

# Paper Houses

Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

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Create an entire village or city with these paper houses and decorate them to look futuristic, like another country or perhaps like where you live.

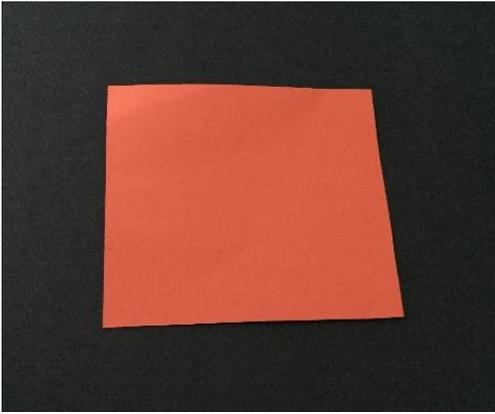
Here's what you'll need:

1. A sheet of paper easy enough to fold (any color)
2. A pair of scissors
3. Some markers or colored pencils
4. Paper glue



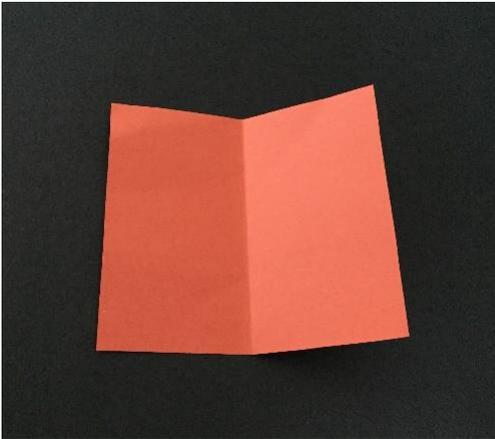
Follow the steps and use the photos to help you understand the directions.

This project has many steps, but they are very simple ones. Take your time and follow each step.



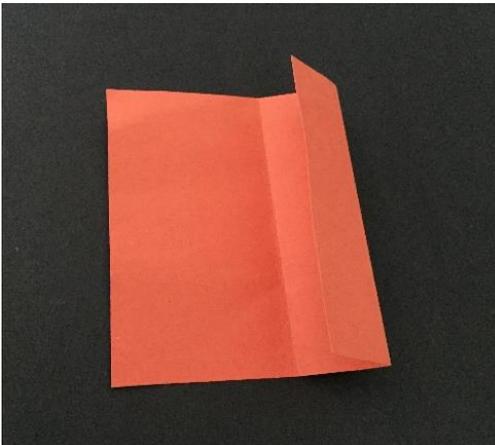
### Step 1

Lay your paper out flat in front of you



### Step 2

Carefully fold the paper in half in any direction. Be sure to line up the corners before you press down to make a crease in the center of the paper.



