

Camellia origami instructions

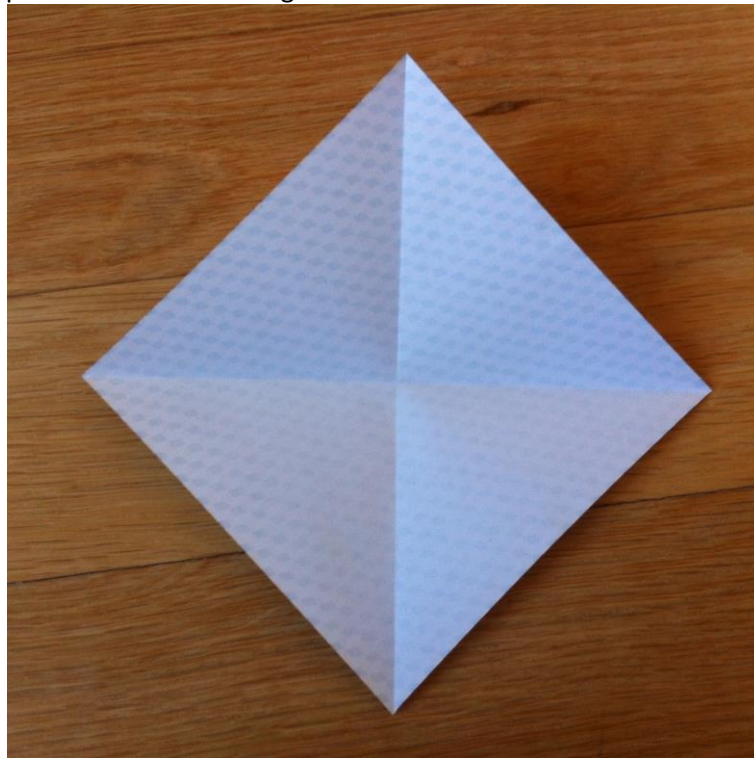
What you will need

One square sheet

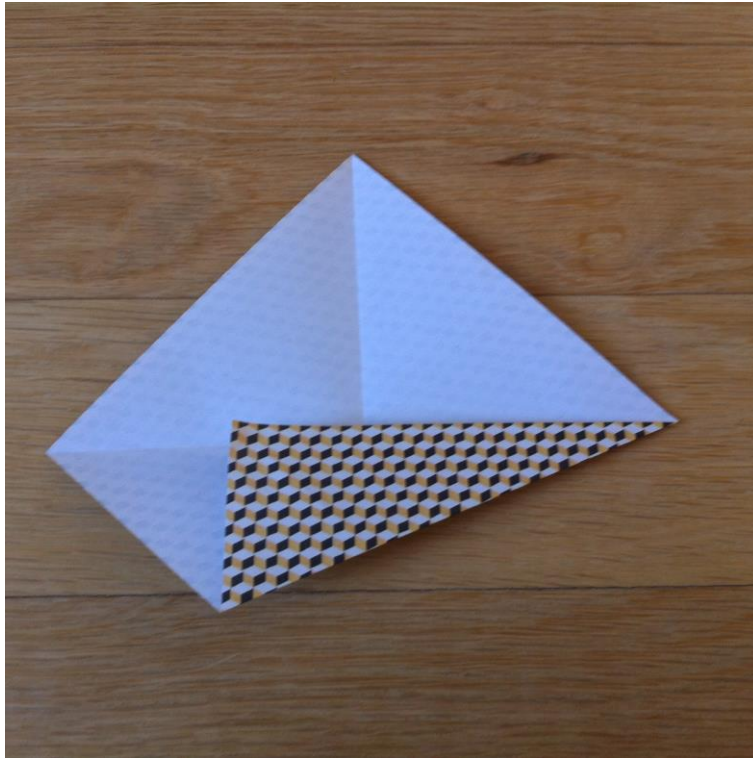
These instructions use a 15 cm x 15 cm sheet, which gives a 8 cm wide camellia.

