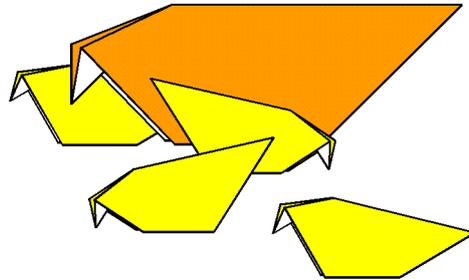


# Easy Hens / Quick Crow

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I published these very simple designs in 2005 in my book *Origami Animals*.

I designed them from scratch at that time but I was undoubtedly influenced by memories of other simple designs that I had seen in previous decades.



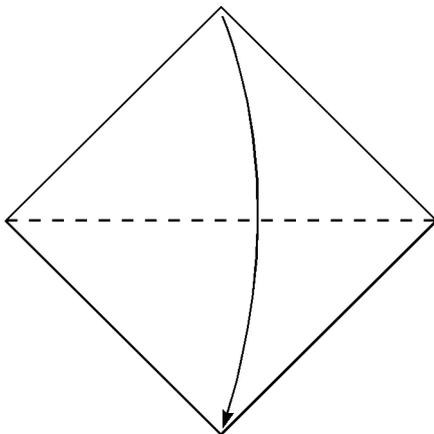
David Raynor has kindly identified one of these for me as the Pigeon from Dokuotei Nakano's book *Easy Origami* first published in Japan in 1981 and in English in 1985. Nakano's design is essentially similar except that it begins from a blintzed square and the bottom corners are rounded off with further folds so that the design can be made to rock as if pecking at the ground. I had undoubtedly seen this design although I was not consciously aware of it when designing my versions.

All the designs work well from homogeneous paper, that is paper which is the same colour both sides, or irogami, that is paper which is white one side and coloured the other.

## The Broody Hen

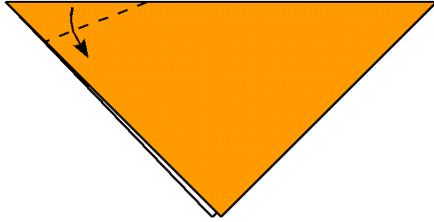
If you are using irogami begin with your paper arranged white side up.

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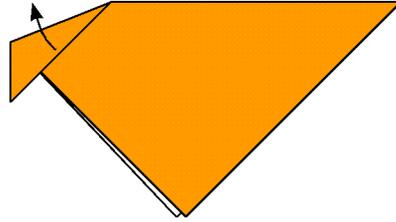
1. Fold in half from top to bottom.

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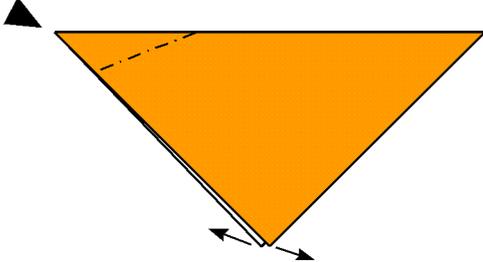
2. Fold the top of the left hand point over in the way shown here. Picture 3 shows what the result should look like.

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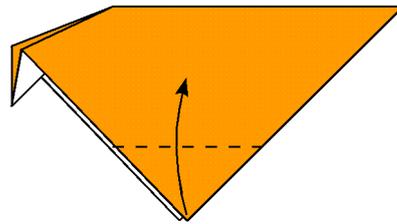
3. Open out the fold made in step 2

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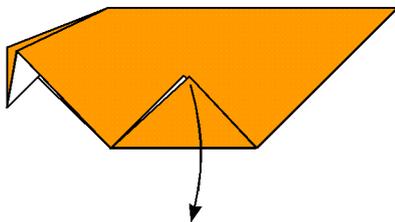
4. Open out the two sides of the model slightly then push gently on the top of the left hand point until it turns inside out between the other layers. The creases you need to achieve this were made in step 2. Picture 5 shows what the result should look like.

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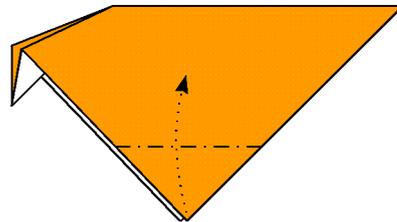
5. Hold the two bottom points together and fold them both upwards in front like this.

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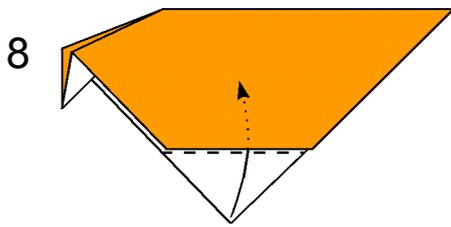


6. Open out the folds made in step 5.

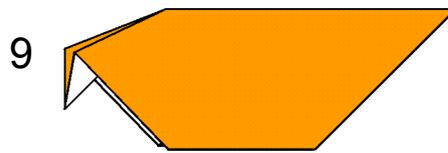
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7. Fold the front layer inside the body by reversing the crease made in step 5.



