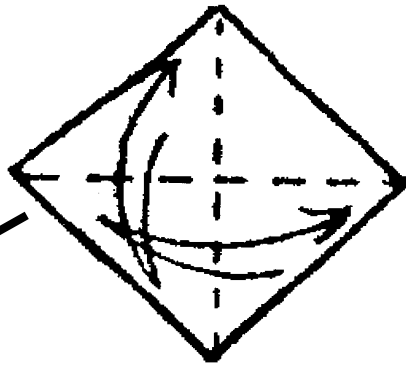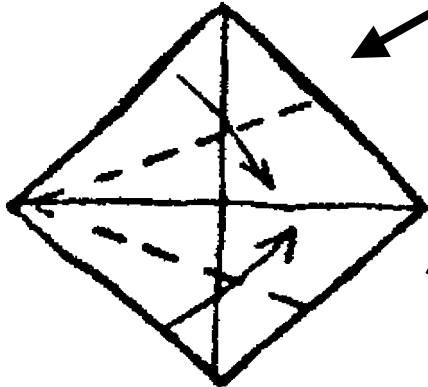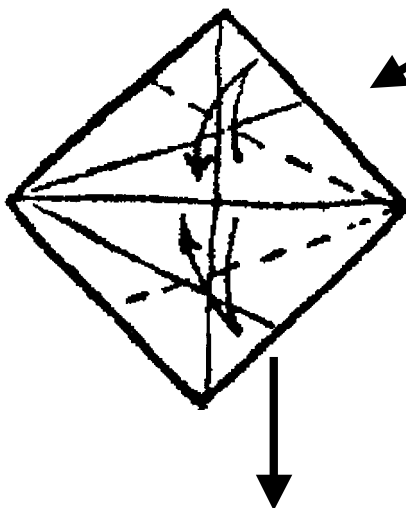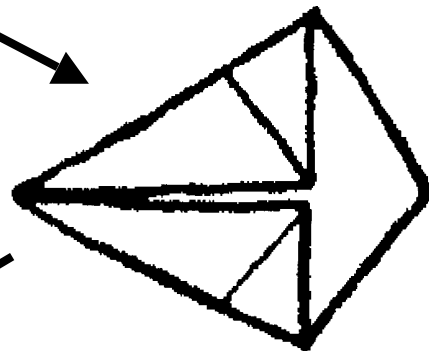# Origami Whale

1. Use a paper square which is colored on one side. Begin by folding the paper in half diagonally. Unfold. Fold in half diagonally the other direction. Unfold.
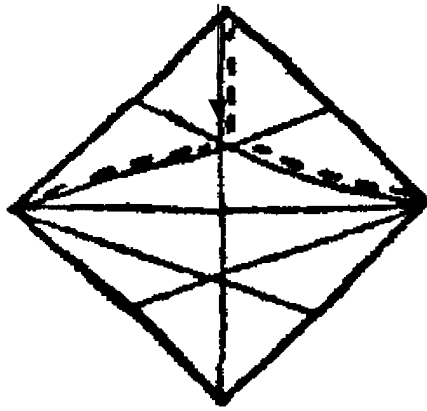
2. Bring the two adjacent edges together so that they meet the center diagonal fold line.

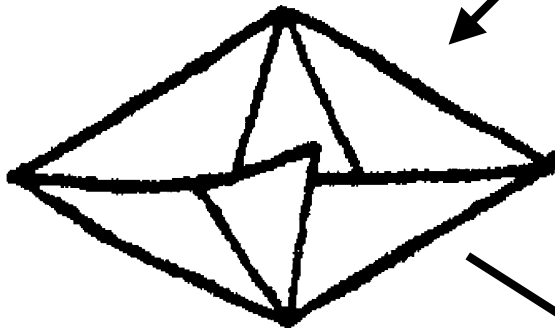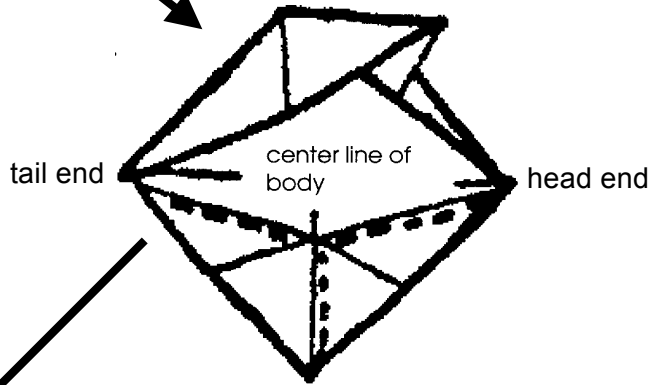3. Your paper should now look like a kite or an ice cream cone. Unfold.