How to fold

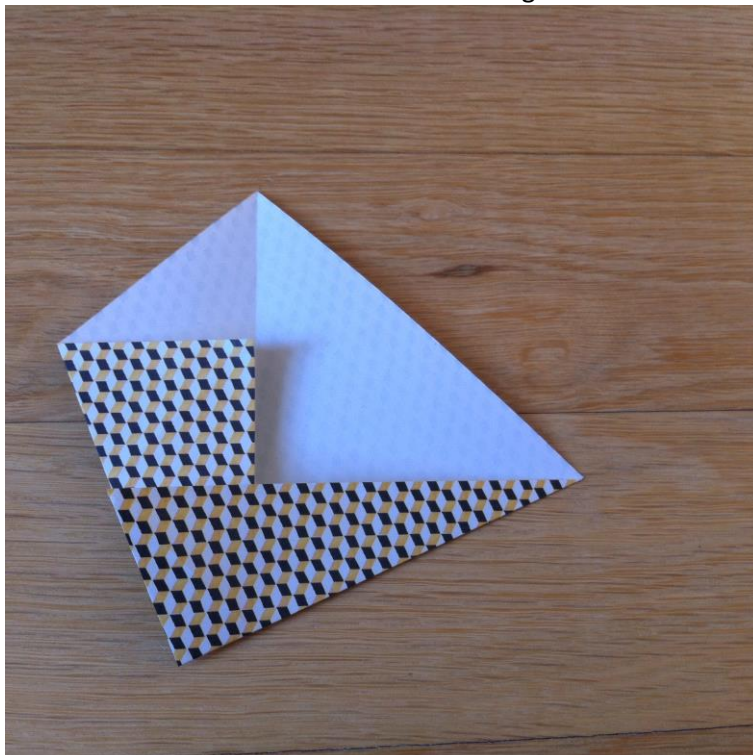
1. Start with a square origami paper, colour side down. Fold along the diagonal axis, crease and unfold. Repeat with the other diagonal axis as shown.



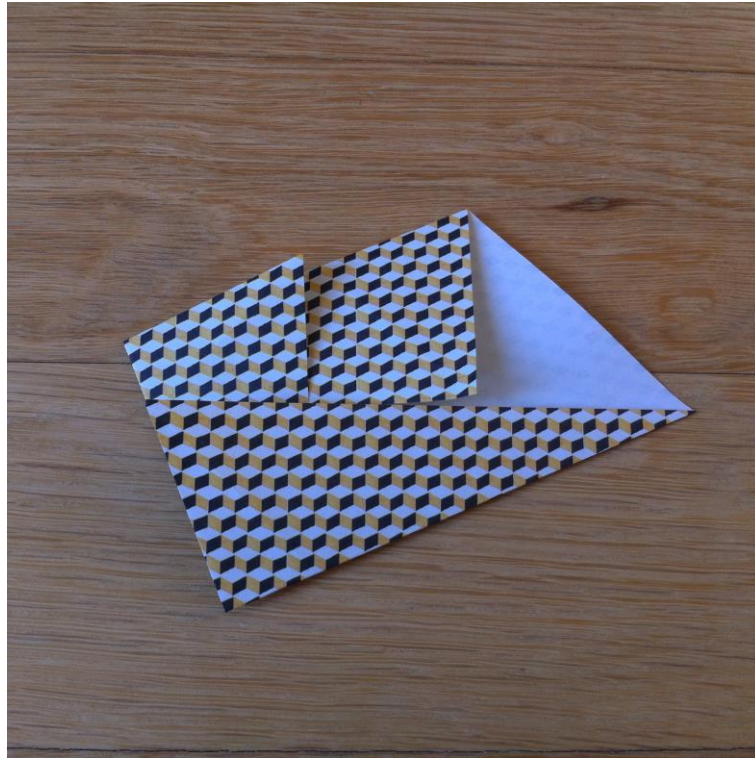
2. Fold one side to meet the diagonal crease as shown.