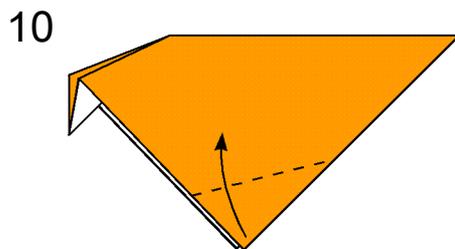
8. Fold the back layer inside the body using the other crease made in step 5.



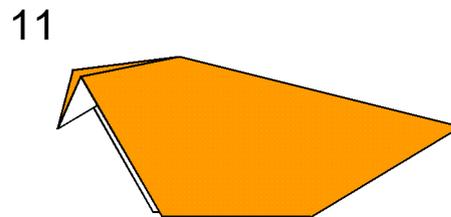
9. The Broody Hen is finished. You can create Feeding and Watchful Hen variations by varying the angle of the fold made in step 5.

## Watchful Hen

Begin with steps 1 through 4 of the Broody Hen.



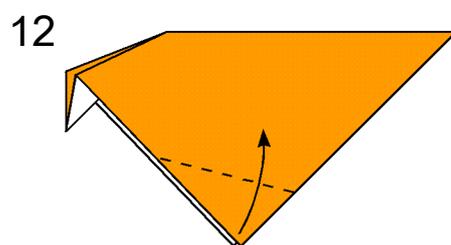
10. Make this fold in both layers so that the crease is slightly higher up the body on the right than on the left.



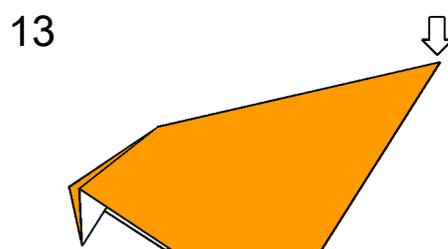
11. Continue with steps 6 through 8 until the Watchful Hen is finished.

## Feeding Hen

Begin with steps 1 through 4 of the Broody Hen.



12. Make this fold in both layers so that the crease is slightly higher up the body on the left than on the right.

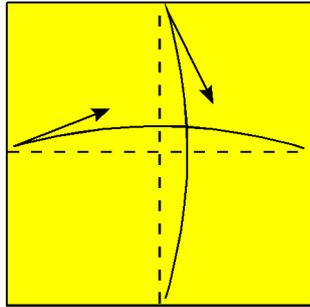


13. Continue with steps 6 through 8 until the Feeding Hen is finished. She can be made to peck by tapping gently on her tail.

## Easy Chicks

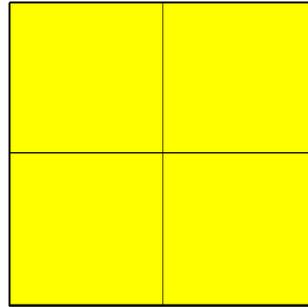
Begin with a square of paper of the same size as you used to make your hen or hens but of a different colour, say yellow instead of brown.

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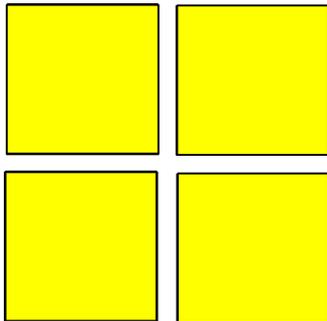
14. Fold in half edge to edge, then unfold, in both possible directions.

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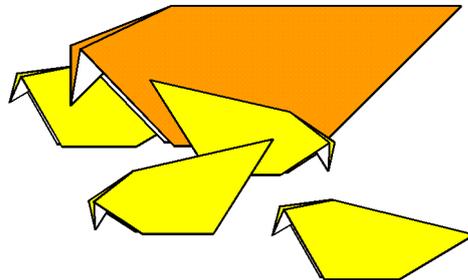
15. Divide the large square into quarters by cutting along the creases.

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16. Fold your chicks from these four small squares.

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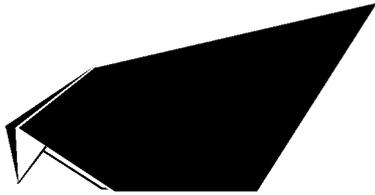


17. The Easy Hen and Chicks are finished.

## Quick Crow

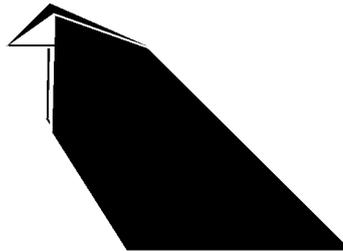
The Quick Crow is identical to the Feeding Hen but made from paper of a different colour, say black instead of brown.

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18. This is the Feeding Hen. To create the Quick Crow simply push the tip of the tail downwards until the model stands upright.

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19. The Quick Crow is finished.

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