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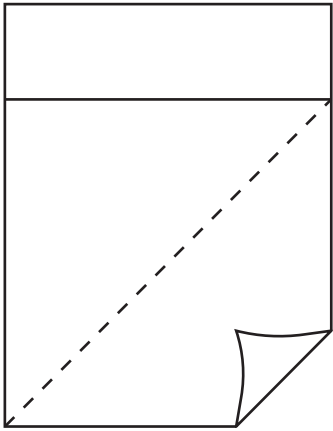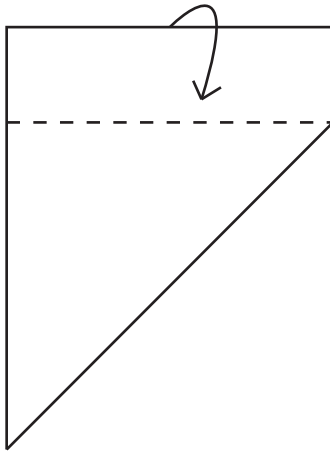# Christmas Tree Decoration

*If starting with a piece of square paper instead of a standard letter-sized paper, skip to step 4
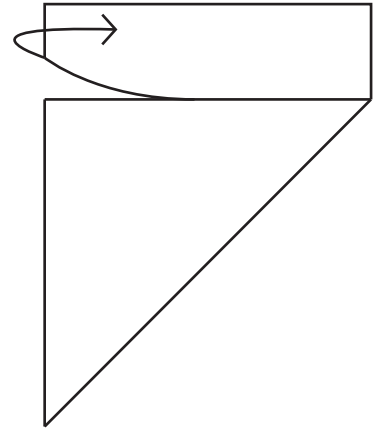
Step 1 - Start with one sheet of letter-sized paper. Make one large square by taking one bottom corner and folding it across the diagonal to the opposite edge.
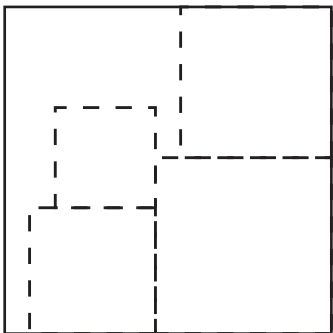
Step 2 - Fold the excess against the edge of the diagonal back and forth a few times. Crease with your fingernails to ensure a smooth fold.
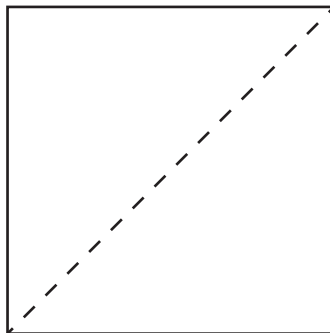
Step 3 - Carefully hold one side of the fold, and tear away the other side. If your tear didn't leave a straight line, simply tear away the excess or cut it off with scissors. Reserve the leftover rectangular piece.
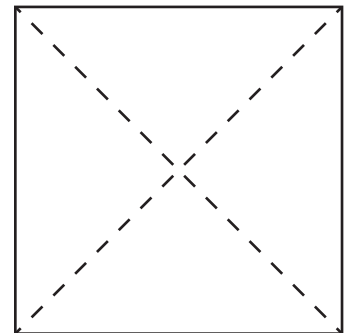
Step 4 - Separate your square paper into four squares of different sizes. The squares do not have to be proportionate as they will make up your tree branches. The rectangle will be the tree trunk.
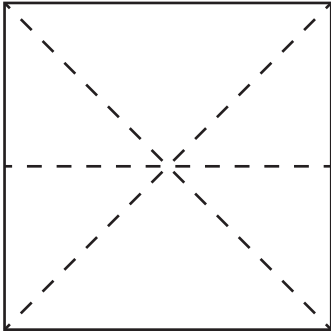
Step 5 - Take one of the four squares you just made. Fold across the diagonal again to make a triangle. Unfold.
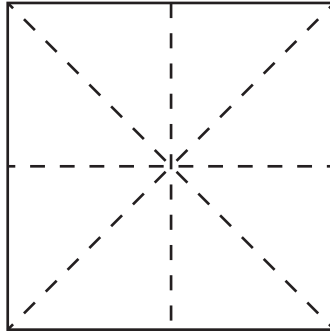
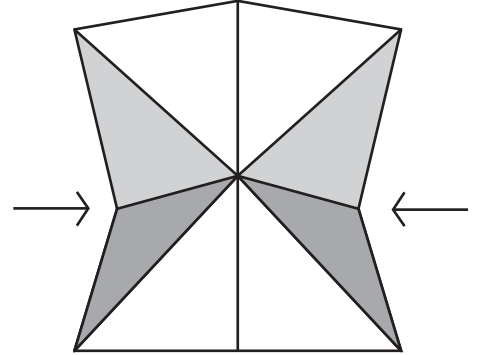**Step 6** - Fold across the opposite diagonal again to make a triangle. Unfold.