3. Rotate 90° clockwise. Fold the next side to meet the diagonal crease as shown.



4. Rotate 90° clockwise. Fold the next side to meet the diagonal crease as shown.

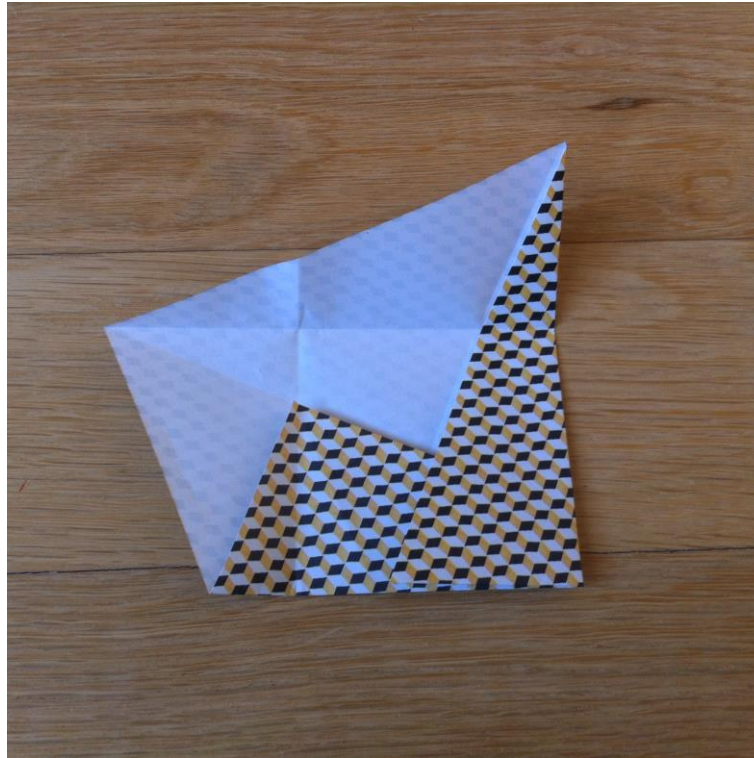


5. Rotate 90° clockwise. Fold the final side to meet the diagonal crease as shown.

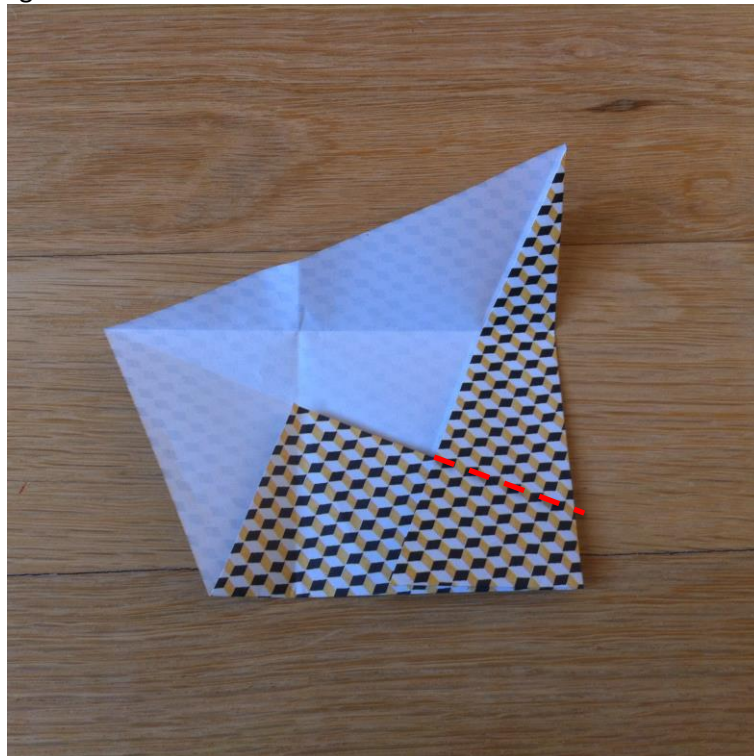


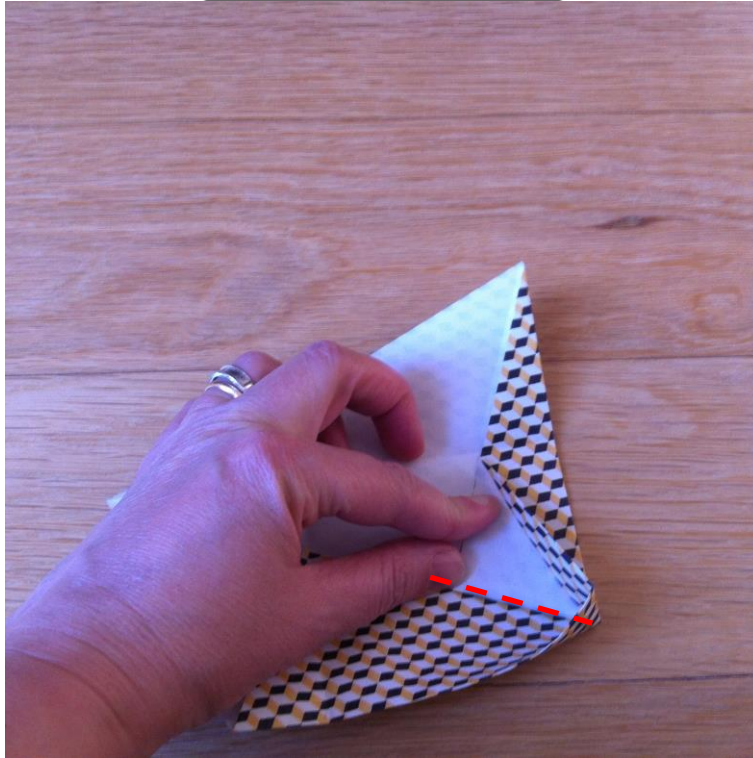
Note: you can make each of the above folds and unfold each time. By keeping them folded, you can use the lines to guide your next folds, until you end up with this square.