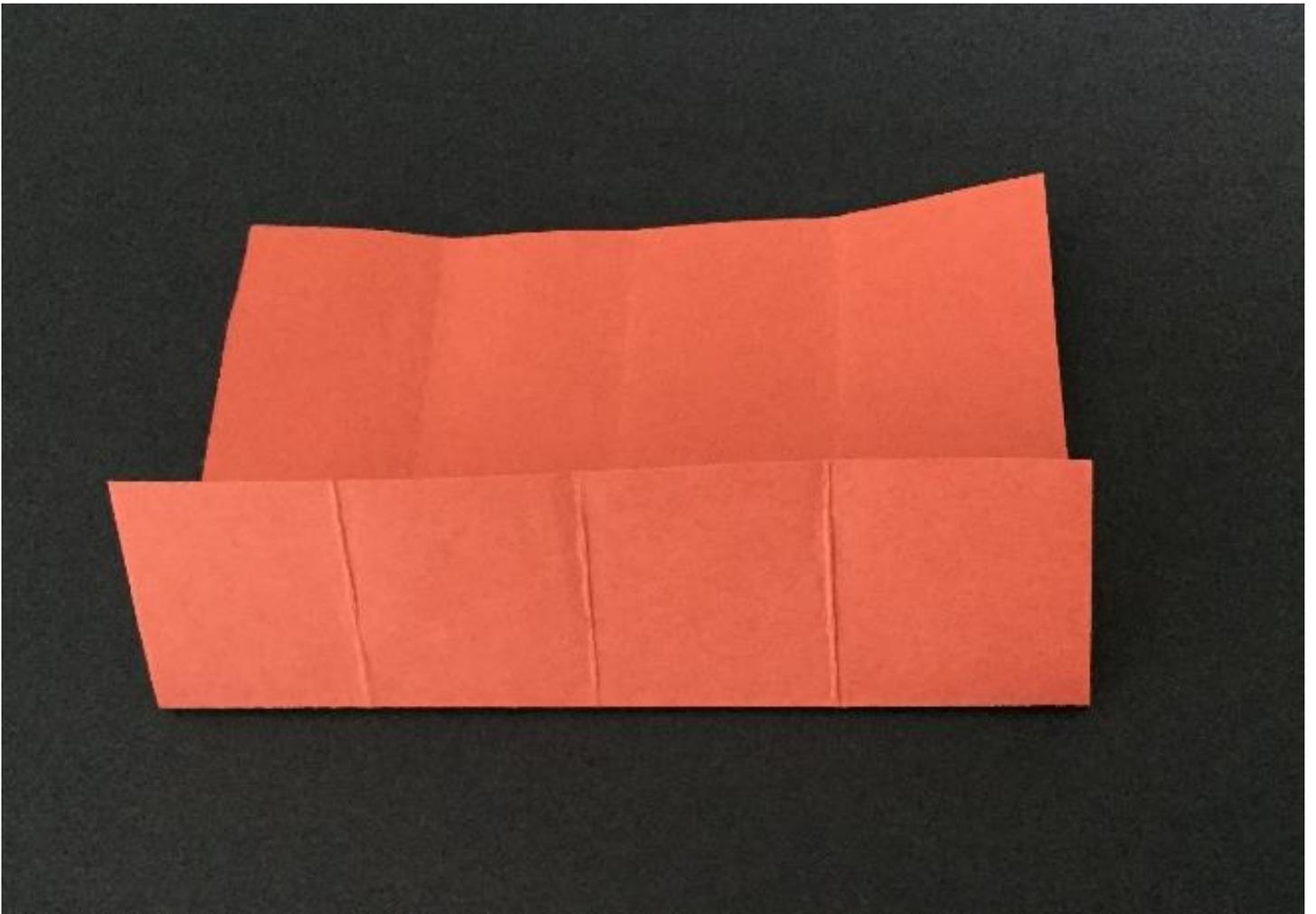
### Step 3

Next, fold one edge toward the center crease and press down to make another crease.