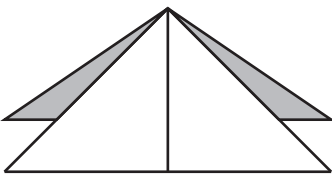**Step 7** - Fold across the middle to make a rectangle. Unfold.

Step 8 - Fold across the middle along the opposite direction. Unfold. You should have lines pointing in all directions.
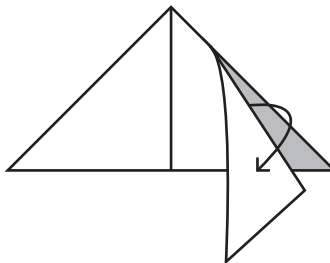
Step 9 - With the straight edge facing you, push the middle horizontal crease inwards along the folds you just made.
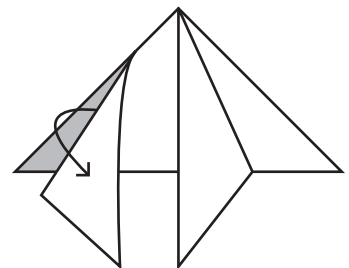
Step 10 - Press both sides together so they form a triangle with two flaps in the front, and two flaps in the back.

Step 11 - Take the front right flap and pull it downwards until it lines up with the middle crease. Fold and crease.
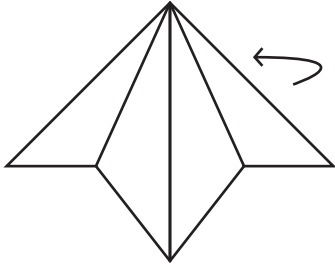
Step 12 - Take the front left flap and pull it downwards until it lines up with the middle crease. Fold and crease. It should now look like a diamond in the middle.
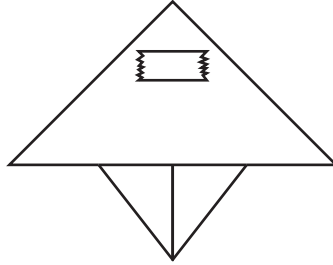
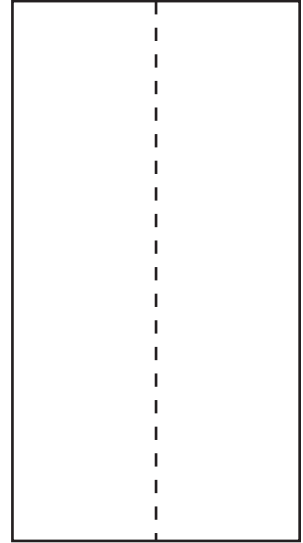**Step 13** - Repeat steps 5-12 with the remaining three square pieces.

