

Egypt

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Egypt is a minimalist pictorial landscape design. These diagrams explain how to fold two different versions, the basic version with the pyramids separate and the improved version with the pyramids overlapping.

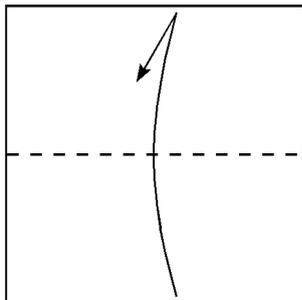
Egypt was designed in 1993.

You will need a single square of irogami, in a suitable combination of colours, for either version. In both cases you should begin with your paper arranged white side up.



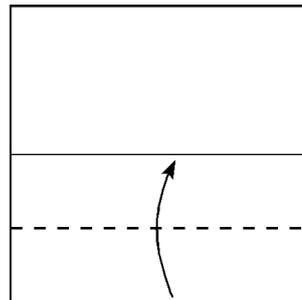
Folding the basic version

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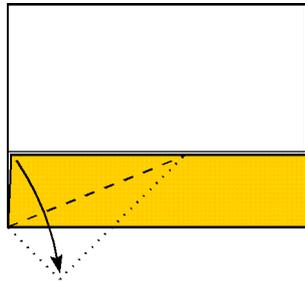
1. Fold in half upwards, crease, then unfold.

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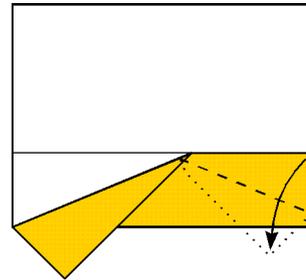
2. Fold the bottom edge up to the horizontal centre crease.

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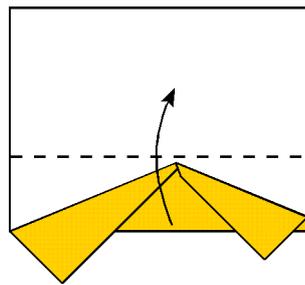
3. Fold the top left hand corner of the front flap downwards to form the first Pyramid. Try to make sure that both sides of the Pyramid slope at the same 45 degree angle.

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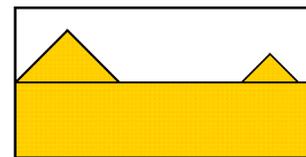
4. Create a second, smaller, Pyramid in a similar way.

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5. Fold the bottom layers upwards using the crease made in step 1.

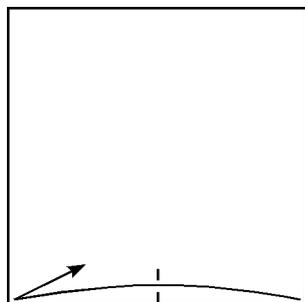
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6. The basic version of Egypt is finished. Now follow steps 7 through 13 to see how much the design can be improved by changing the starting shape.

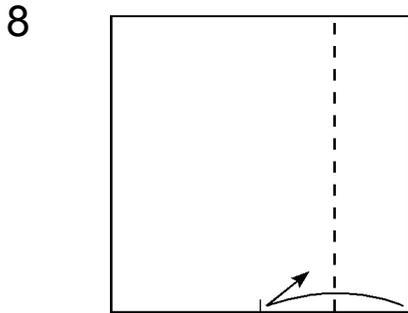
Folding the improved version

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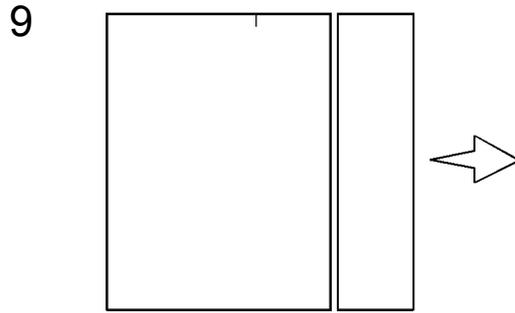


7. Make a tiny crease to mark the centre of the bottom edge.

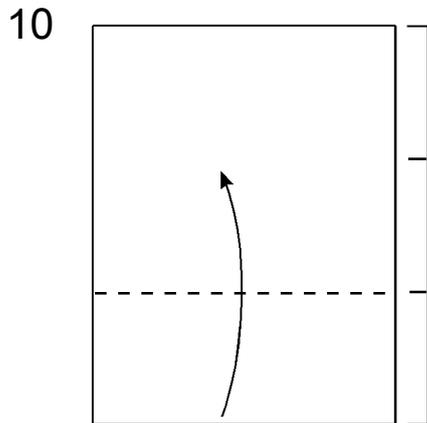
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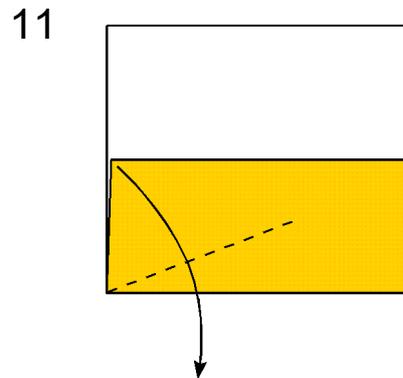
8. Fold the right hand edge inwards using the tiny crease made in step 7 as a guide.



9. Separate the two parts of the paper by cutting along the crease made in step 3.

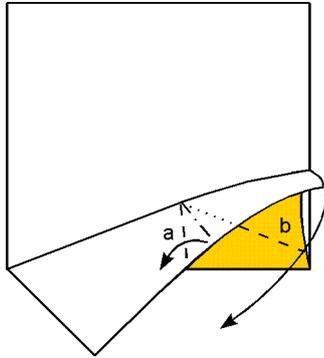


10. Only the larger piece is required. Fold the bottom edge upwards so that the crease forms approximately (or if possible exactly) one third of the way up the paper.



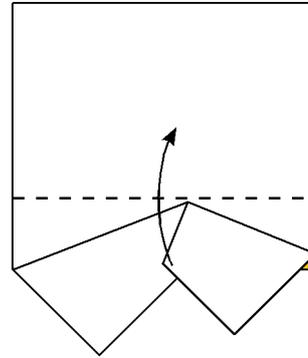
11. Fold the top left hand corner of the front flap downwards to form the first Pyramid. Be careful only to crease about two-thirds of the way across the paper.

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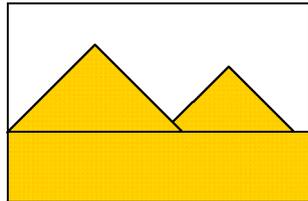
7. Form the second Pyramid by making fold a then fold b. Fold softly at first and only make firm creases once you are sure they will form in the right place. For a perfect picture both sides of both pyramids should slope at exactly 45 degrees.

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13. Fold the bottom of the design upwards.

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15. The improved version of Egypt is finished.

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