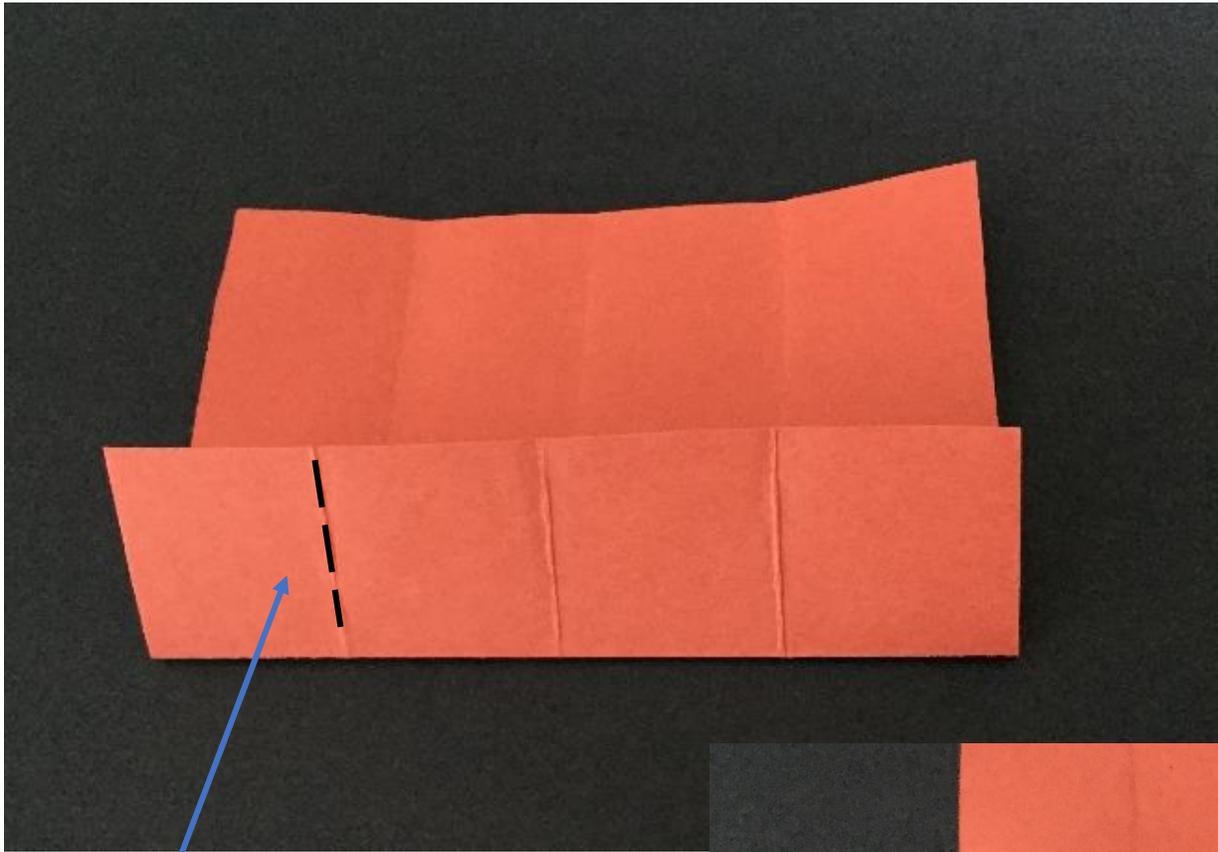
### Step 4

Then, fold the opposite edge toward the center crease line and press down to make another crease.



### Step 5

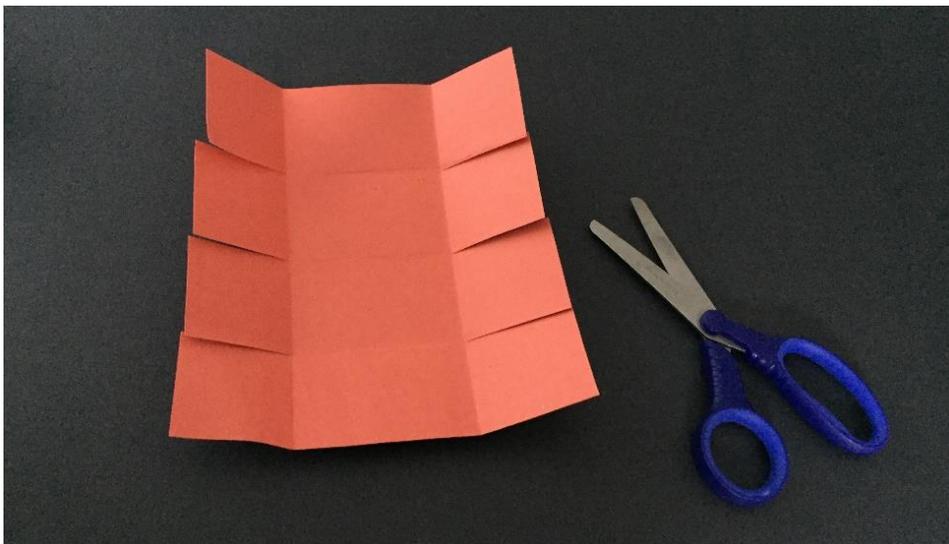
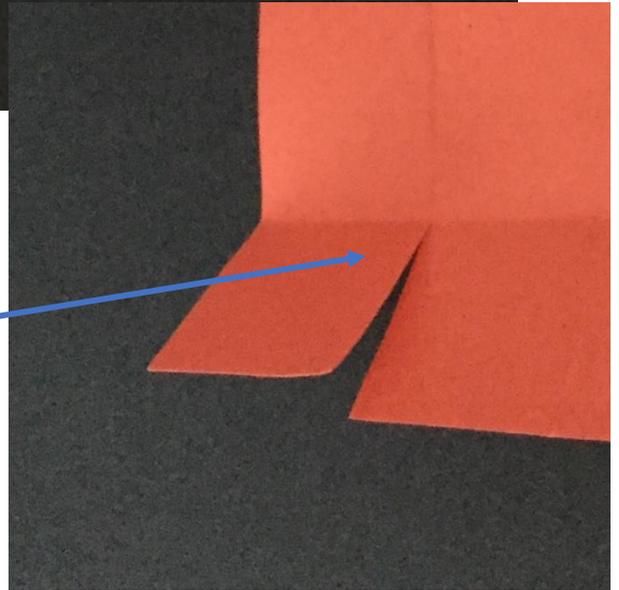
Now fold the bottom edge so that it creases to form 4 squares in a row (see photo above). Then do the same on the opposite side.

