

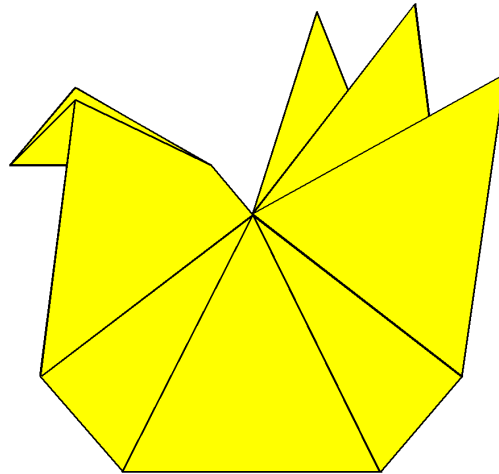
# Secret Chickens

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In 2005 I found diagrams for the basic and swallowtail versions of this chicken in a Japanese book of traditional designs.

I do not know whether they are truly traditional or whether the author of the book simply did not know who the original designer was.

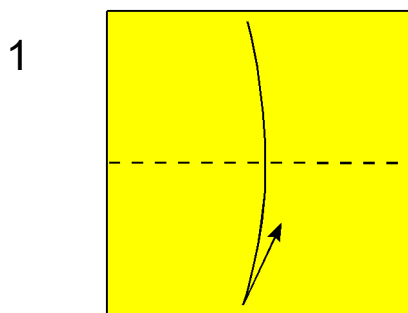
The Fantail version is my own variation. I also invented the name Secret Chicken because of the existence of the internal pockets.



You can make Secret Chickens from either homogeneous paper or from irogami.

## The Basic Secret Chicken

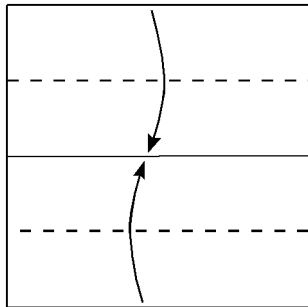
If you are using irogami begin with your paper arranged coloured side up.



1. Fold in half from top to bottom, crease firmly, then unfold.

2. Turn over sideways.

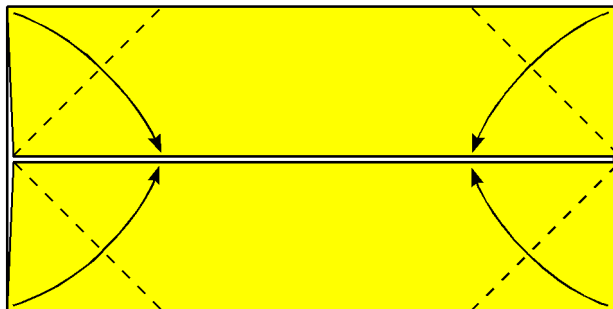
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3. Fold both the top and bottom edges inwards to lie along the crease made in step 1. The next picture has been drawn to a larger scale.

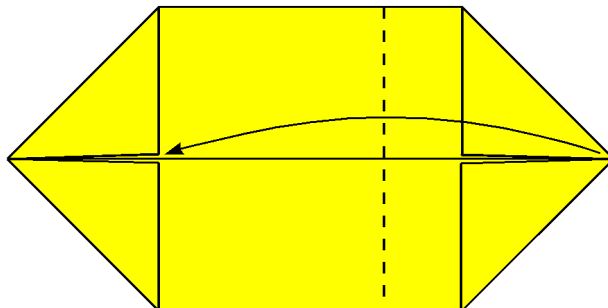


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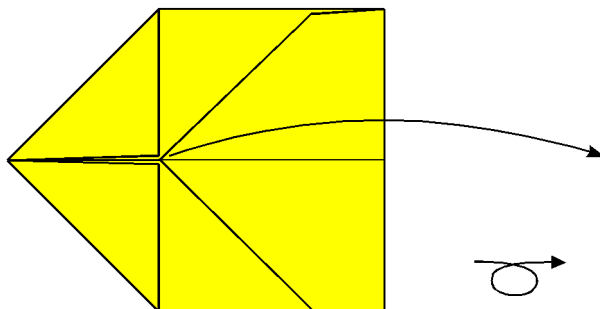
4, Fold all four corners inwards as shown.

