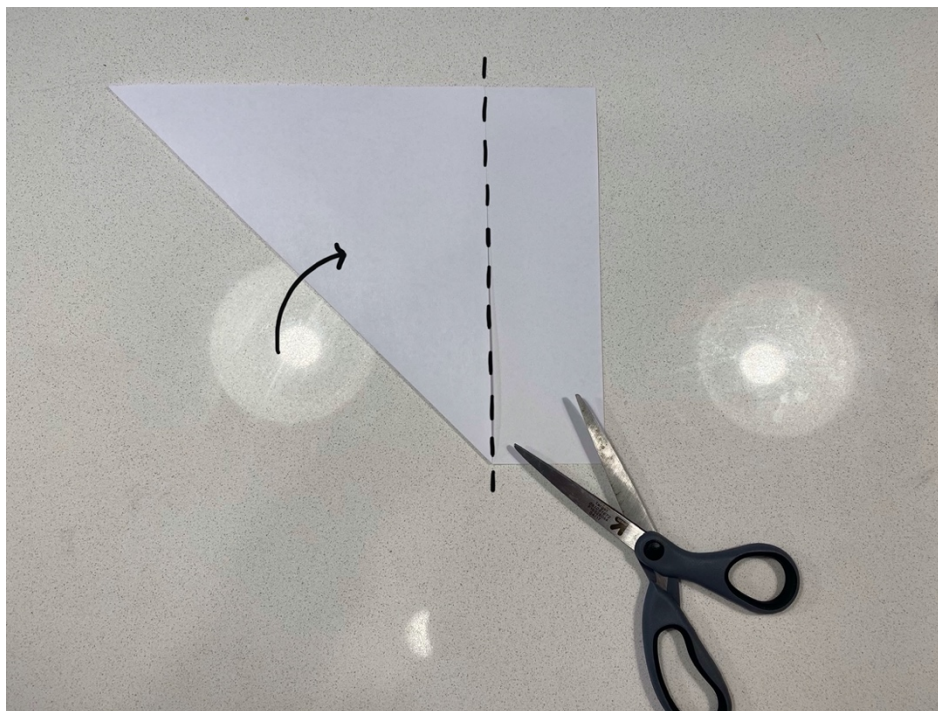


Step 8. Decorate with a nose, ears, and horns! Feel free to customize your ox envelope.

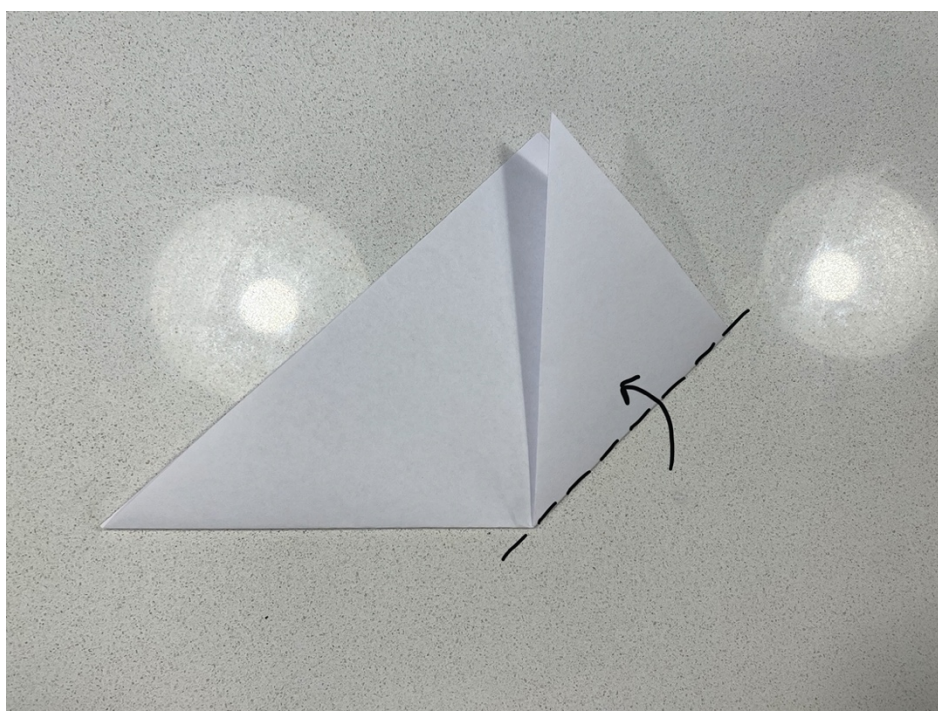


Metal Ox Bookmark:

