

# America

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America is one of a series of pictorial landscapes that were originally designed for my book *Origami Alfresco*. In essence it is a single sheet design but a second sheet can be added to add some sky and complete the frame

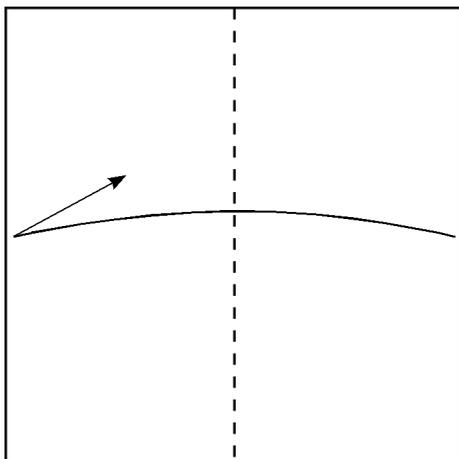
America was designed in 2000.

You will need either one or two squares of irogami, both of the same size, in suitable colours.



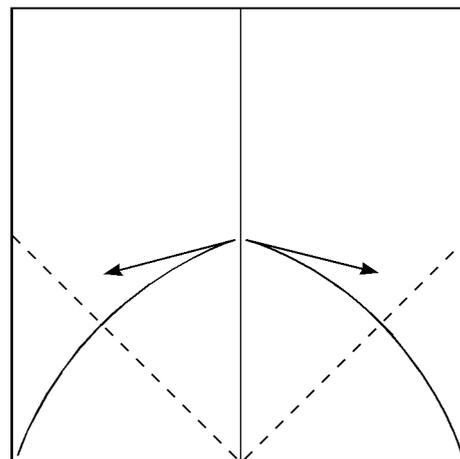
Begin with your paper arranged white side up.

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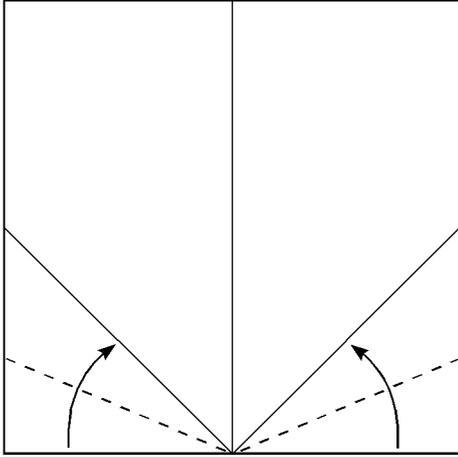
1. Fold in half edge to edge, then open out.

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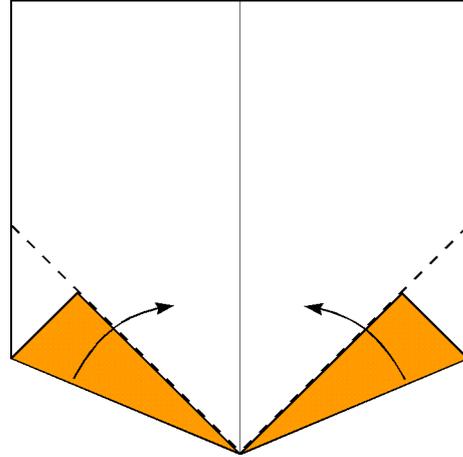
2. Fold both bottom corners inwards to the centre, then open out.

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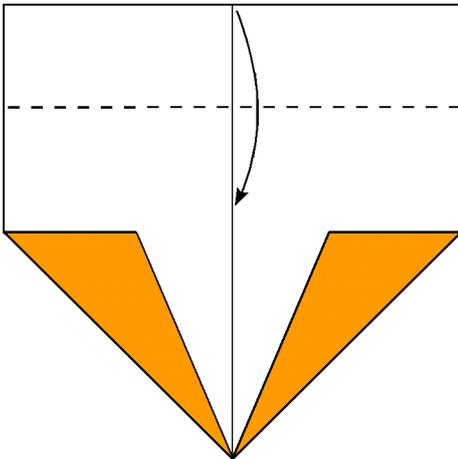
3. Fold both halves of the bottom edge onto the diagonal creases made in step 2.