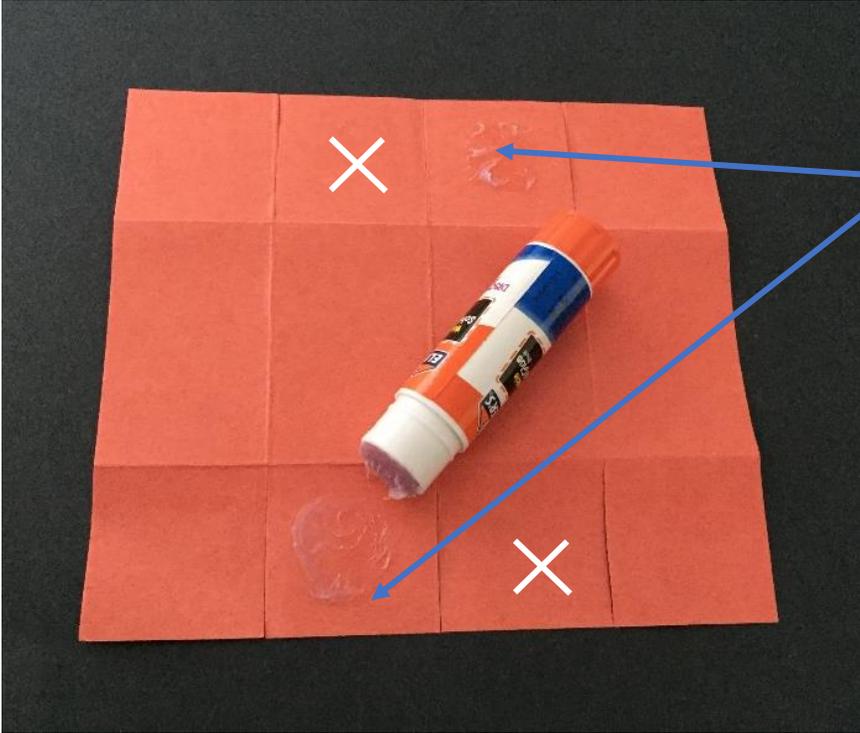


Step 6

Cut along the crease line of the squares but stop at the crease as shown in the photo.

This will need to be done on both sides.