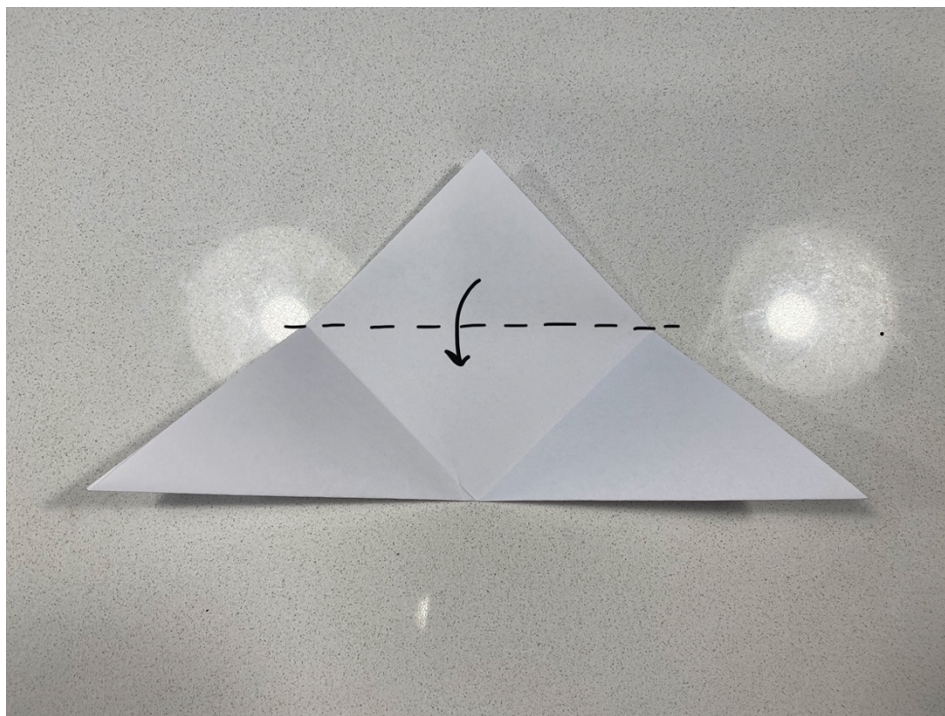
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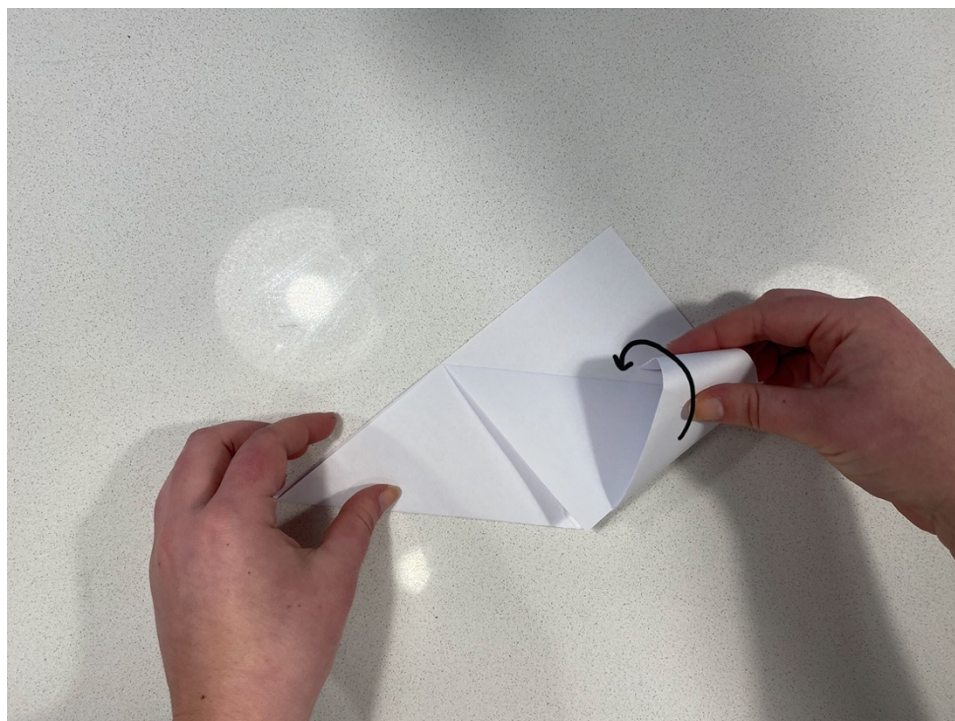
Step 2. Fold bottom right-hand corner of triangle along diagonal so that its corner meets the top of the triangle. Do the same thing on the other side.