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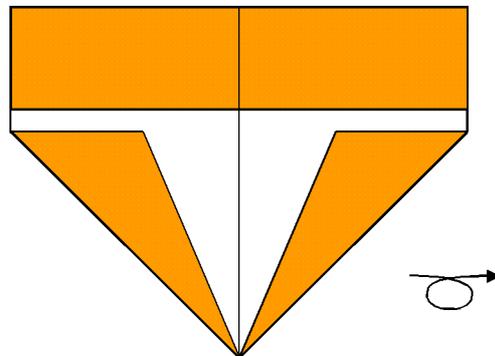
4. Fold the sloping edges inwards again using the creases made in step 2.

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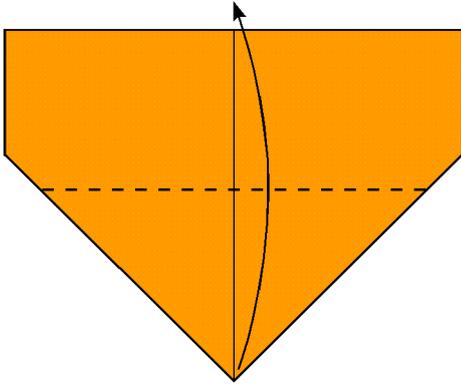
5. Fold the top edge downwards. Look at picture 6 to see what the result should look like.

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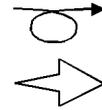
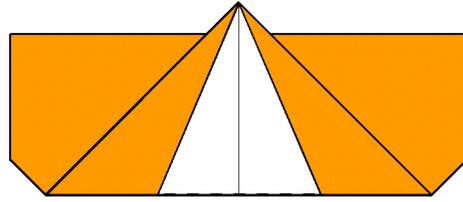
6. Turn over sideways.

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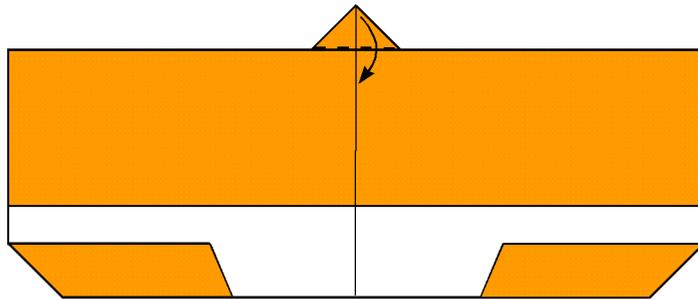
7. Fold the bottom point upwards a little beyond the top edge.

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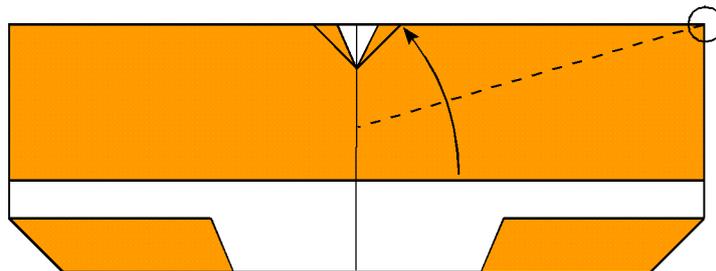
8. Check that your sketch looks like this before moving on. Turn over sideways again.

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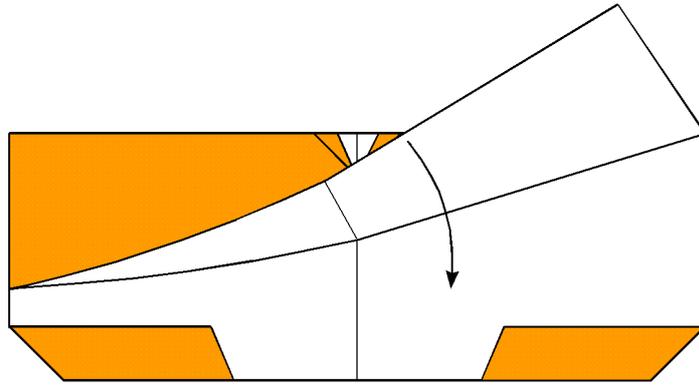
9. Fold the top point downwards as far as it will go.

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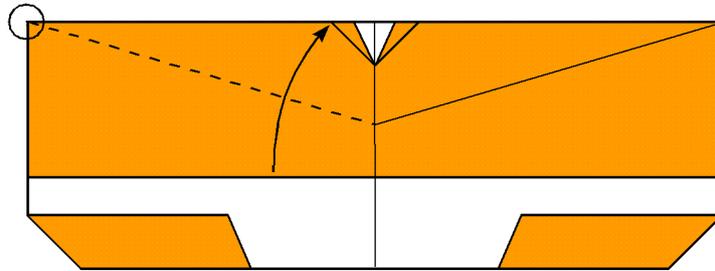
10. Fold the right hand half of the coloured area upwards so that the bottom edge touches the right hand corner of the front flap. Be careful only to crease part way across the fold.