6. Unfold the last 2 folds.



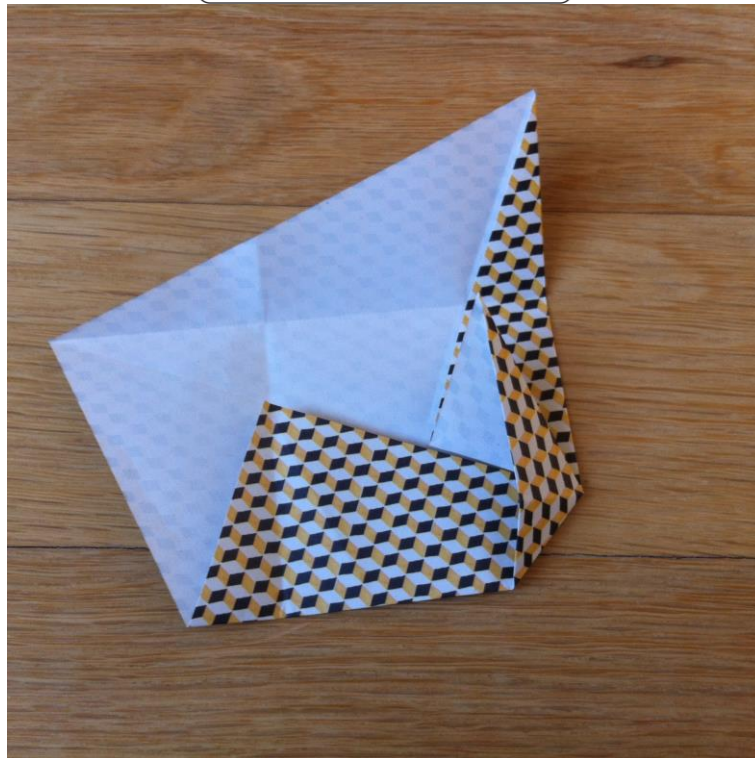
7. Now you need to make a squash fold, which at first glance may seem very difficult but it is not. If you try a couple of times, it will become natural. You will need to pry the paper open and crease along the red line.



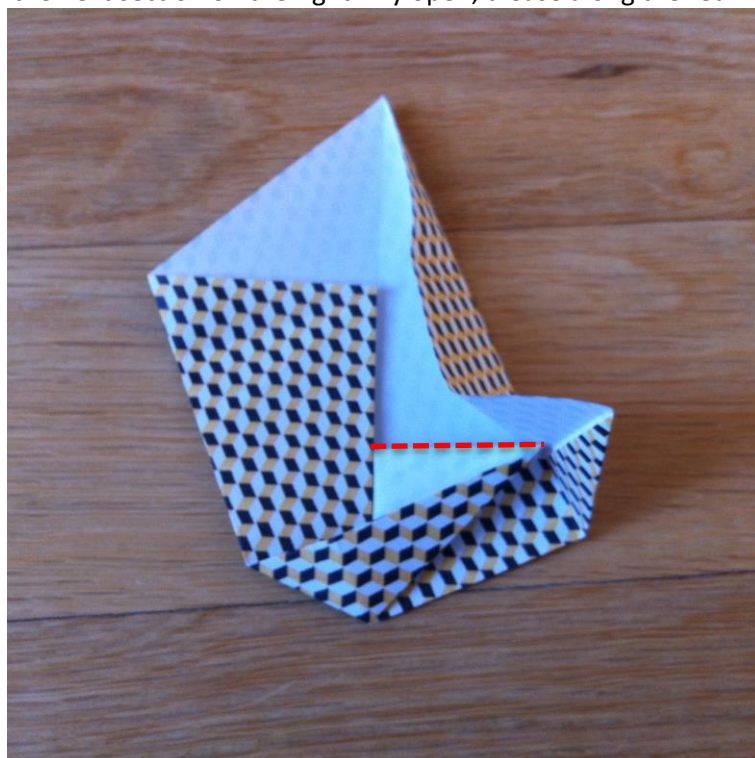


Then squash it.

