

Just Lion Around

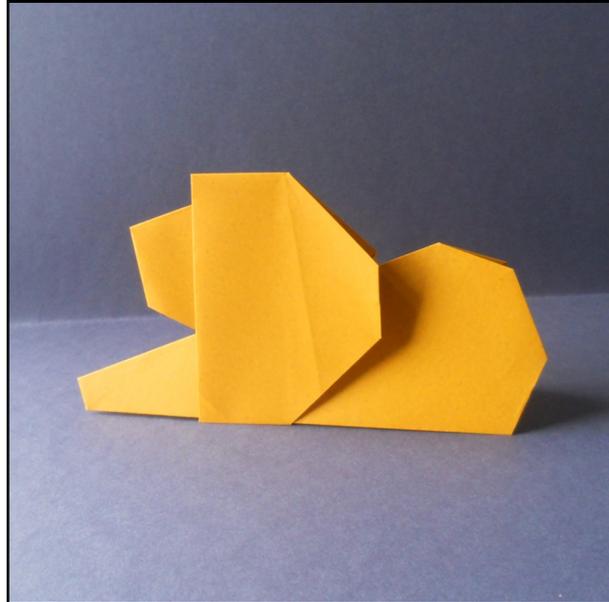
Designed by David Mitchell

This simple but effective two piece lion was designed in 2010 while I was the guest of Paul Jackson and Miri Golan at their Israel Origami Society convention in Jerusalem.

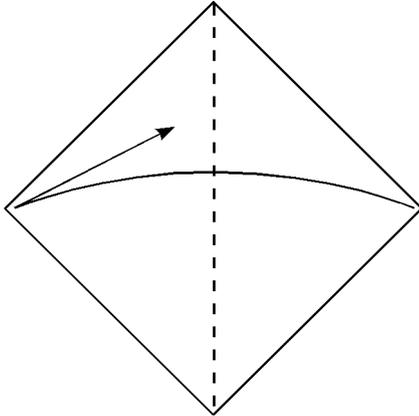
You will need two squares of paper of a suitable colour. You can use any kind of paper.

Folding the first square

If you are using irogami begin with your paper arranged white side up.

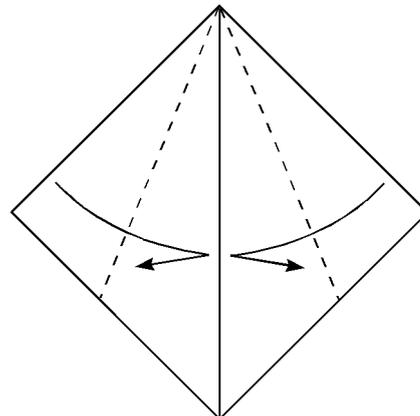


1



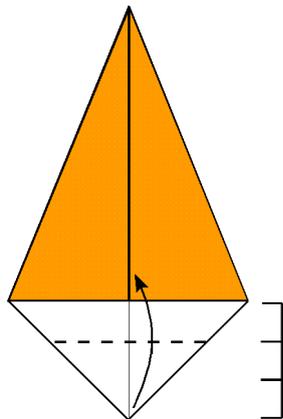
1. Fold in half diagonally, then unfold.

2



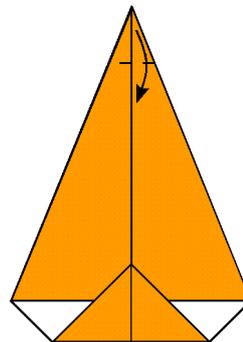
2. Fold both the top sloping edges into the centre.

3



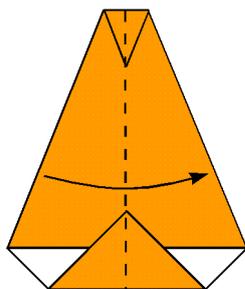
3. Fold approximately two thirds of the white triangle upwards. There is no exact location point for this fold.

4



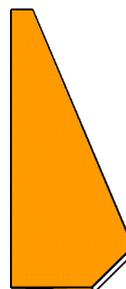
4. Now fold the tip of the top point downwards like this. There is no exact location point for this fold.

5



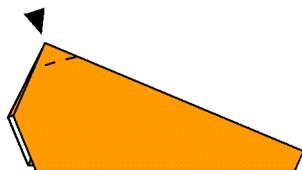
5. Fold in half sideways.