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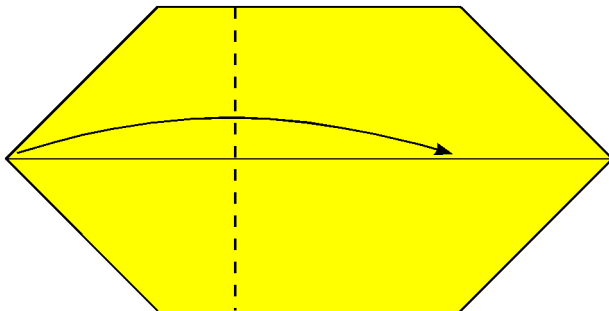
5. Fold the right hand point inwards to the left as shown.

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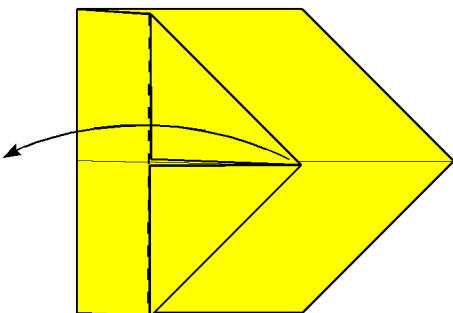
6. Open out the fold made in step 5. Turn over sideways.

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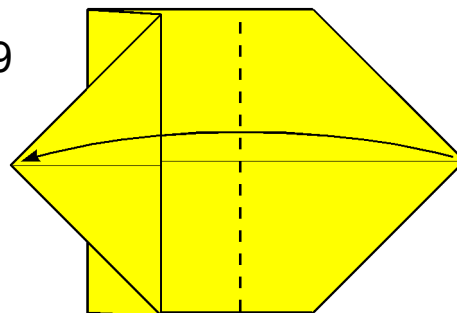
7. Fold the left hand point inwards to the right by reversing the direction of the crease made in step 5.

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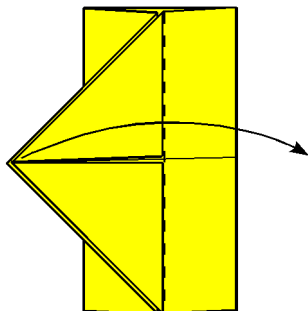
8. Fold the front layers back out to the left using the vertical edges of the small triangular flaps as a guide to where the crease should form.

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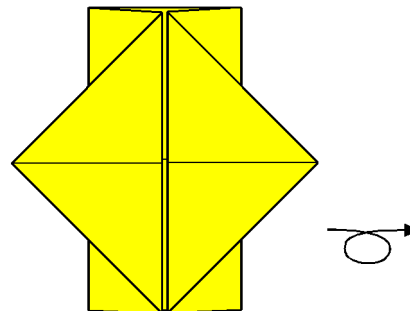
9. Fold the right hand point onto the left hand point.

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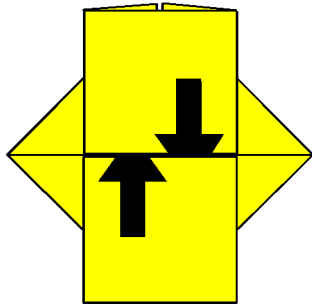
10. Fold the right hand point onto the left hand point.

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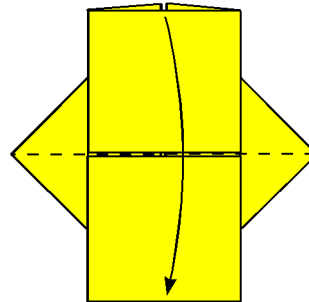
11. Turn over sideways.

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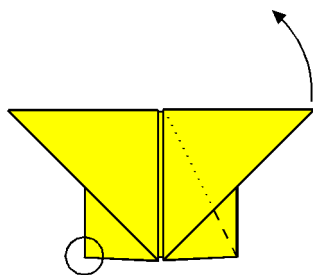
12. The Secret Chicken has concealed pockets in which secret messages or other tiny objects can be hidden.

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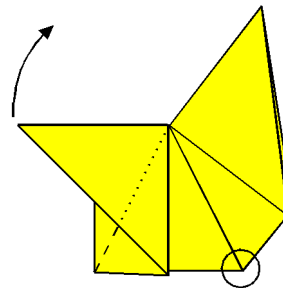
13. Fold in half from top to bottom to hide the pockets.