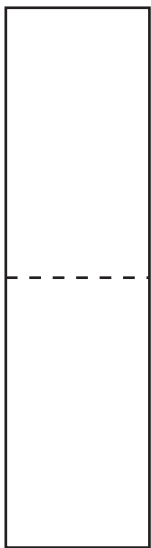**Step 14** - Flip all of your pieces to the back EXCEPT the smallest piece.

Step 15 - Tape the very top corner of your pieces with double-sided tape EXCEPT for the smallest piece. These will become your tree "branch" pieces.
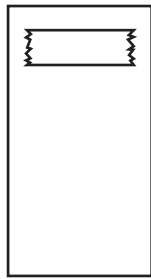
Step 16 - Take your leftover rectangular piece of paper. If it's not rectangular or too big for your liking, fold and tear/cut it down to your preference. Fold it in half hotdog-style.
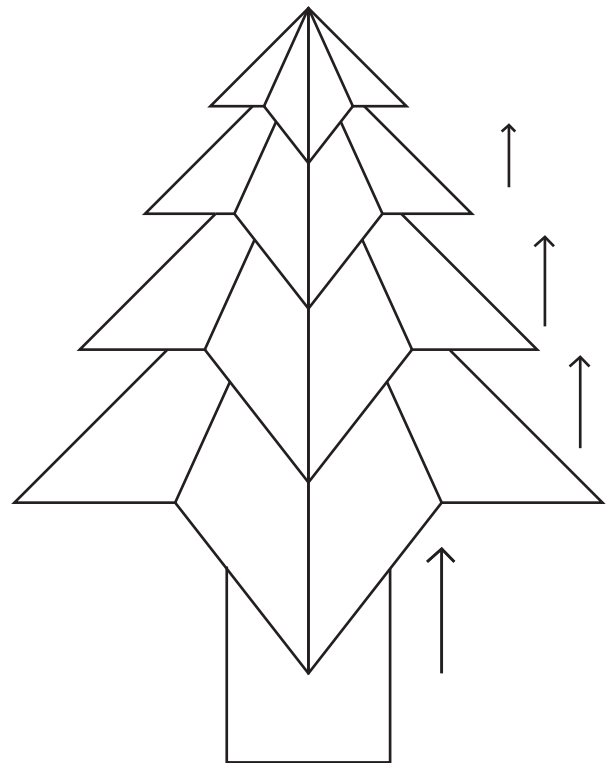
Step 17 - Fold it in half again but this time along the shorter middle.

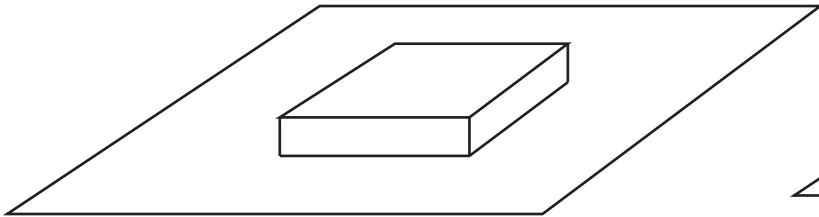**Step 18** - Tape along the very top edge where all the folds meet.

Step 19 - Open up the folds along the bottom on your tree "branch" pieces so you can see a hole. Insert the taped pieces into each other just along the bottom edge of each piece. Press well so the tape adheres.
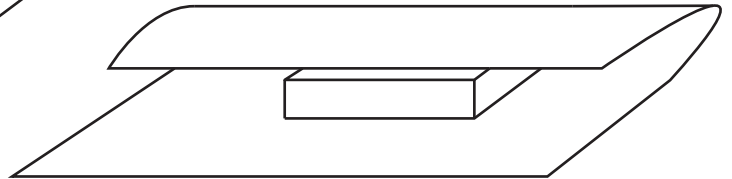
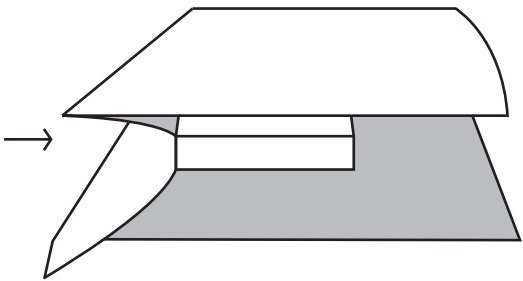# Origami Instructions
Christmas Tree Gift Wrap

