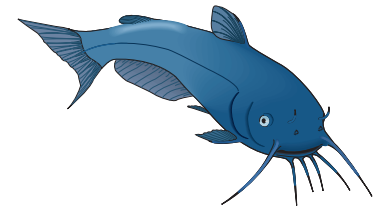


# FOLD-A-FISH



## Outcome:

K-3-05: Compare characteristics of different kinds of paper that make them easy or difficult to cut, tear or fold.

## Materials:

- various types of paper that are cut into squares of at least 20cm x 20cm (e.g. newspaper, tissue paper, manila tag, crepe paper, construction paper, etc.)
- pencils, crayons, markers

## Teacher's Instructions:

- 1) Inform students that they will be doing an Origami activity called 'Fold-A-Fish'. In this activity they will colour and fold paper.
- 2) Ask students to determine the best type of paper for this activity. Students may 'test' each type of paper to determine if it can be folded easily and if they would be able to colour it effortlessly.
- 3) Ask students to each select a piece of the best paper and to use a blue crayon to colour one side of it.
- 4) Ask students to place the paper on their desk with the blue side facing up. Follow the directions on this page and use the diagrams on page 2 to guide students through the 'Fold-A-Fish' activity.
- 5) Display the folded fish in the classroom.  
Option: create a 'Fold-A-Fish' mural.

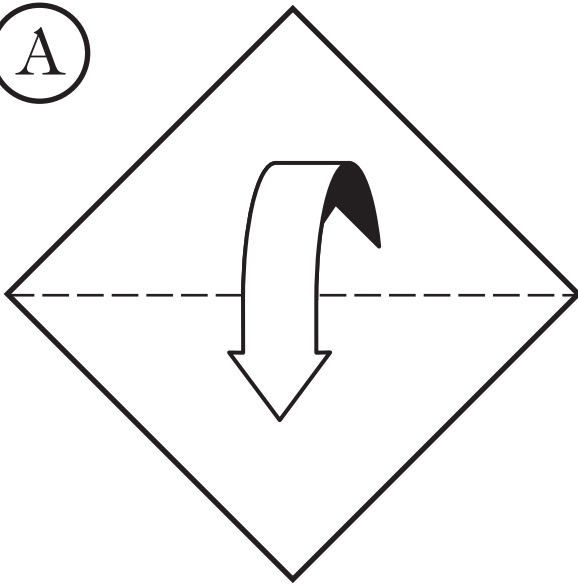
## Directions:

- A** Fold the square along one diagonal to make a crease.
- B** Fold one corner of the creased diagonal to make a crease.
- C** Leave that corner folded over and flip the paper over.
- D** Fold the corners that are not on the creased diagonal to the centre.
- E** Leave those corners folded over. Can you see the fish?
- F** Use your pencil, crayons and markers to decorate the fish!

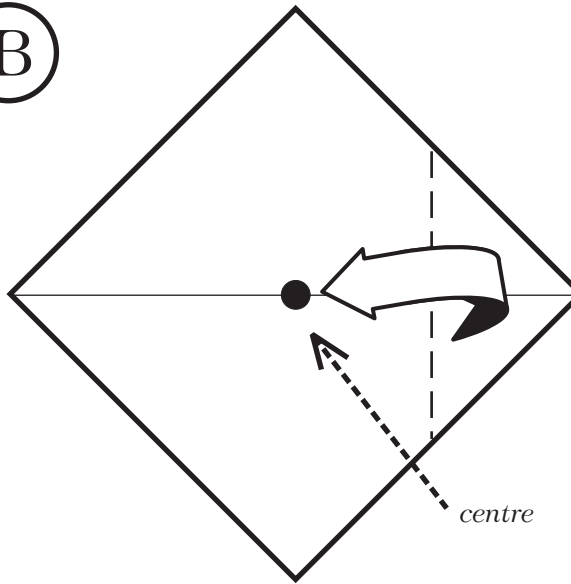
## Other Options:

- Students can turn their folded fish into fish magnets to take home or fish mobiles to display in the classroom.
- Students may draw their own faces on their fish. You can ask them to demonstrate how they are feeling today by drawing it on the paper fish. Ask them to explain why they are feeling this way (happy, sad, angry, excited, etc.)

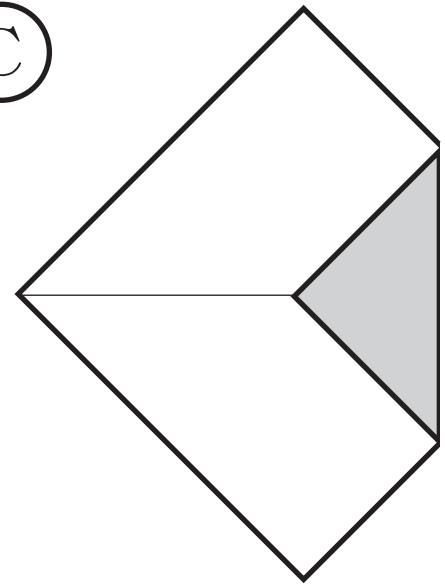
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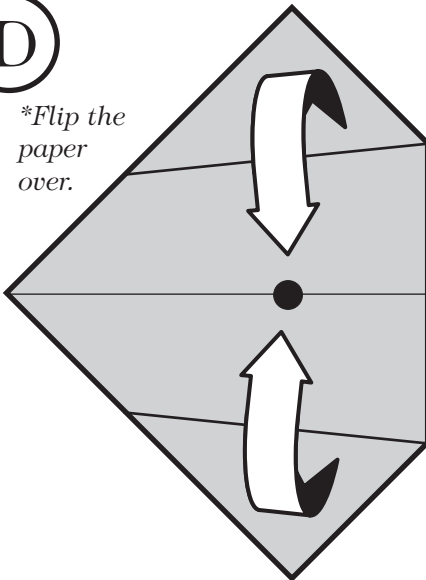
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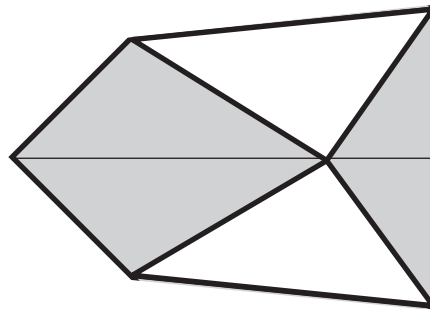


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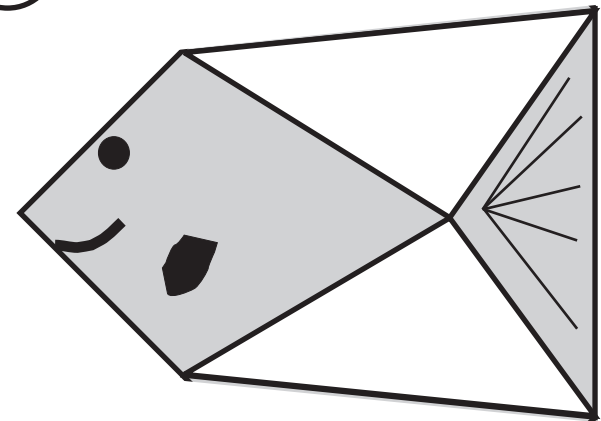


*\*Flip the paper over.*

E



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