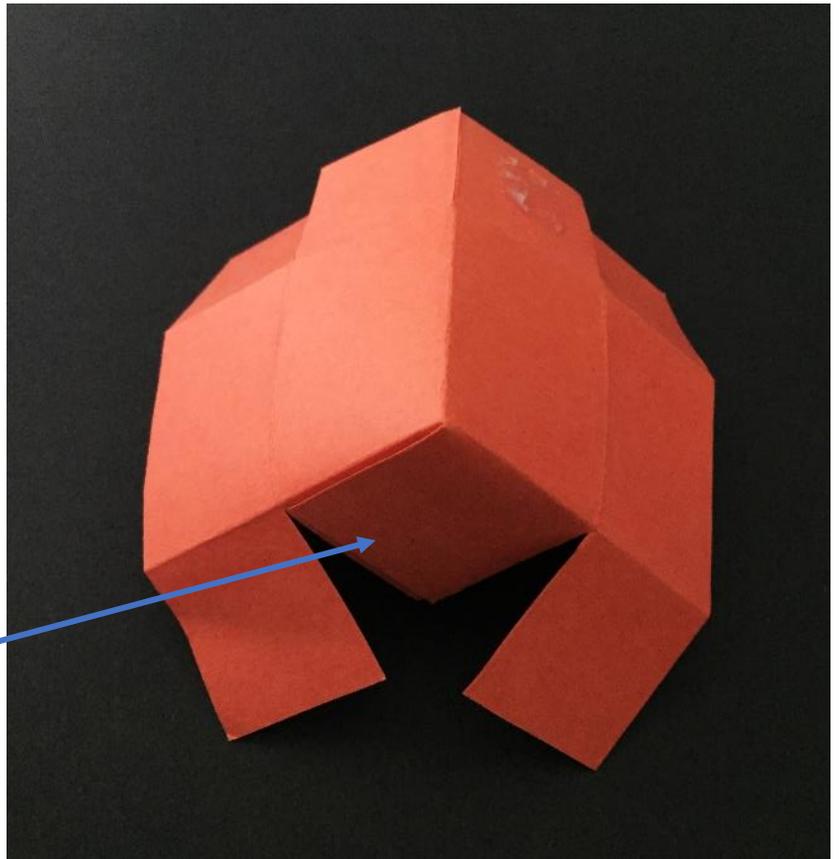


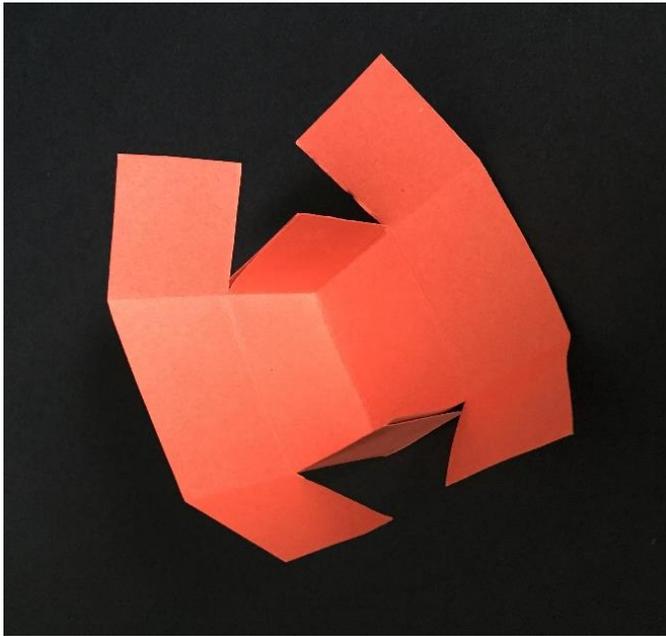
### Step 7

Place paper glue on these two center squares as shown here by the blue arrows.

### Step 8

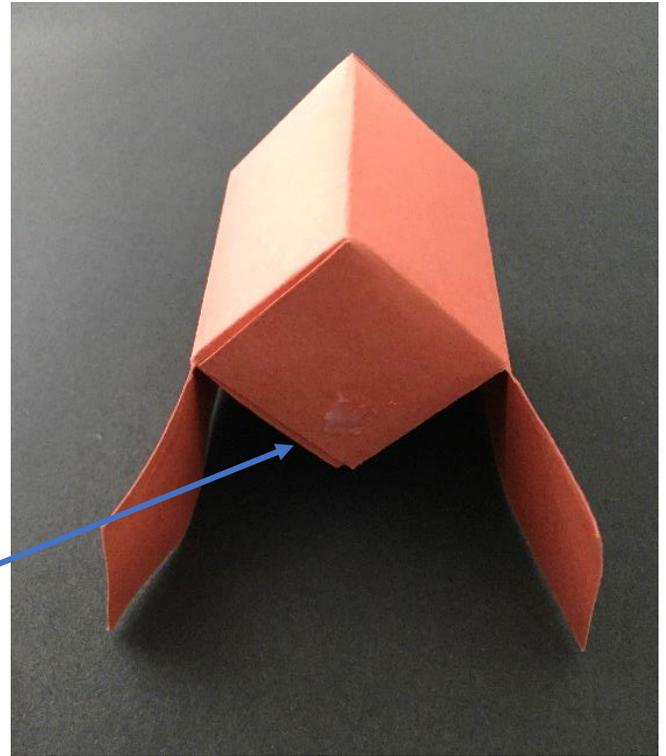
Next, to make the roof of the house, place a square with the white X in the photo above over a square with the glue. These two squares should line up to make a diamond.





### Step 9

Follow step 8's direction on the opposite side.