Step 1 - Start with paper at least two times the size of your gift. Place your gift in the middle of the wrapping paper.
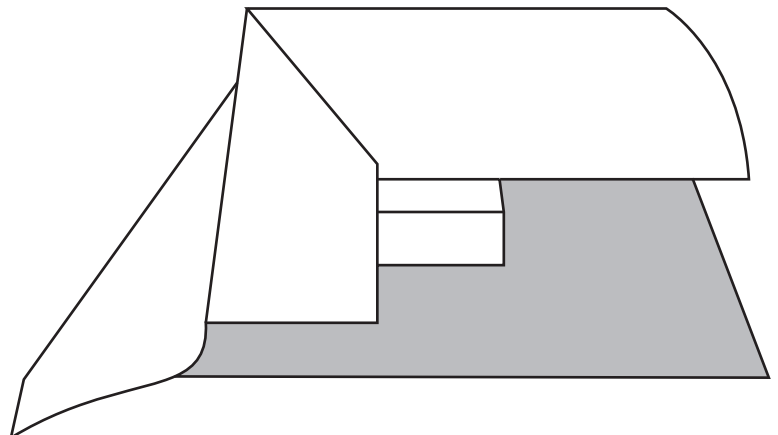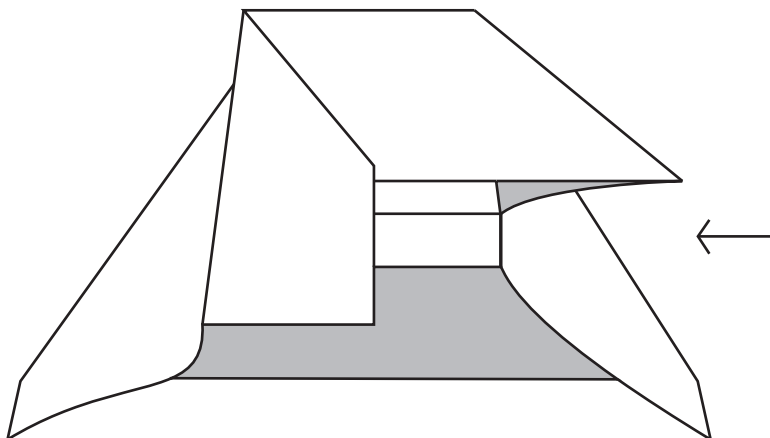
Step 2 - Fold the top of the paper over the gift.

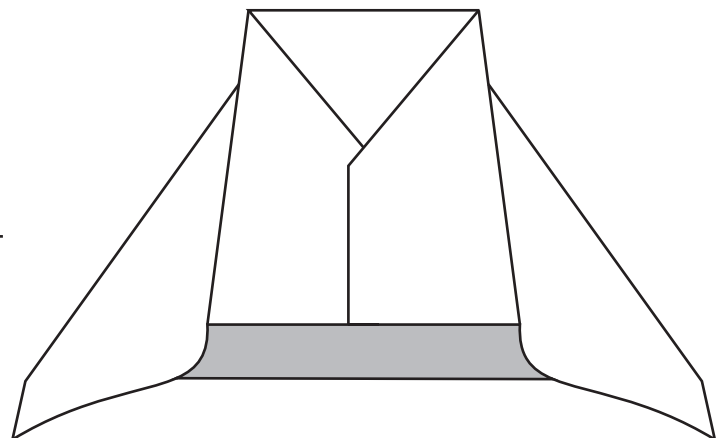**Step 3** - Press the paper into the upper left corner of the gift.

