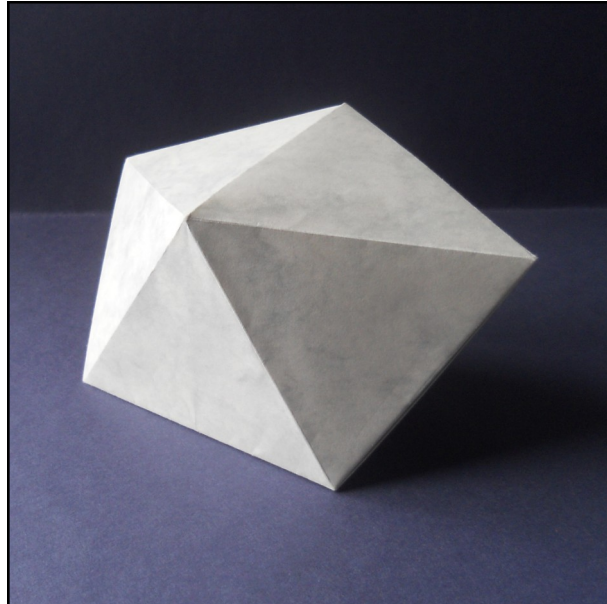


# Oyster Gift Box

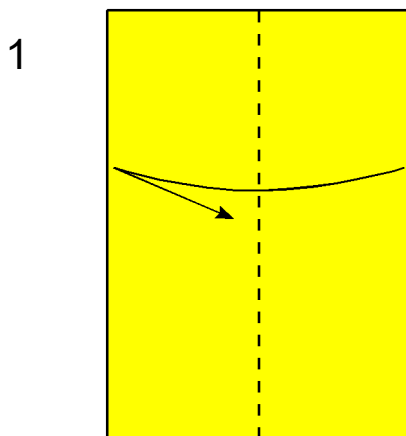
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The Oyster Gift Box was designed to be folded from a silver rectangle, such as a sheet of A4 paper, and a small piece of silver foil.

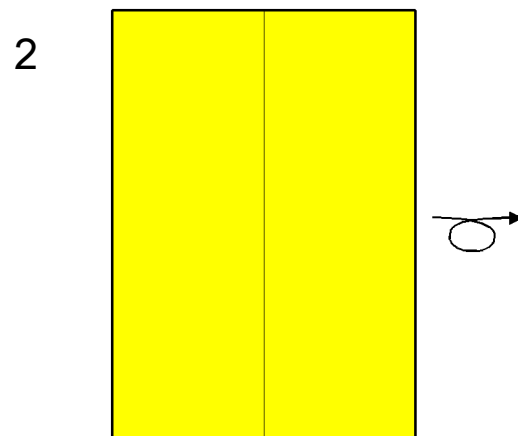
If you only have access to US letter sized paper, you can either adapt the folding sequence slightly, see step 9, or trim your paper down to silver rectangle proportions. A pdf download which shows you how to do this is available from the About Origami page of [www.origamiheaven.com](http://www.origamiheaven.com).



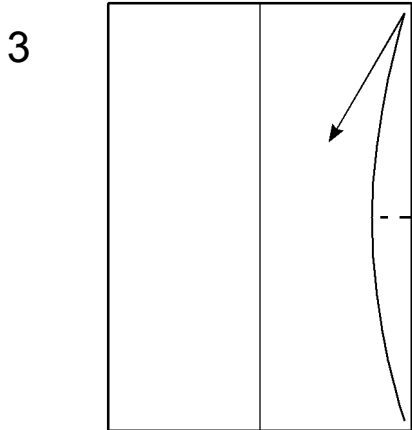
For clarity, the diagrams have been drawn showing one surface of the paper shaded and the other surface white, but the design will work equally well if you use paper which is the same colour on both sides.