4. As you did in step 2, bring two adjacent edges together so that they meet on the center fold line. This time, use the other two adjacent edges.
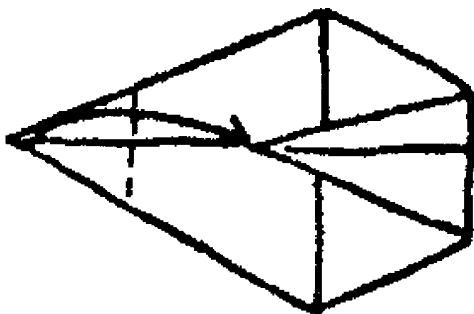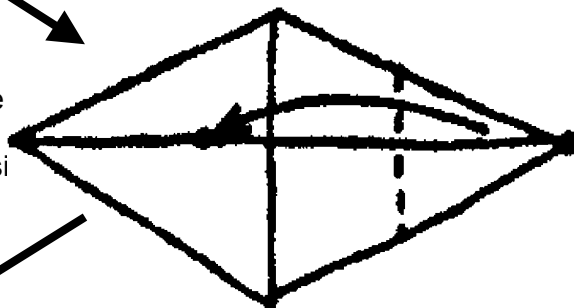
5. At the same time, fold both edges on one side of the body toward the center fold - fold on the creases you've already made. A small flap will stand up.

