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Make a Lotus Flower

You'll need:

- One 6" x 6" square of origami paper
- A sturdy surface to fold on
- Patience and focus

Step One:

Fold the square hot dog style, matching corner to corner.



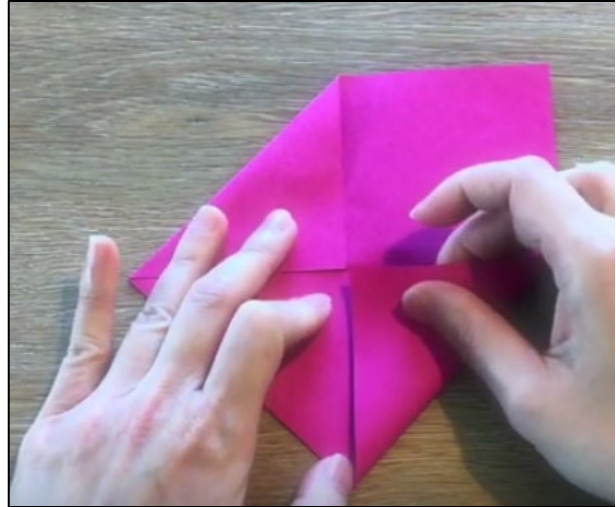
Step Two:

Unfold and repeat in the other direction.



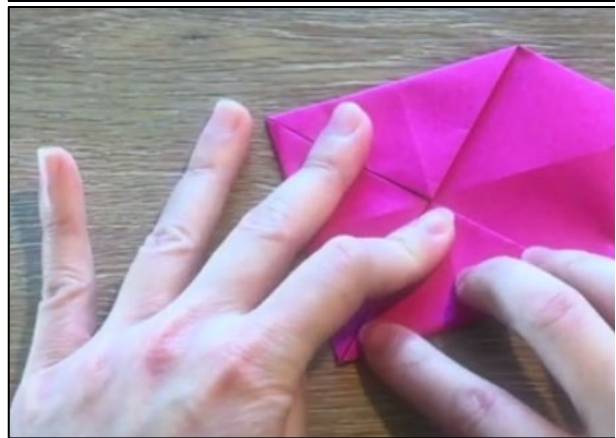
Step Three:

Unfold and rotate paper so folds are diagonal. Then fold all corners to the center.



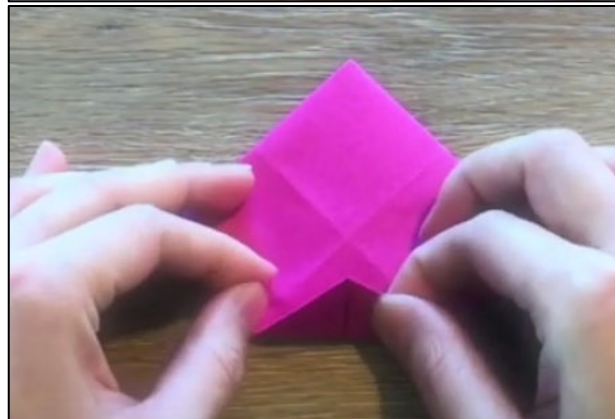
Step Four:

Fold all corners to the center again. You are making a 'blintz' fold.



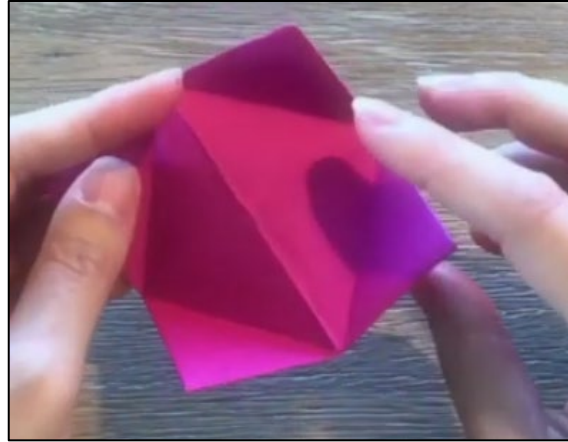
Step Five:

Flip your square over to the other side. Fold all corners to the center one more time.