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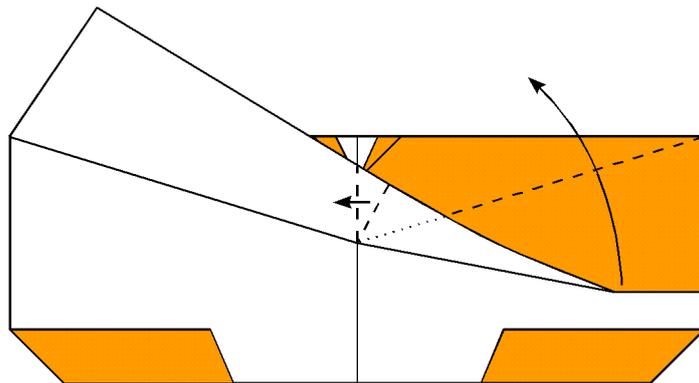
11. Undo the fold made in step 10.

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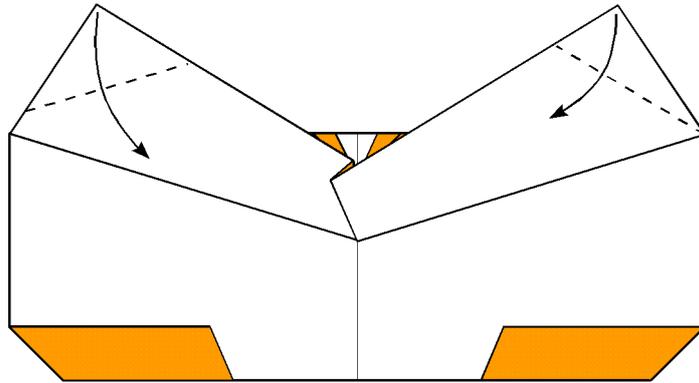
12. Repeat step 10, but not step 11, on the left hand side of the paper.

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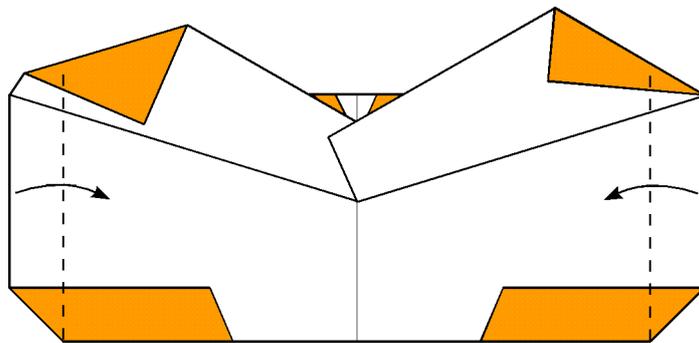
13. Remake fold 10 and flatten the paper by making a new crease in the centre as shown.

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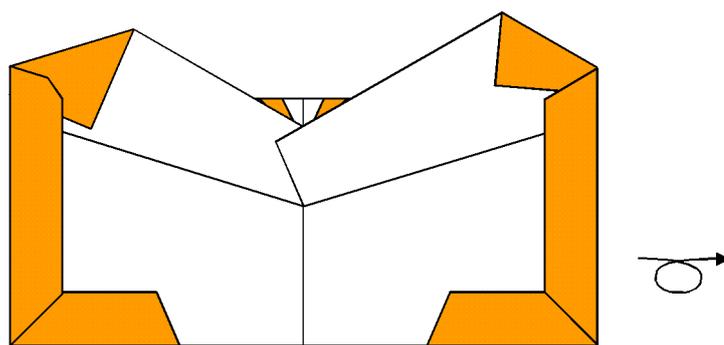
14. Fold both the top corners inwards. Try to create some asymmetry here.

