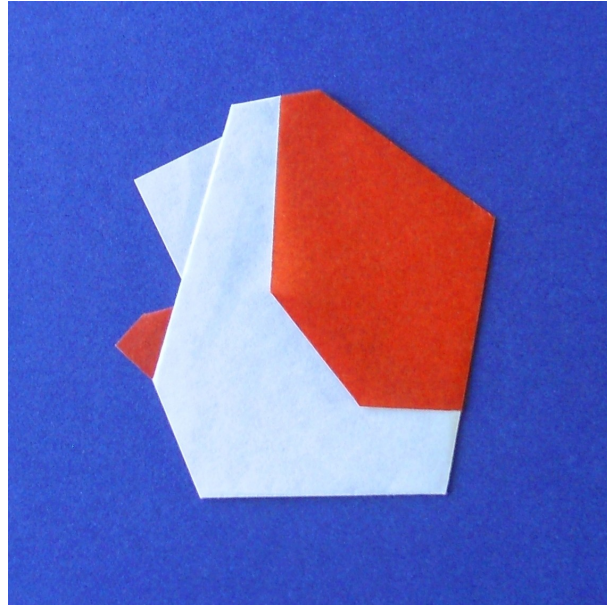# Birdman

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Birdman is a double image design in which an image of a broody bird is transformed into an image of a bearded man in just one fold. Birdman was designed in 2000.
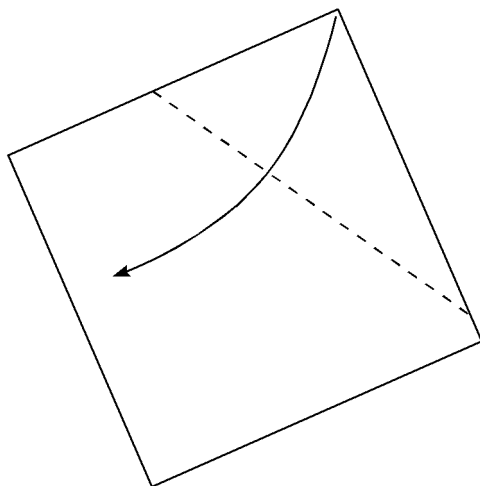
Whilst appearing simple, this design is surprisingly hard to fold well. The proportions of the design are quite crucial and there are no location points. For this reason, if you are intend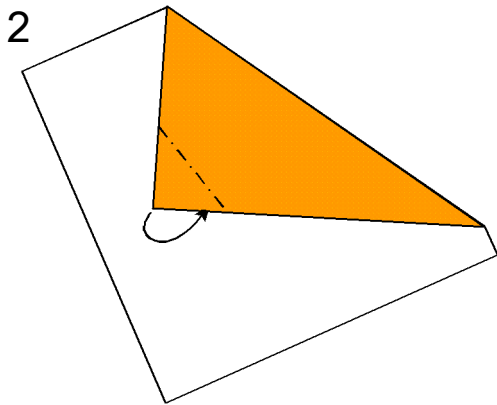ing to use it as a performance piece the best way to do so is to use a pre-folded piece of paper. Once you have folded a pretty perfect version, open it out, then iron it flat with a very cool iron. The creases will flatten out but the lines of weakness will still be there so the creases can easily be remade.

You will need a single square of irogami in a suitable colour. Begin with your paper arranged white side up.
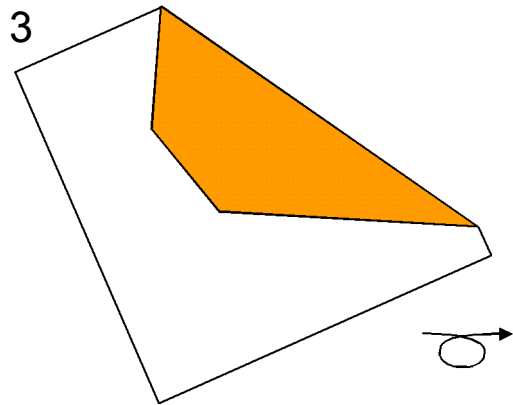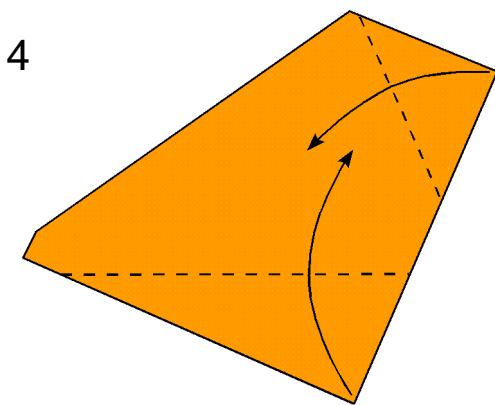
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1. Fold the top right hand corner inwards as shown. There is no location point for this fold. Just try to make it look as much like picture 2 as possible.
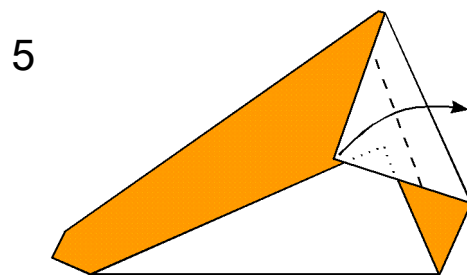
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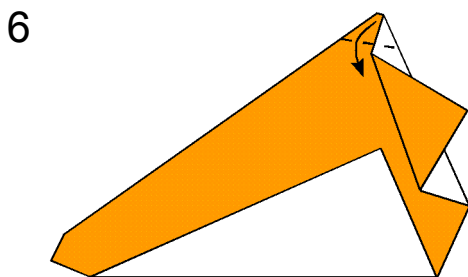2. Fold the tip of the front flap backwards out of sight.

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3. Turn over sideways.

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4. Fold the bottom and the right hand corners inwards. Make the bottom fold before the top one. The corners will overlap each other.
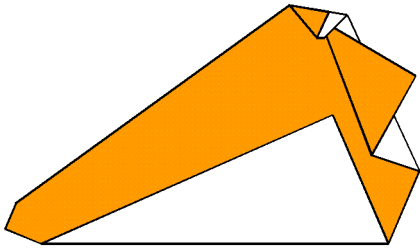
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5. Fold the tip of the front flap outwards to form the beak. This fold is not quite parallel to the folded edge.
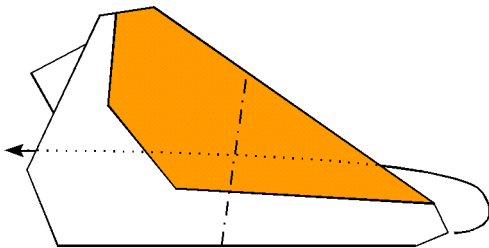
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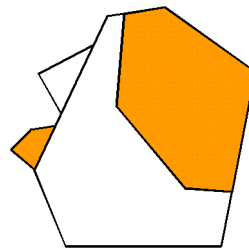6. Make this small fold to shape the top of the head.

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7. Turn over sideways.

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8. The Broody Bird is finished. Fold the
right hand side of the sketch backwards to

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9. ... the Bearded Man!