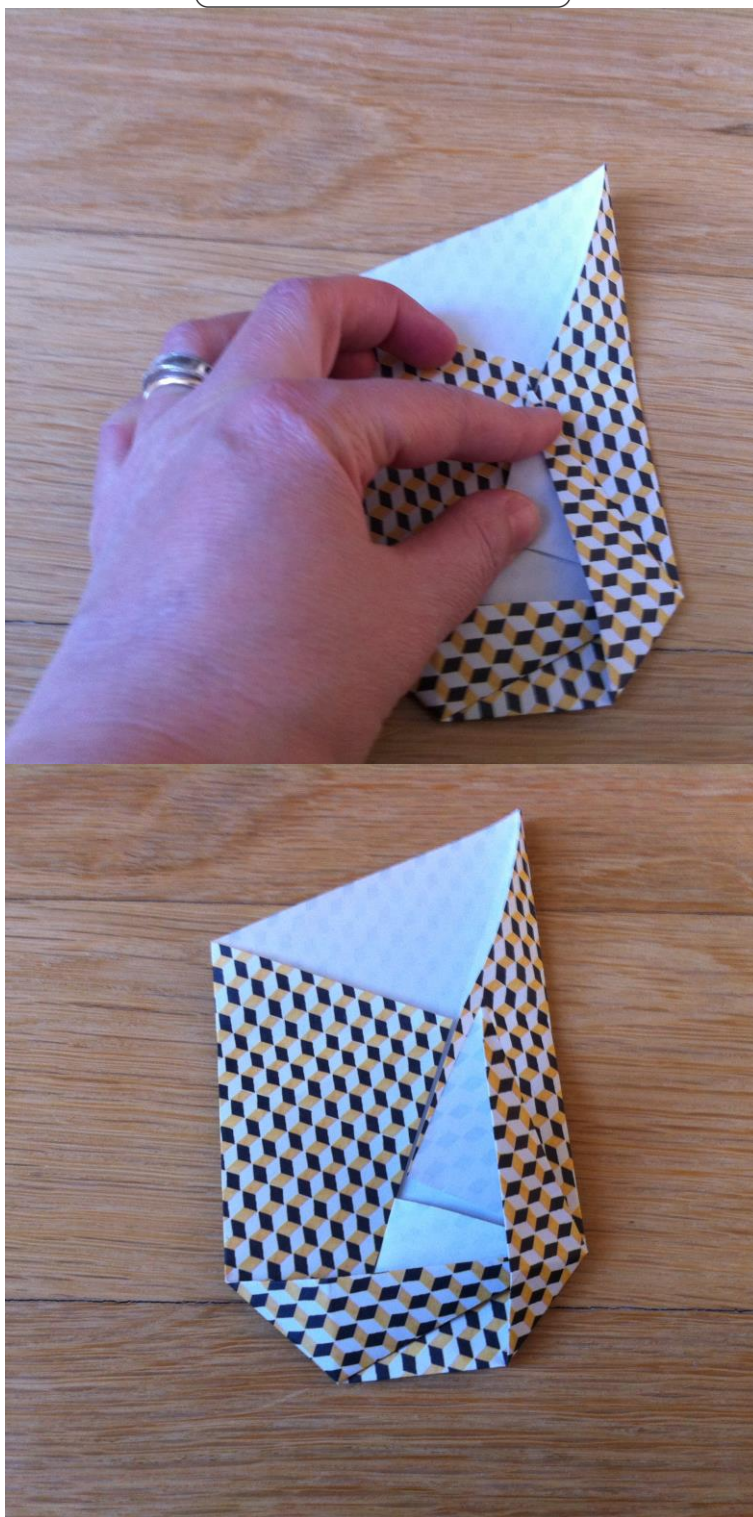




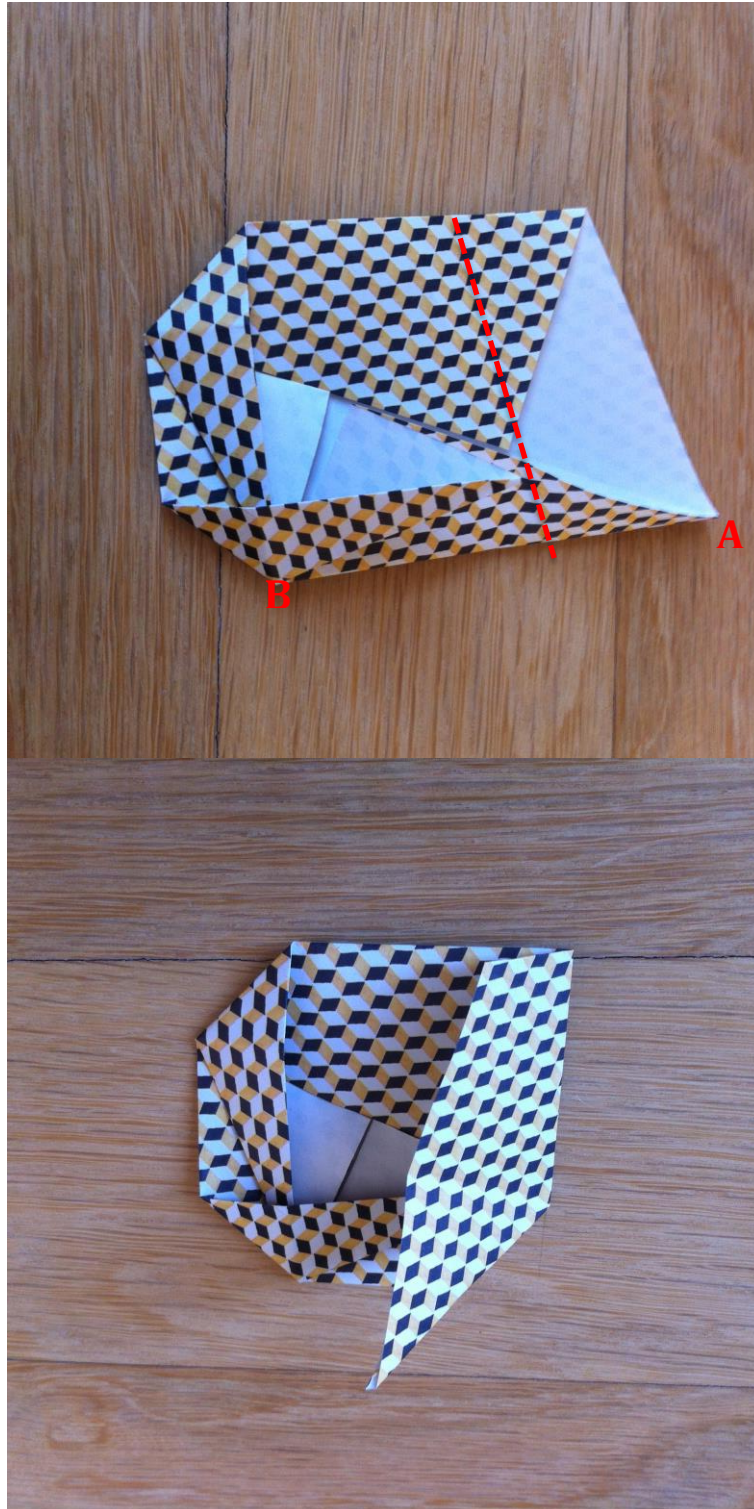
8. Rotate 90° clockwise, fold towards the diagonal using previously made crease. Do the squash fold on the next section on the right. Pry open, crease along the red line...