6. Repeat step 5 on the lower half of the "body". Press both flaps toward the "head" of the body.

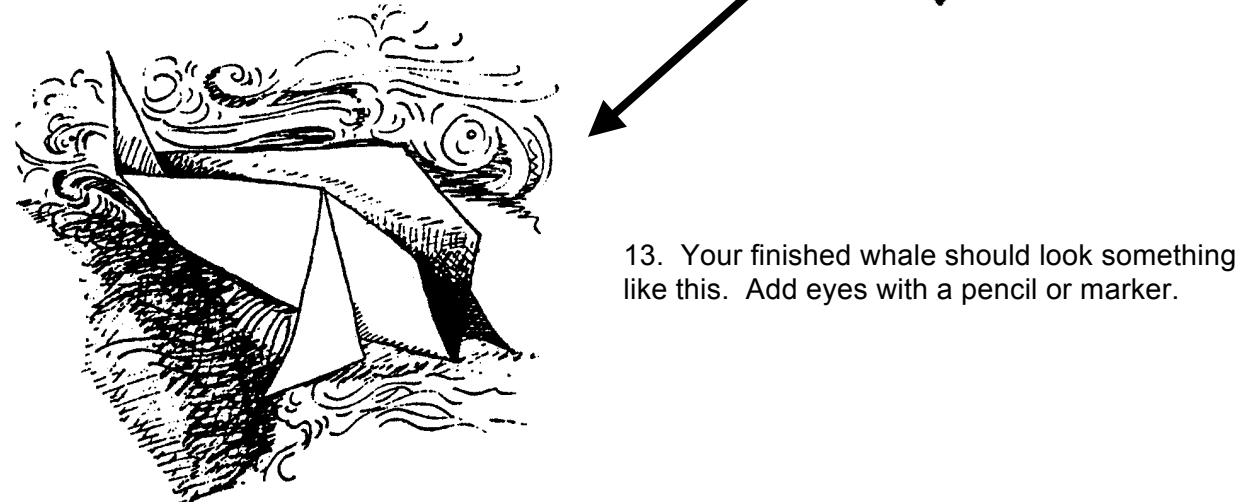tail end

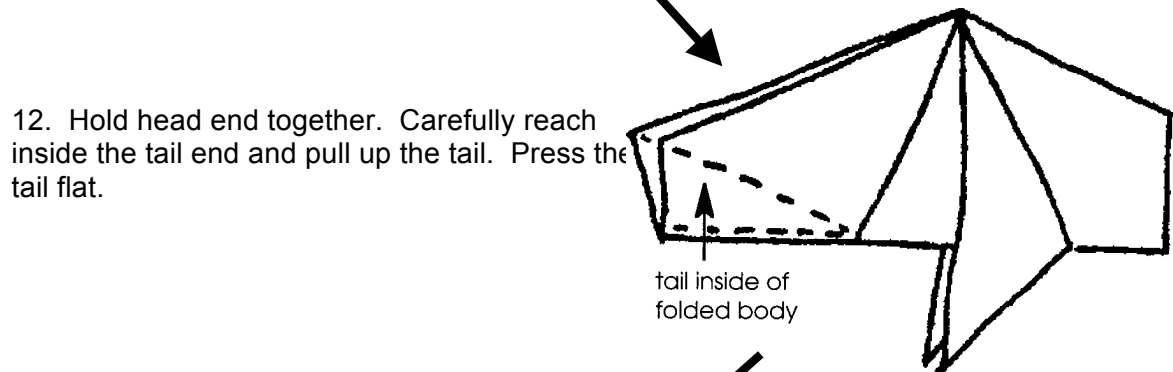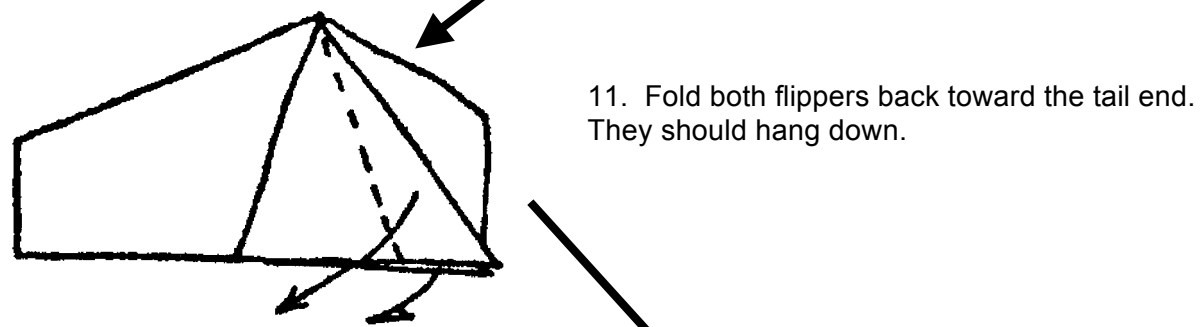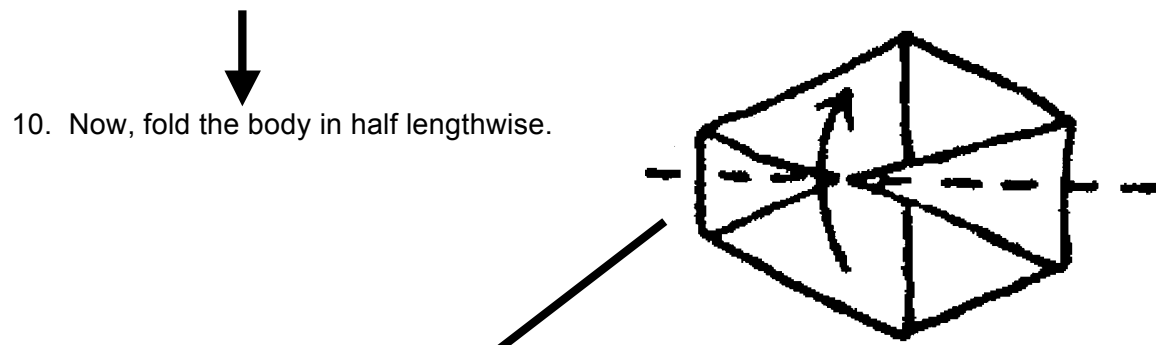center line of body

head end

7. The flaps will become the flippers. Turn your whale over.

8. Along the center line, bend the point at the head end toward the tail end. Make a crease the point where the flippers are on the undersi

9. Fold the point at the tail end to meet at the point from the head end.

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10. Now, fold the body in half lengthwise.

11. Fold both flippers back toward the tail end. They should hang down.

12. Hold head end together. Carefully reach inside the tail end and pull up the tail. Press the tail flat.

tail inside of
folded body

13. Your finished whale should look something like this. Add eyes with a pencil or marker.

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