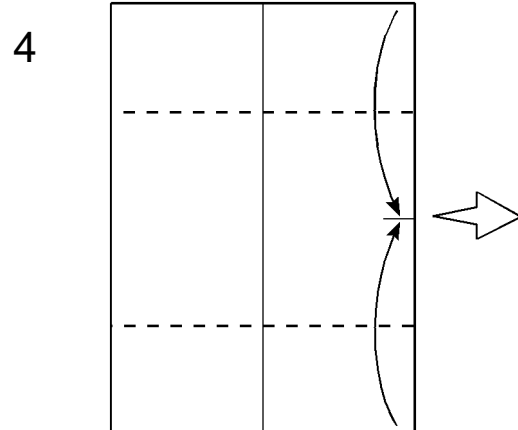
1. Fold in half sideways, then unfold.



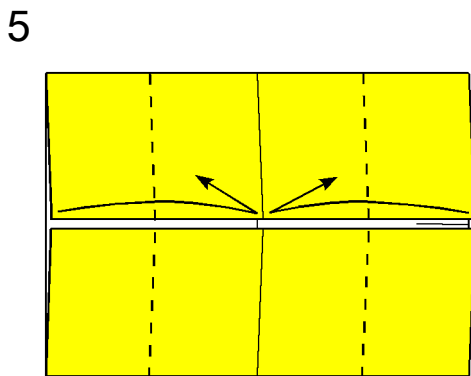
2. Turn over sideways.



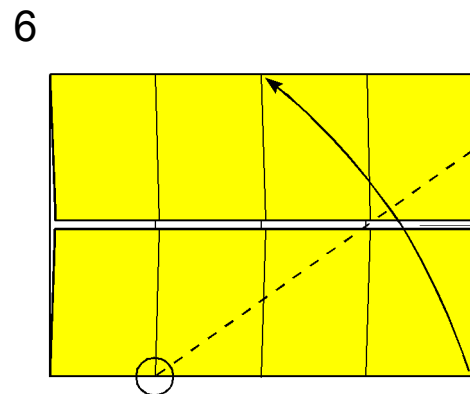
3. Make a tiny crease to mark the centre of the right hand edge.



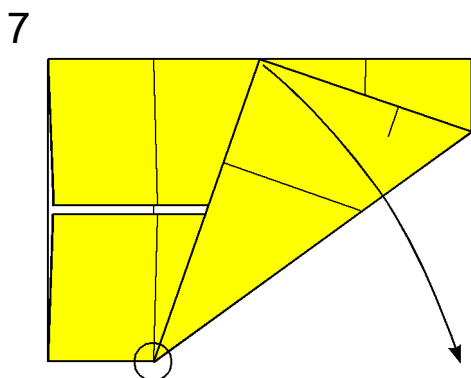
4. Fold the top and bottom edges inwards to lie along the tiny crease made in step 3.



5. Fold the right and left hand edges inwards to the centre, then unfold.

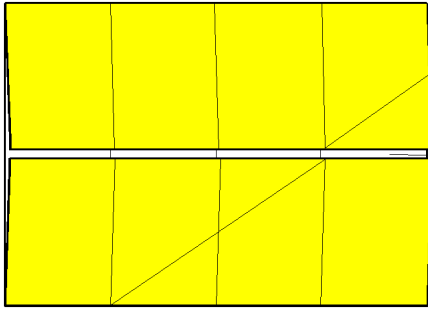


6. Fold the bottom right corner onto the mid-point of the top edge so that the new crease starts from the point where the left hand quarter crease and the bottom edge intersect (marked with a circle).



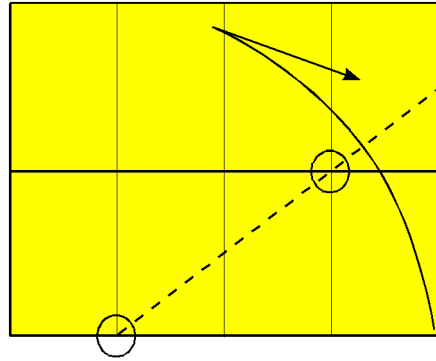
7. Undo the fold made in step 5.

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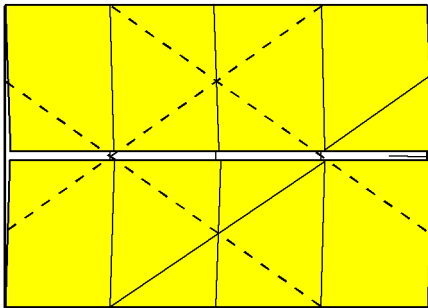
8. The result should look like this.