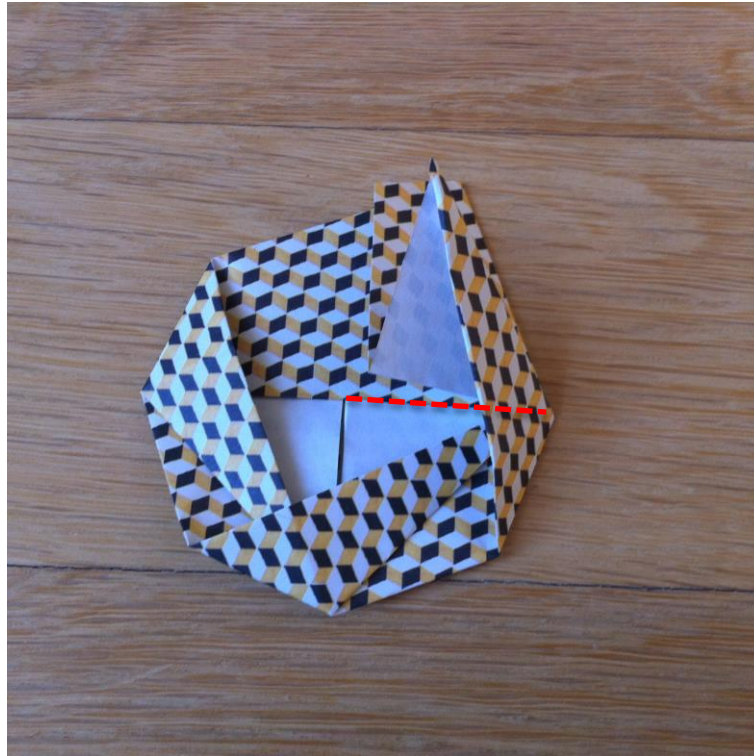
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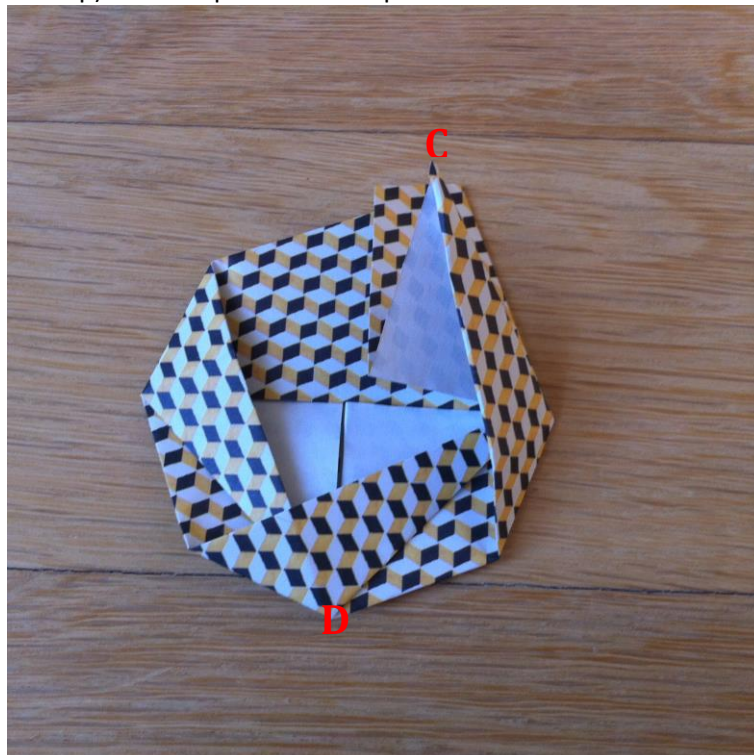
9. Fold along the red line (along a previously made crease), with point A meeting point B.