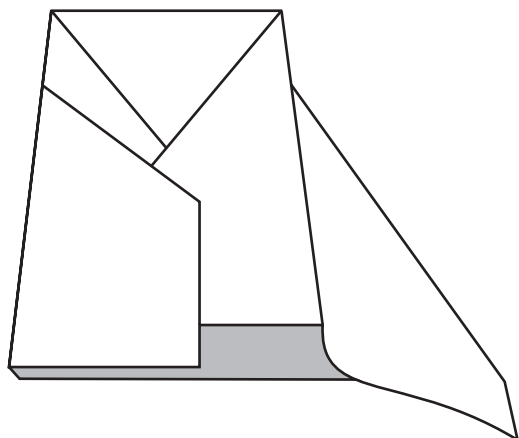**Step 4** - Crease the upper fold and lay it over the top of the gift.

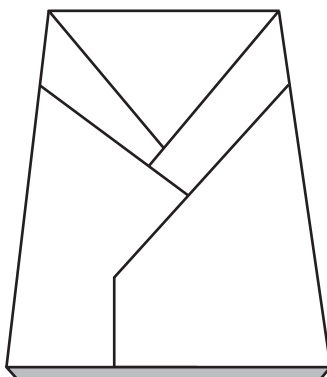**Step 5** - Now on the opposite side, press the paper into the upper right corner of the gift.

Step 6 - Crease the upper fold and lay it over the top of the previous fold.
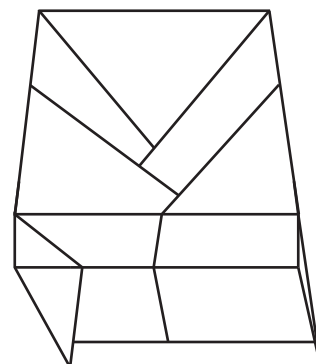
Step 7 - Crease the bottom fold on the left side and lay it over the top of the previous folds.
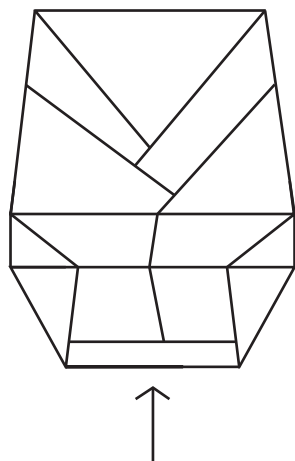
Step 8 - Crease the bottom fold on the right side and lay it over the top.
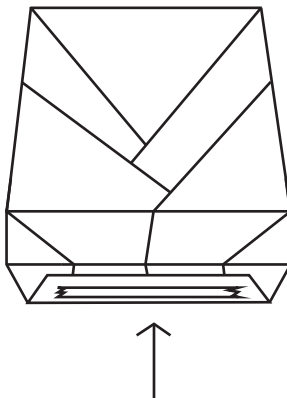
Step 9 - Cut away any excess paper on the bottom to prevent bulkiness. Fold in both bottom corners, then fold the crease inwards.
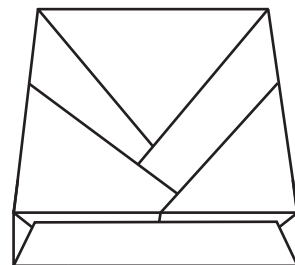
Step 10 - Fold the bottom flap on top of itself until it just reaches the bottom edge of the gift.
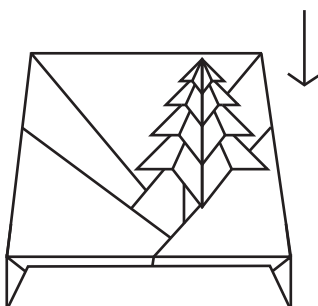
Step 11 - Put double-sided tape on the fold and tape to the bottom of the gift.