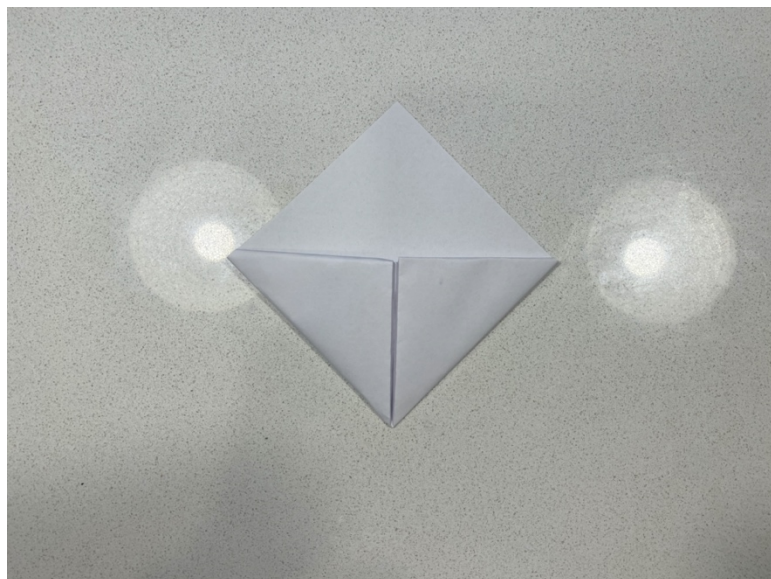
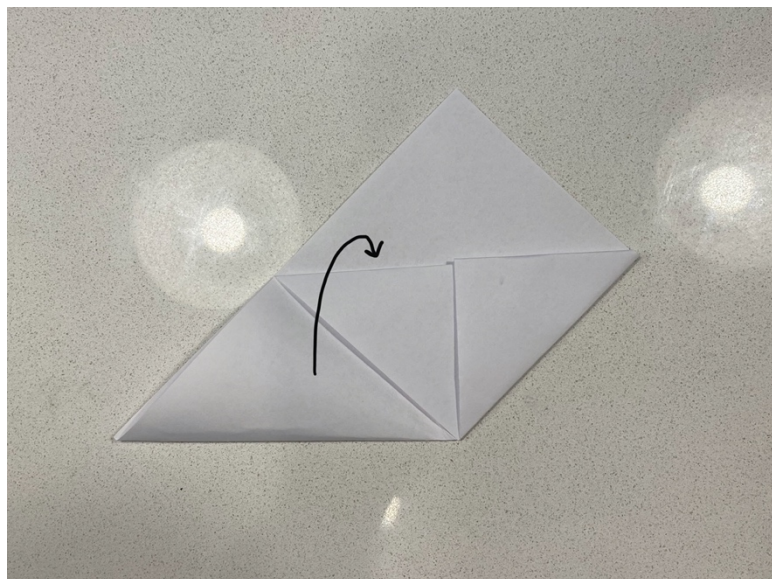
Step 3. Once you have your diagonal creases, unfold your triangle. Now, fold down the top half of the triangle.



Step 4. Fold your bottom-right-hand flap along the crease you made and *behind* the top folded-down flap. You are folding *into* your bookmark.



Step 5. Do the same on the left side.



Step 6. Decorate with a nose, ears, and horns! Feel free to customize your ox bookmark.



Step 7. Enjoy your bookmark!