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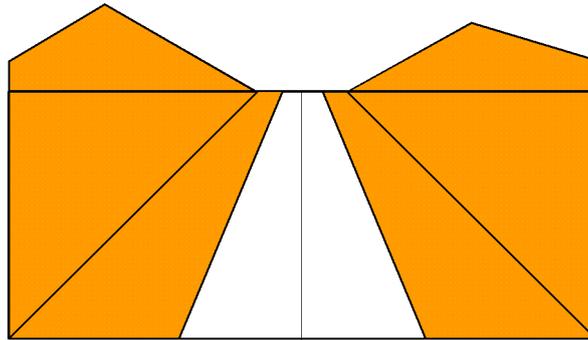
15. Fold both outside edges inwards as shown.

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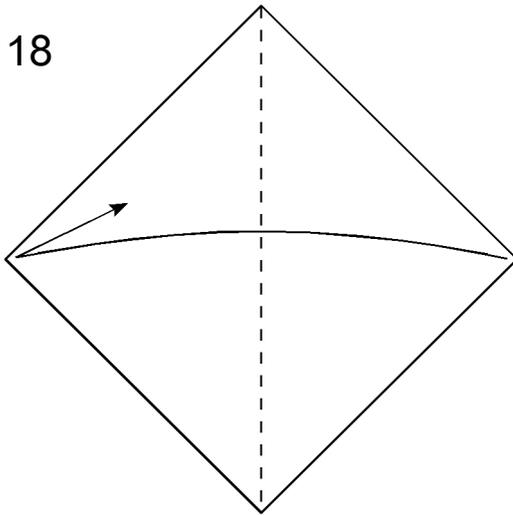
16. Turn over sideways.

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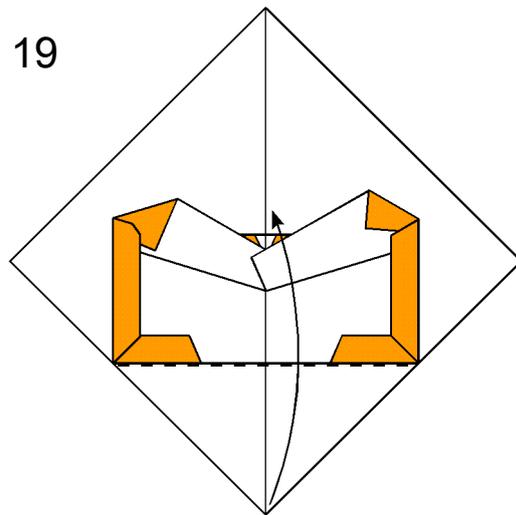
17. America is finished. You can leave your design like this or add some sky using another square of irogami of the same size by following steps 18 through 23. If you want to do this you need to begin with this second square white side

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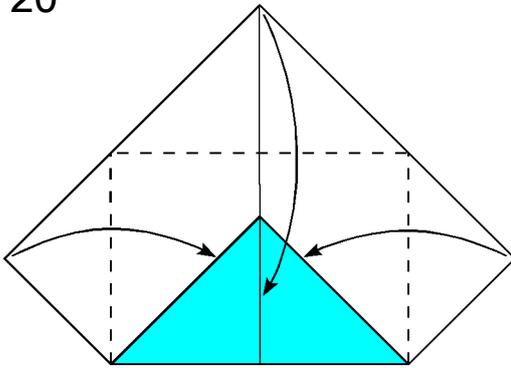
18. Fold in half diagonally, then unfold.

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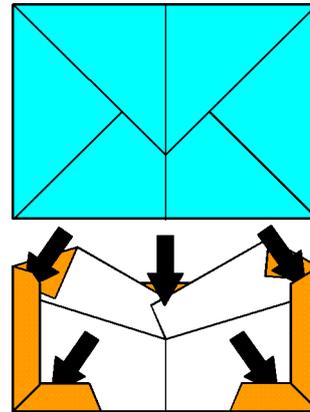
19. Lay your finished sketch on the square so that the bottom corners touch the edges. Fold the bottom corner upwards without moving the front sheet.

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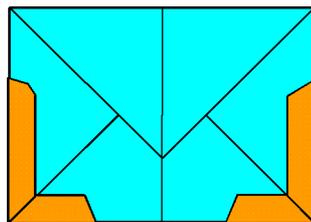
20. Remove the sketch and fold the three other corners inwards so that their edges line up. Fold the outside corners in first.

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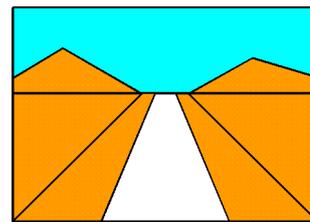
21. Slide the sky inside the back of the sketch.

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22. Turn over sideways.

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23. America now has sky and the frame is complete..

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