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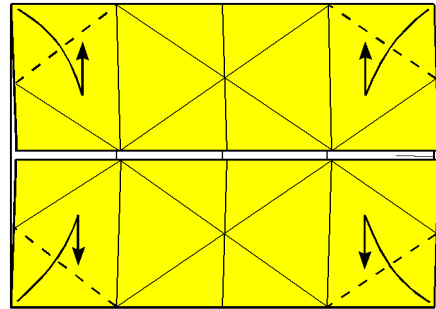
9. Alternatively, if you are folding US Letter sized paper, you can make this fold using the location points marked with circles here.

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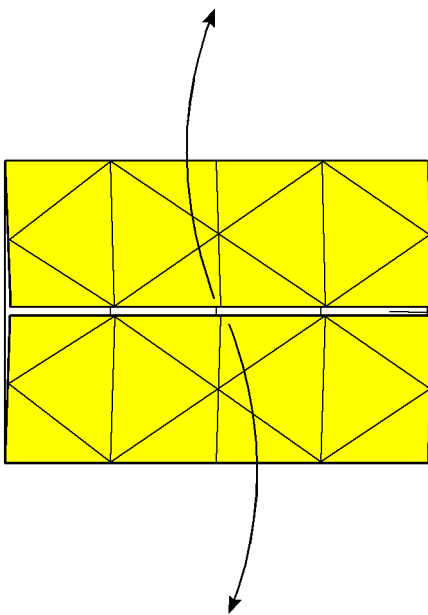
10. Repeat folds 6 and 7 (or 9) on the other three corners.

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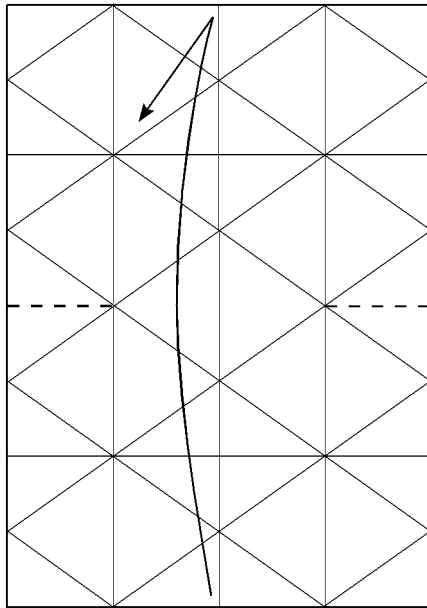
11. Fold all four corners inwards, using the points where the existing creases intersect the edges to locate the folds, then unfold.

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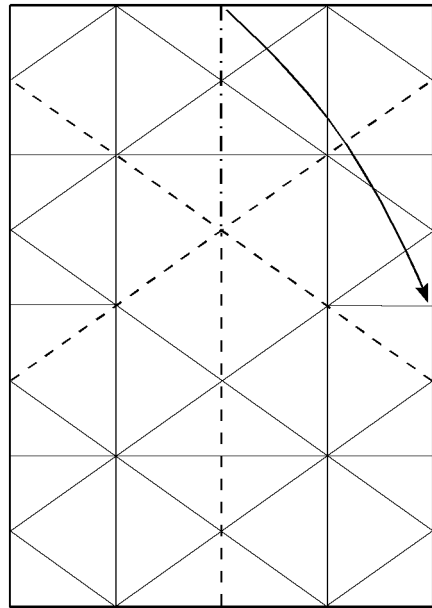
12. Open out completely.