Step 12 - Press to adhere the tape and crease any extra corners for a more pristine finish.
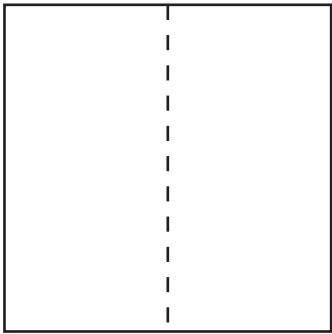
Step 13 - Tuck the Christmas tree decoration into one of the folds and tape to the wrapping to secure it.
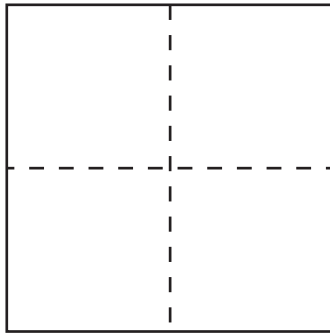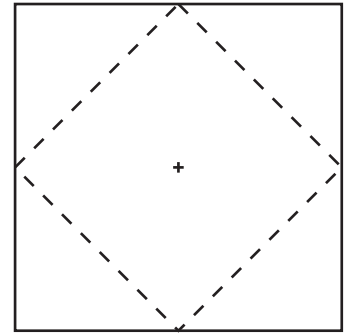
Origami Instructions
Mini Box Gift Wrap

Step 1 - Start with a square piece of paper at least two times the size of your gift. Fold vertically along the middle so it forms a rectangle. Unfold.
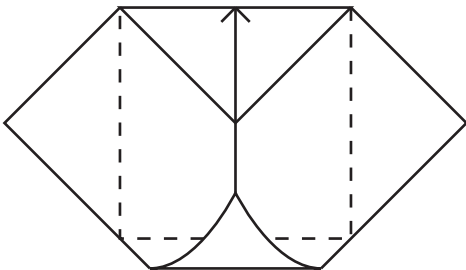
Step 2 - Fold horizontally along the middle so it forms a rectangle along the opposite direction. Unfold. You should now have a central point you can see from your folds.
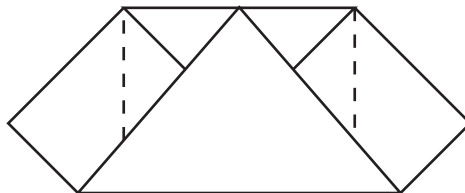
Step 3 - Using the center point, fold each corner inwards until they meet in the middle. Unfold.
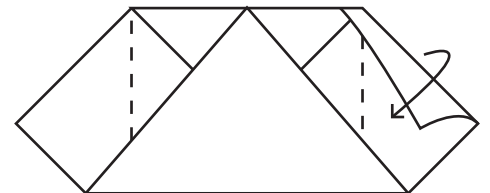
Step 4 - Rotate your square so a point is facing you. Fold down the top corner towards the middle along the crease you just made. Take the bottom corner and fold up all the way to the edge of the top fold.
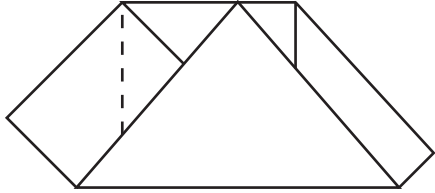
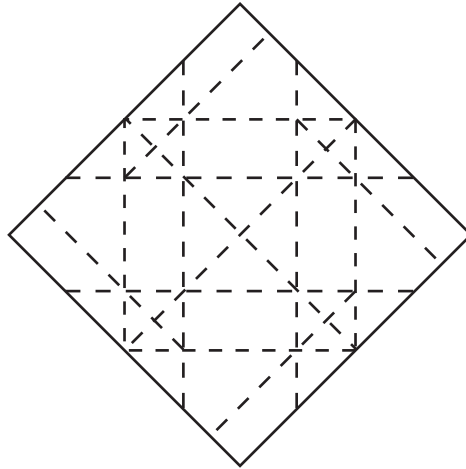It should look like this. The bottom fold should go further than the creases you made in step 3.