6



6. Rotate your paper so it looks like picture 7.

7



7. Fold the tip of the top point downwards in between the other layers. There is no exact location point for this fold.

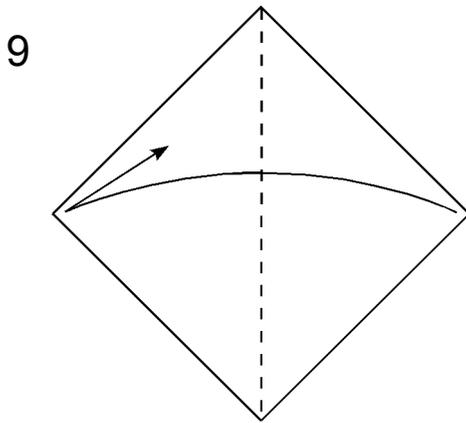
8



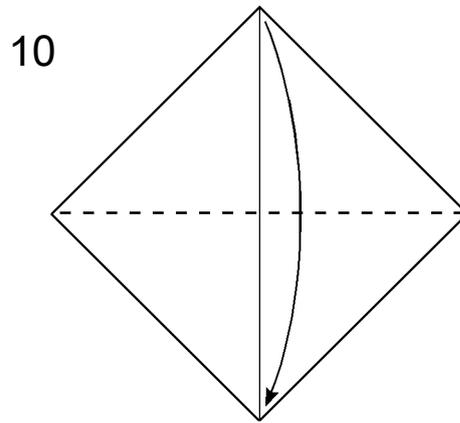
8. The first piece of Lion is finished.

Folding the second square

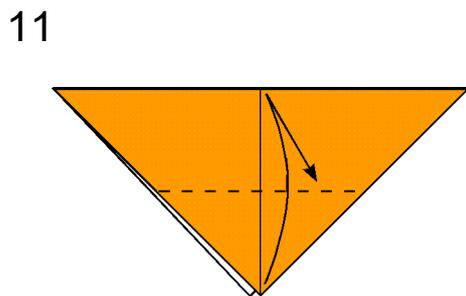
If you are using irogami begin with your paper arranged white side up.



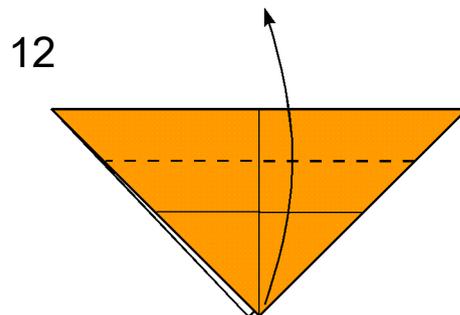
9. Fold in half diagonally then unfold.



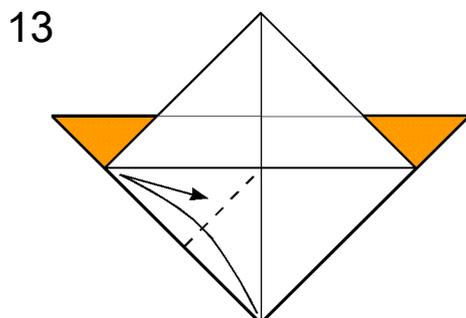
10. Fold in half downwards like this.



11. Fold just the front layer in half upwards, then unfold.

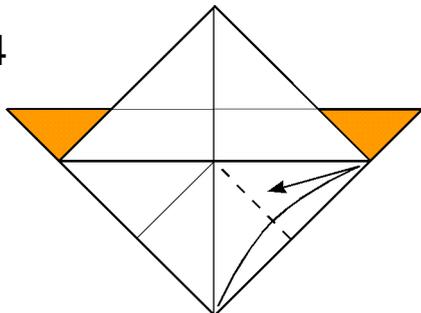


12. Fold just the front layer upwards so that the crease you made in step 11 sits exactly along the folded top edge.



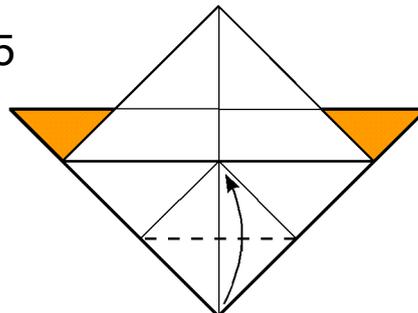
13. Make a diagonal crease across just half of the paper by folding the bottom corner of the back layer onto the bottom left corner of the front layer, then unfold.

14



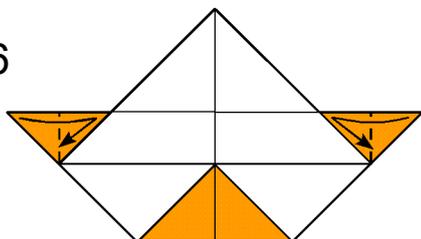
14. Repeat step 13 on the right hand side of the paper.