10. Pry open, fold along red line and squash.



11. You now have 3 of the 4 squash folds done. Almost there! Bring this last flap moving point C (tip of the flap) towards point D in the picture below.

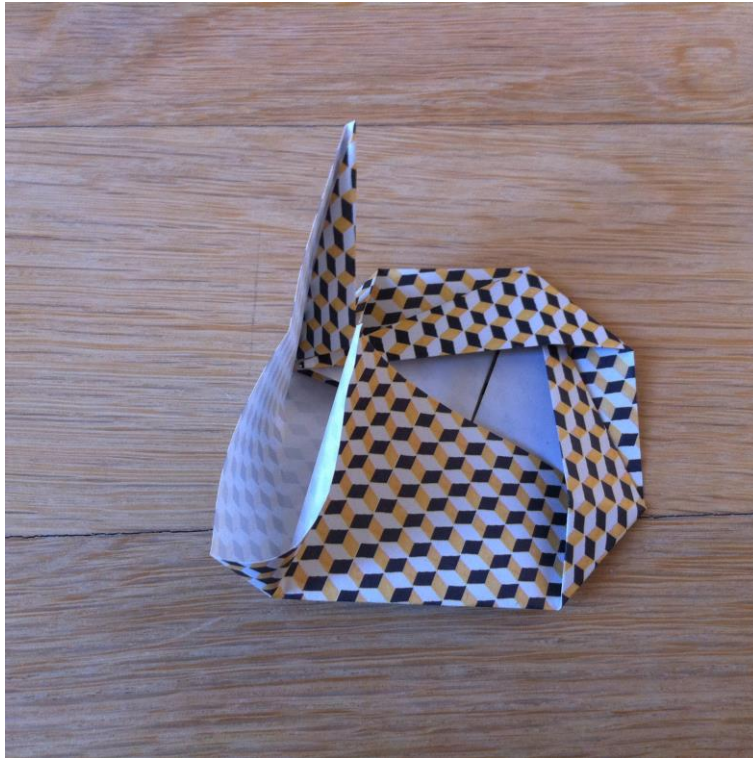




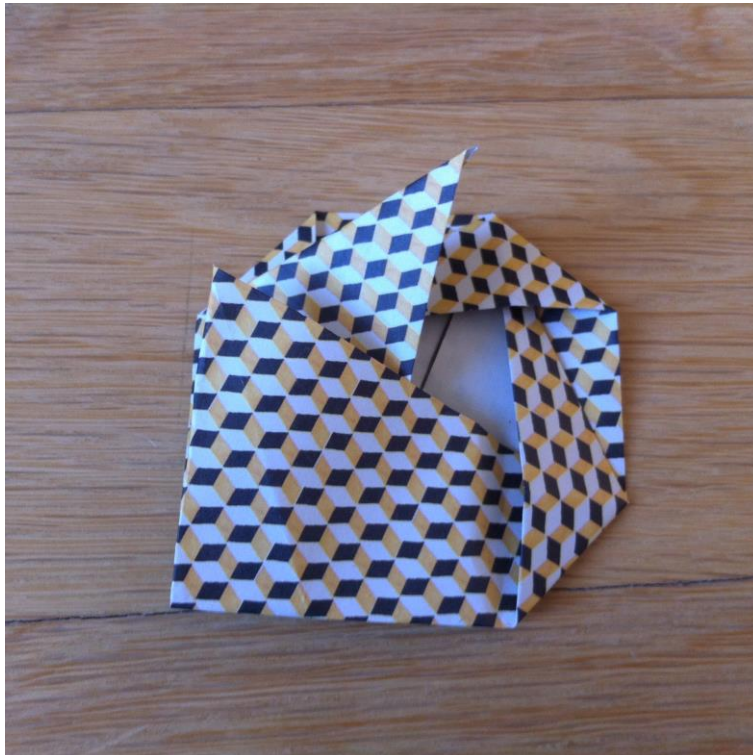
12. Reorienting (rotating) the origami.