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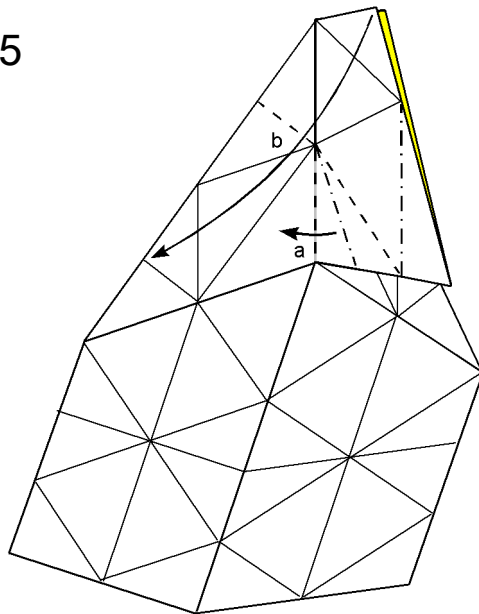
13. Fold in half from bottom to top, making creases in both outside quarters only, then unfold.

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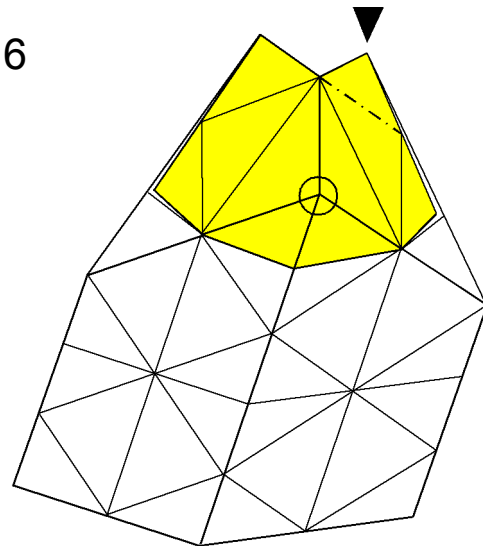
14. Collapse the paper into the form shown in picture 15. The design will become three-dimensional as you do this.

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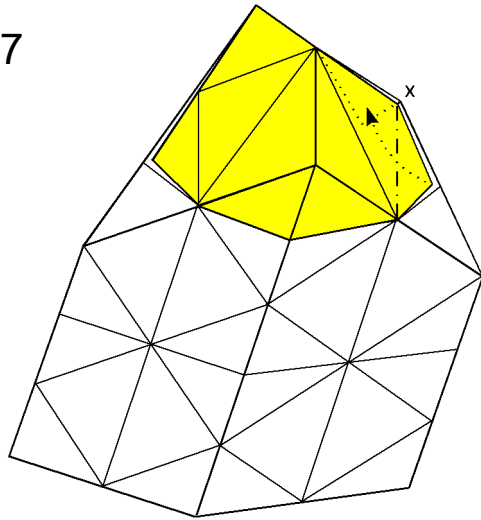
15. Make fold a then fold b to butterfly lock the top half of the design. All the creases you need are already there. The result should look like picture 16.

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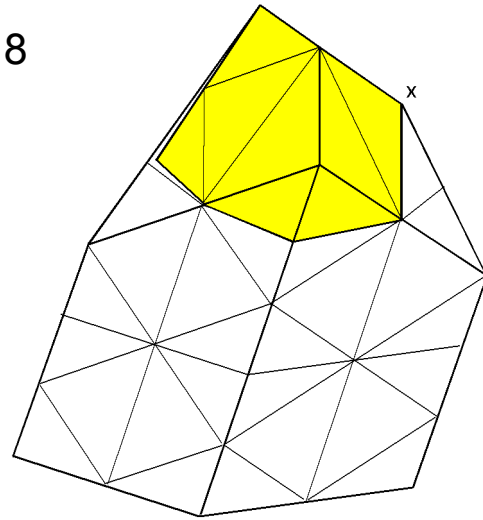
16. Turn the top right hand corner inside out between the other layers.

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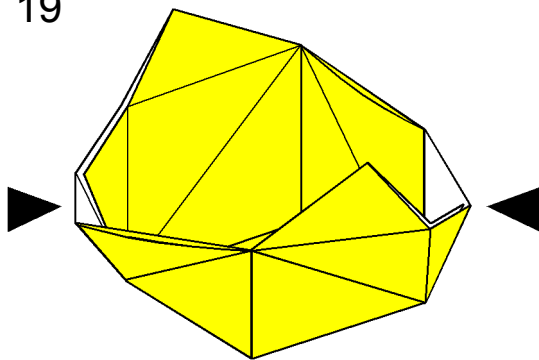
17. Fold the loose flap backwards between the other layers. Note that this flap goes behind the corner you turned inside out in step 16 and locks point x together.