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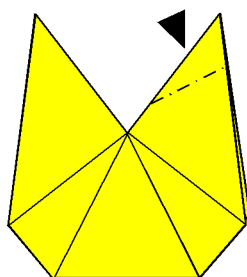
14. Hold the lower left hand corner with your left hand and use your right hand to pull the top right hand point upwards as far as it will go. Picture 15 shows what the result should look like.

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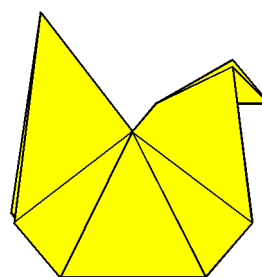
15. Repeat step 14 on the left hand side of the paper.

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16. Turn either of the top points inside out to form the head and beak. This move was explained in greater detail in steps 2 to 4 of the Easy Hen.

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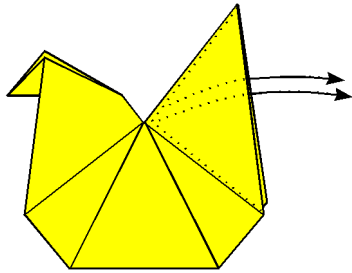


17. The Basic Secret Chicken is finished.

## The Swallowtail Secret Chicken

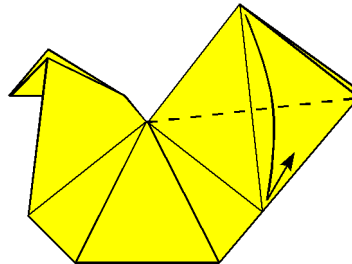
Begin by folding a Basic Secret Chicken.

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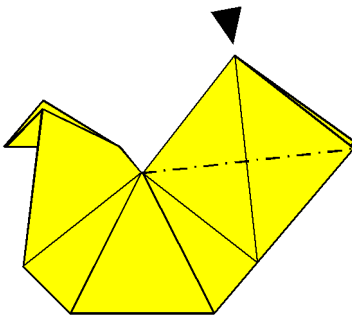
18. Pull out both the flaps hidden inside the tail.

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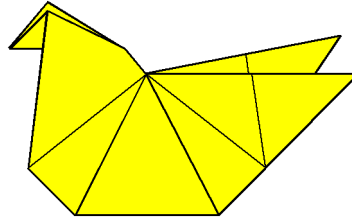
19. Fold the tail in half from top to bottom, crease firmly then unfold.

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20. Turn the top half of the tail inside out between the layers using the crease made in step 19.

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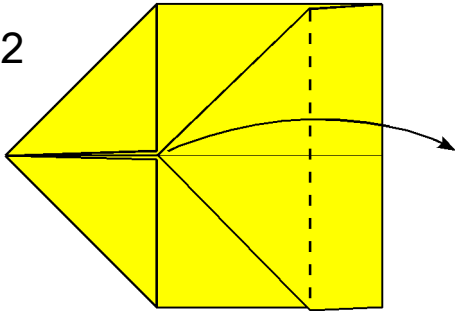


21. Spread the tail to taste. The Swallowtail Secret Chicken is finished.

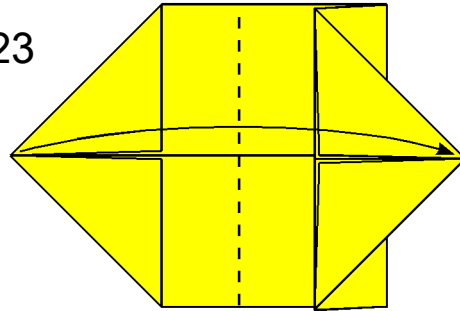
## The Fantail Secret Chicken

Begin by following steps 1 through 5 of the Basic Secret Chicken then follow steps 22 through 35 below.

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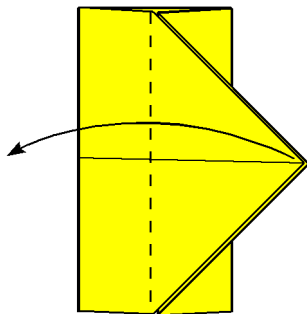
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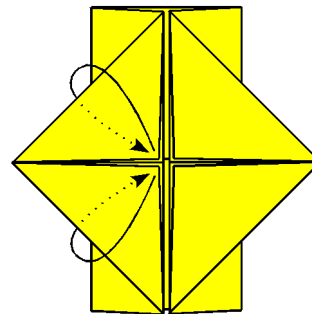
21. Fold the front layers back out to the right using the vertical edges of the small triangular flaps as a guide to where the crease should form. Picture 23 shows what the result should look like.