15



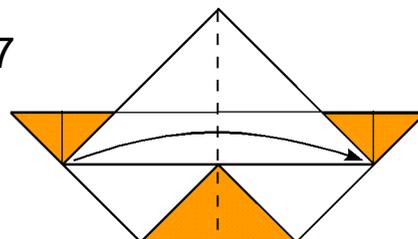
15. Fold the bottom point upwards as shown.

16



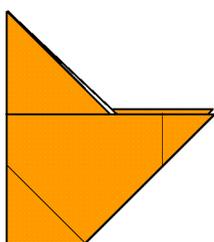
16. Fold both the right and left points inwards as shown, then unfold,

17



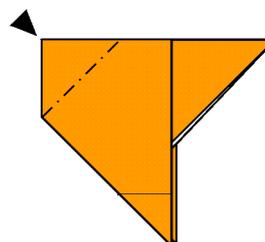
17. Fold in half sideways.

18



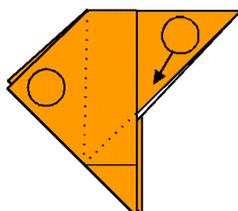
18. Rotate to look like picture 19.

19



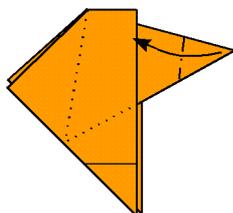
19. Turn the top left corner inside out in between the other layers using the existing creases.

20



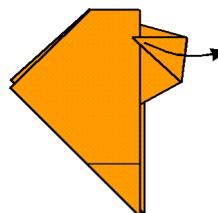
20. With your left hand hold the layers firmly together at the position marked by the left hand circle. Take hold of the right point of the paper with you right hand and pull it downwards and inwards, allowing the layers of paper inside the design to rearrange themselves evenly.

21



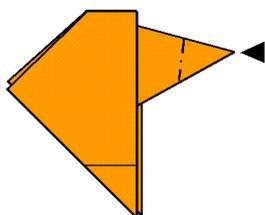
21. The result should look like this. The dotted lines show the position of the layers inside the paper. Flatten the layers inside the design to hold the point in the correct position then fold the tip of the point inwards as shown.

22



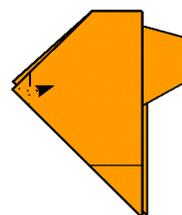
22. Open out the fold made in step 21.

23



23. Turn the right point inside out in between the other layers using the crease you made in step 21.

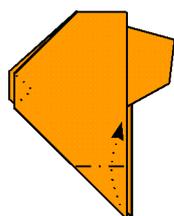
24



24. Make two tiny folds to 'round off' the front and back corners at the left hand side.

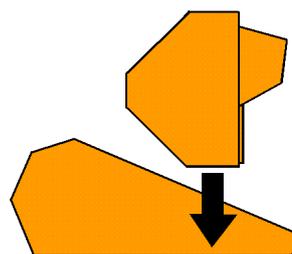
Putting the pieces together

25



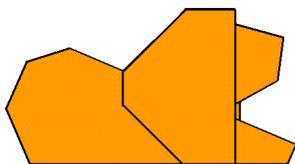
25. The simplest way to put the two pieces together is to fold the bottom corners of the front and back layers upwards using the existing creases ...

26



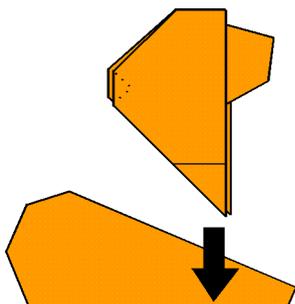
26. ... and then to simply lay both pieces on a flat surface with the layers of the second piece outside the first piece like this.

27



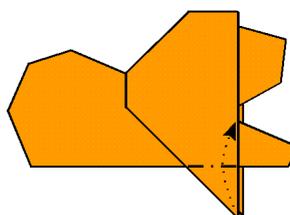
27. This is what the finished lion should look like.

28



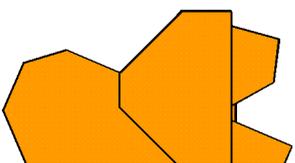
28. Alternatively, bring the two pieces together so that the bottom flaps of the second piece go outside the first piece to the back and front.

29



29. Fold the bottom points of the second piece upwards inside the layers of the first piece to back and front.

30



30. The finished lion will look like this. The finished appearance of both versions is identical.

Copyright David Mitchell 2017
www.origamiheaven.com