Step 5 - Fold the right-hand side over so it meets the edge of the bottom fold you just made in step 4.
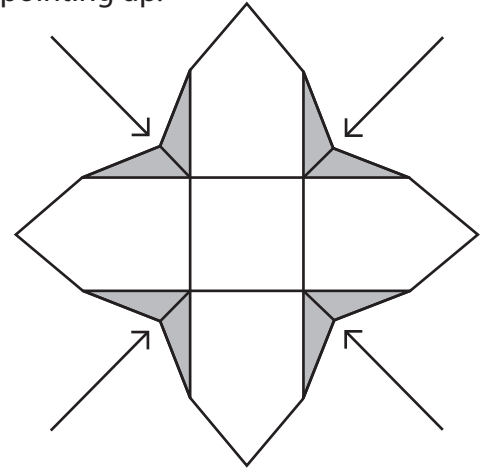
Step 6 - It should look like this. Leave the left side unfolded. Unfold completely and repeat these steps with each corner. Once you are done, unfold completely.
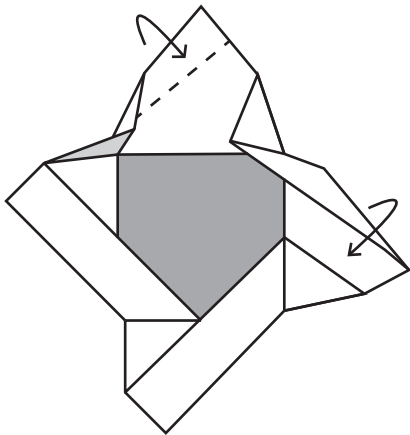
Your folds should leave your paper looking like this after step 6.
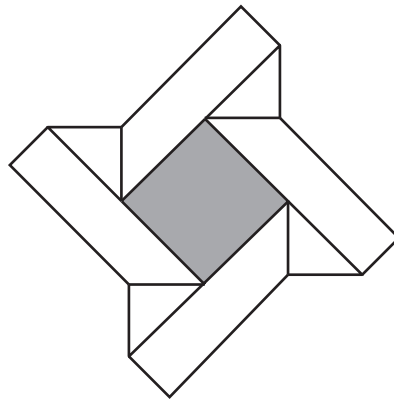
Step 7 - Using the folds along the middle of the straight edges, push the corners inwards until you have a box-like shape with four walls pointing up.
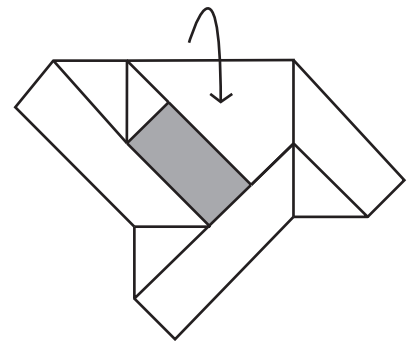
Step 8 - Using the fold from step 5, fold it inwards again so the points meet to form a flap in all four corners.
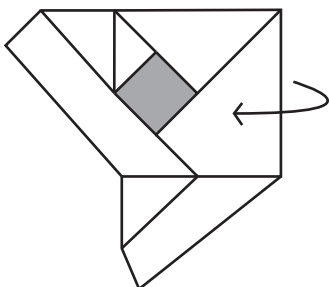
It should look like this once you have folded all four flaps. The next steps will teach you how to close the box, so if you would like to place a small gift inside, do so now.
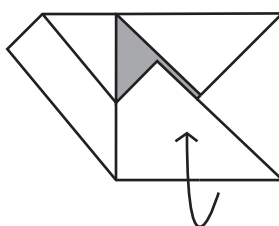
Step 9 - Fold the top flap inwards and crease along the edge if necessary.

Step 10 - Fold the right flap inwards so it lays over the top of the first flap.

Step 11 - Fold the bottom flap inwards so it lays on top of both flaps.

Step 12 - Tuck the left flap underneath the first top flap so it is secure.