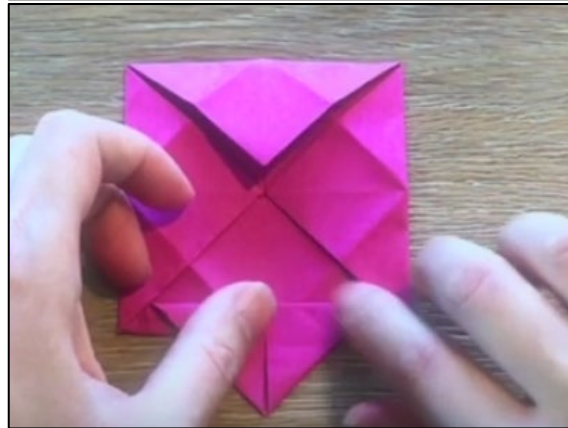
Step Six:

Unfold the corners from Step Five. Flip your square over where you have open folds.



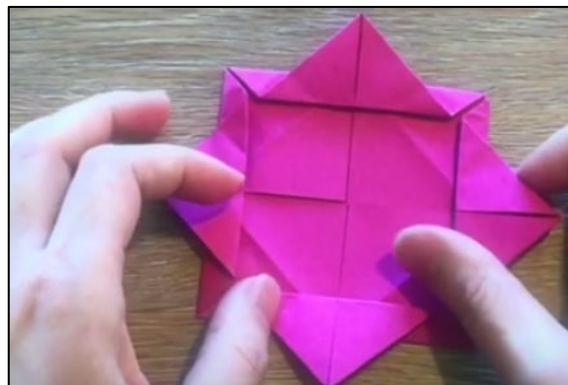
Step Seven:

Fold a corner out, using 90% of the fold.



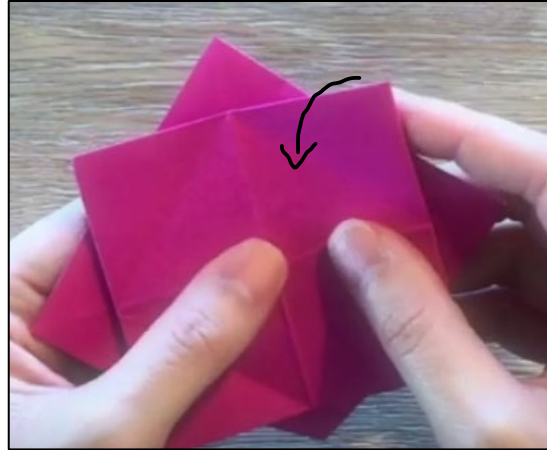
Step Eight:

Repeat with remaining three corners.



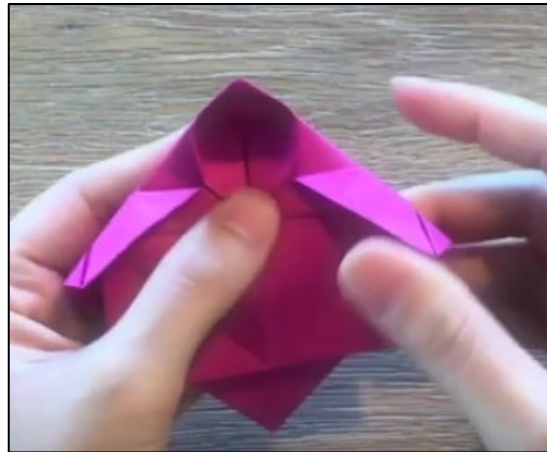
Step Nine:

Flip paper over and fold corners toward the center.



Step Ten:

As you fold, round out the inner lotus petals with your thumb and be firm with your creases.



Step Eleven:

Grab the remaining flaps on the bottom and gently fold and pull them upward.



What a beautiful lotus flower!

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