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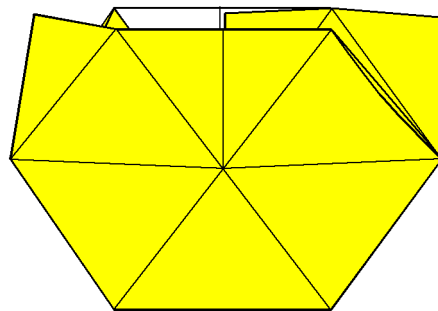
18. Turn the paper around and repeat steps 14 through 17 on the other half of the paper.

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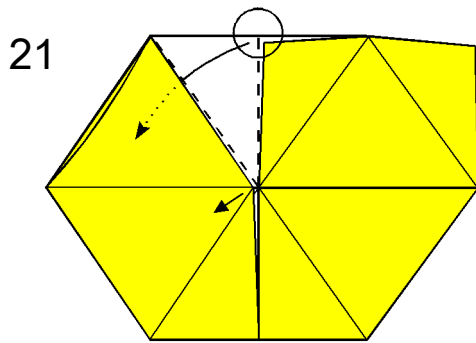


19. Squash flat from side to side.

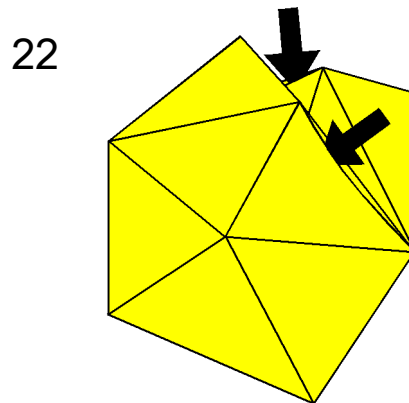
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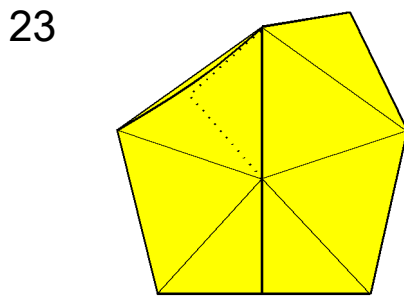
20 This is the result. In the next picture the front layers have been omitted to make it easier to see what you have to do.



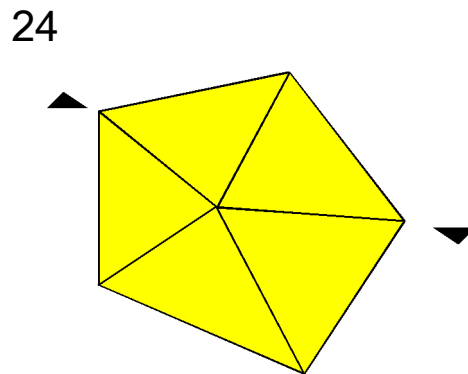
21. This picture shows the back layers only. Open up the left hand pocket and fold the flaps marked with a circle away in between the other layers. As you do this the centre will sink and the design will become three-dimensional again.



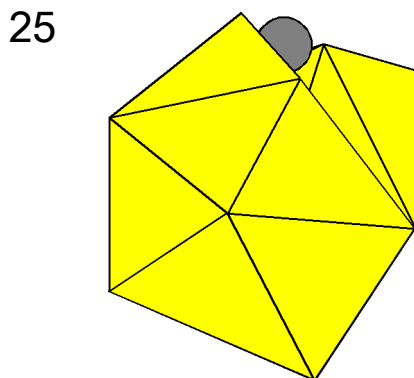
22. This is the result. Turn the design around and repeat step 21 on the other half of the paper.



23. Tuck the flaps into their corresponding pockets to close the gift box.



24. Squeeze the outside corners to open it again.



21. Finally screw a small piece of silver paper into a ball and pop it inside the box to represent a pearl. Tuck the flaps back into their pockets and the Oyster Gift Box is finished. Fill with chocolates and mail to the designer who will be eternally grateful.

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