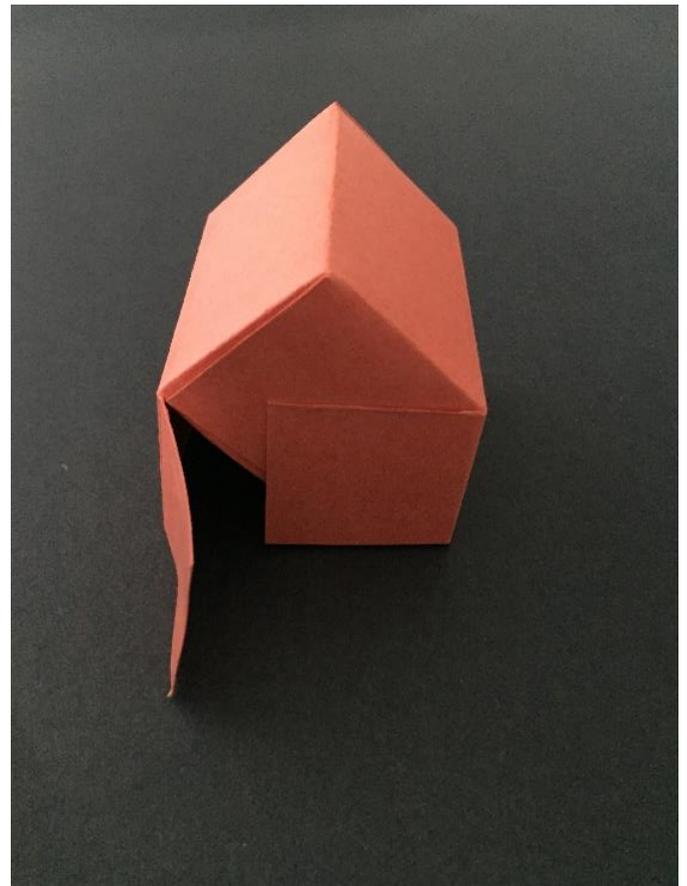


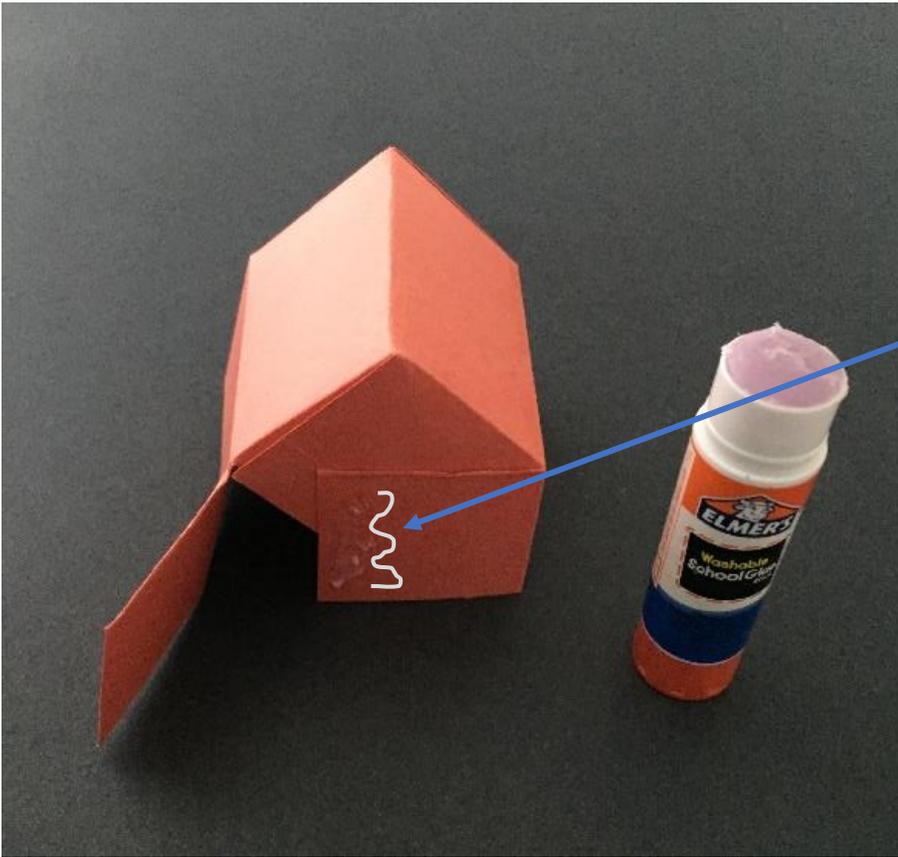
### Step 10

Next, place glue at the edge of the diamond.

### Step 11

Then fold one of the side squares over as shown in the photo. This should create a horizontal base for the house to stand.