23. Fold the left hand point onto the right hand point.

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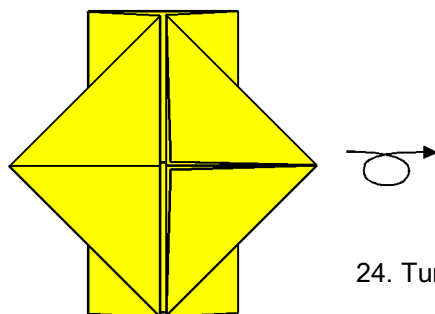
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24. Fold the front layers back out to the left using the vertical edges of the small triangular flaps as a guide to where the crease should form. This is a repeat of step 22

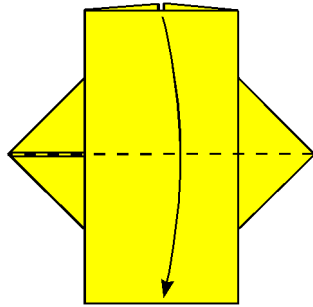
25. Fold the left hand pair of triangular flaps away into the pocket behind them.

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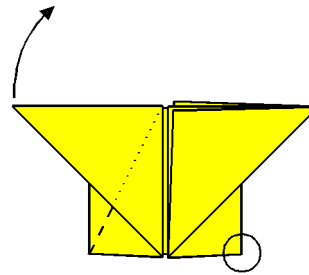
26. Turn over sideways.

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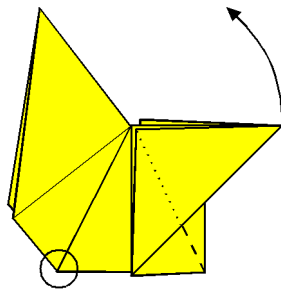
25. Fold in half from top to bottom.

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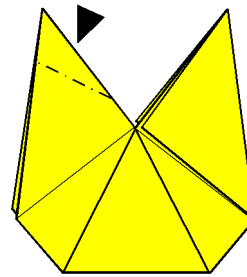
28. Hold the lower right hand corner with your right hand and use your left hand to pull the top left hand point upwards as far as it will go. Picture 29 shows what the result should look like.

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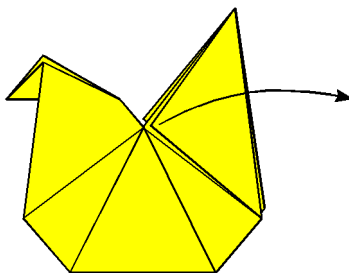
29. Repeat step 28 on the right hand side of the paper.

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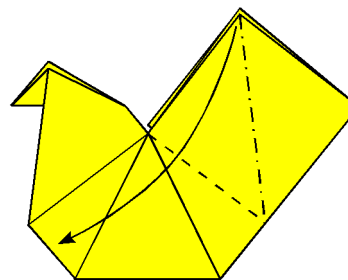
30. Turn the left hand top point inside out to form the head and beak.

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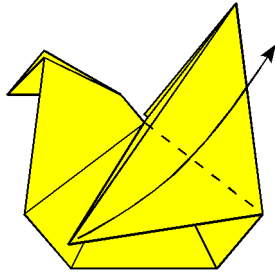
31. There are triangular flaps in front of and behind the tail. Swing the front flap across to the right.

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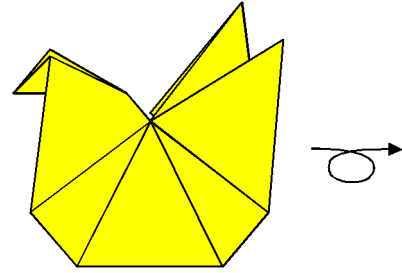
32. Fold the tip of the front layer of the tail across to the left as shown. All the creases you need are already there.

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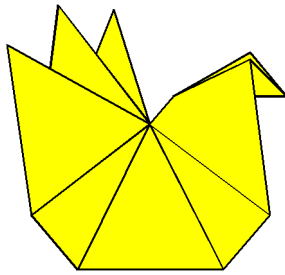
33. Fold the tip of the front layer of the tail back across to the right.

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34. Turn over sideways and repeat steps 31 through 33 on the other side of the design.

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35. Spread the tail to taste. The Fantail Secret Chicken is finished. This Secret Chicken still has hidden pockets but now they are really well concealed.

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