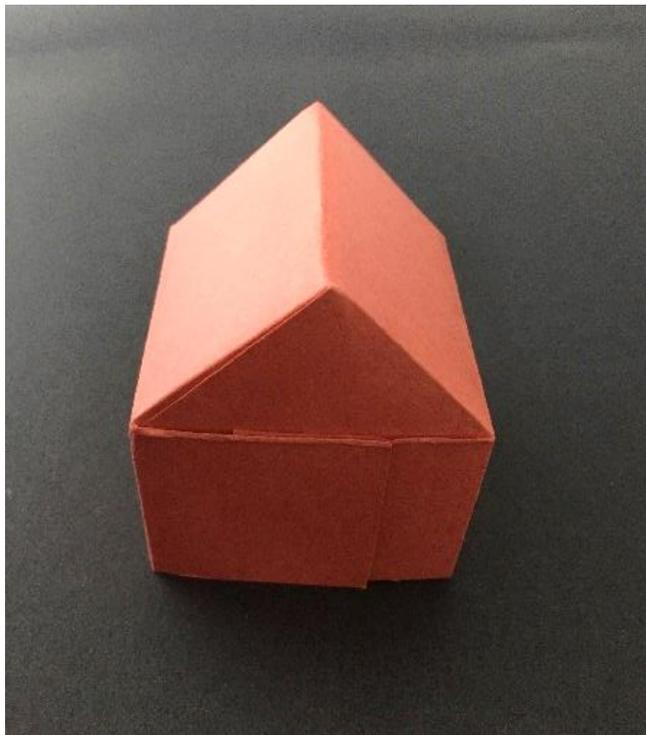


### Step 12

Then apply glue as shown in the photo.

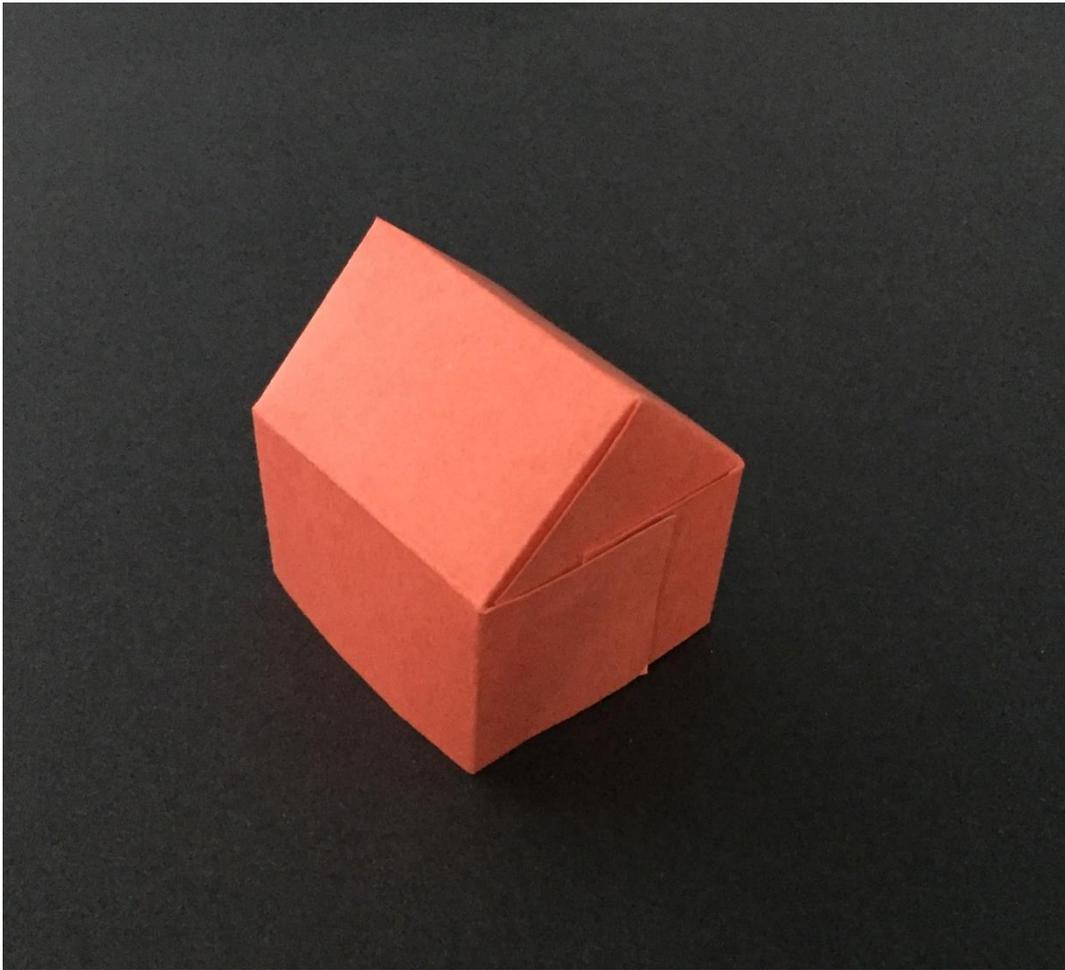
### Step 13

Fold the square over to create a side of the house.



### Step 14

Repeat steps 10 through 13 on the opposite side.



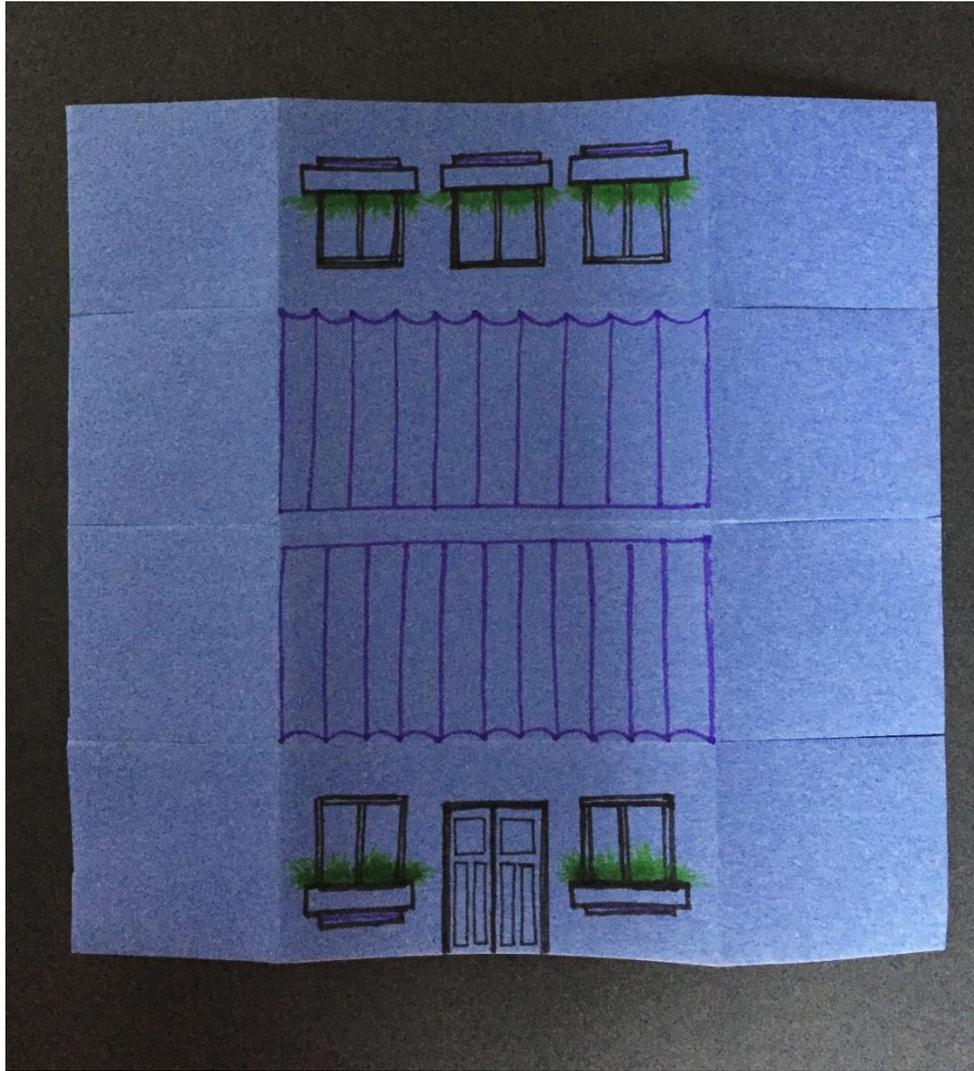
### Step 15

Finally, decorate your house by adding roof tiles, windows and doors.

Try using different sizes and shapes of paper to make other buildings.

You can also try decorating the paper before folding and gluing (see next page).





If you wish to try decorating the paper before folding and gluing, look closely at this photo. The squares on the left and right form the sides of the house. The two large center rectangles make the roof, and the other two large rectangles make the front and back of the house. Notice that the roof design and windows are drawn upside down on one side. That is because the paper folds in half to make the house.



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