13. Open the left top flap and pull the bottom paper up.

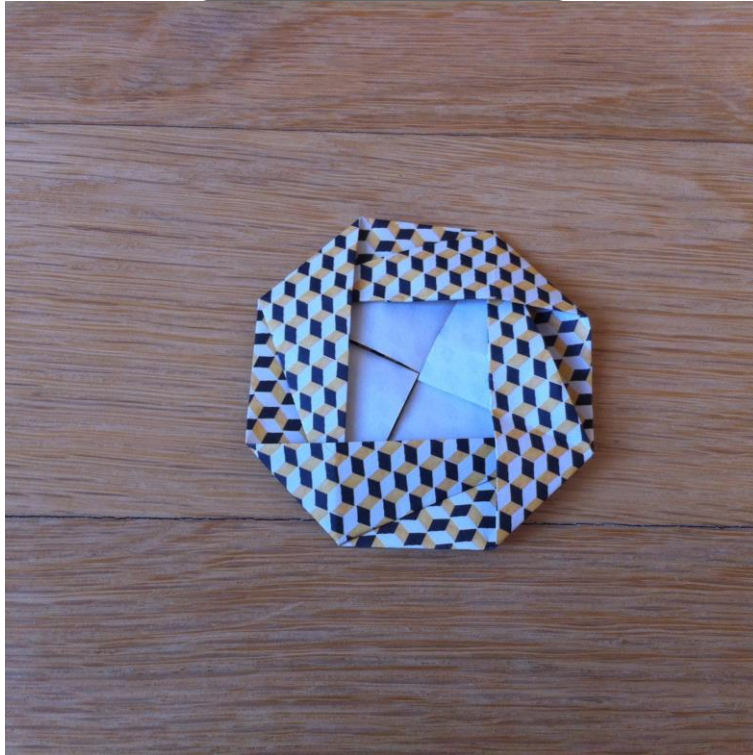


14. The bottom flap becomes the top flap, by twisting the paper and guiding it along the left edge.

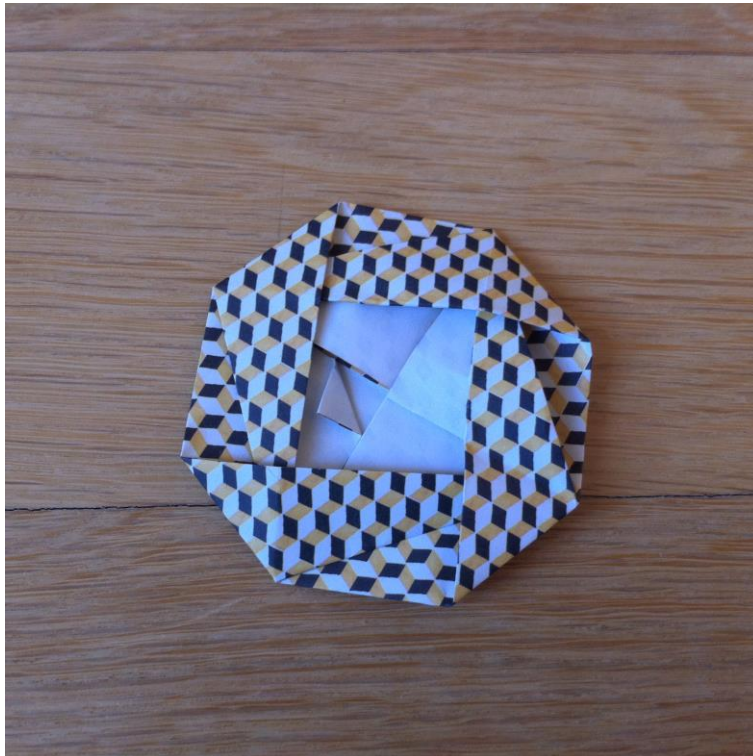


15. Now pry open this top flap and crease along the red line.

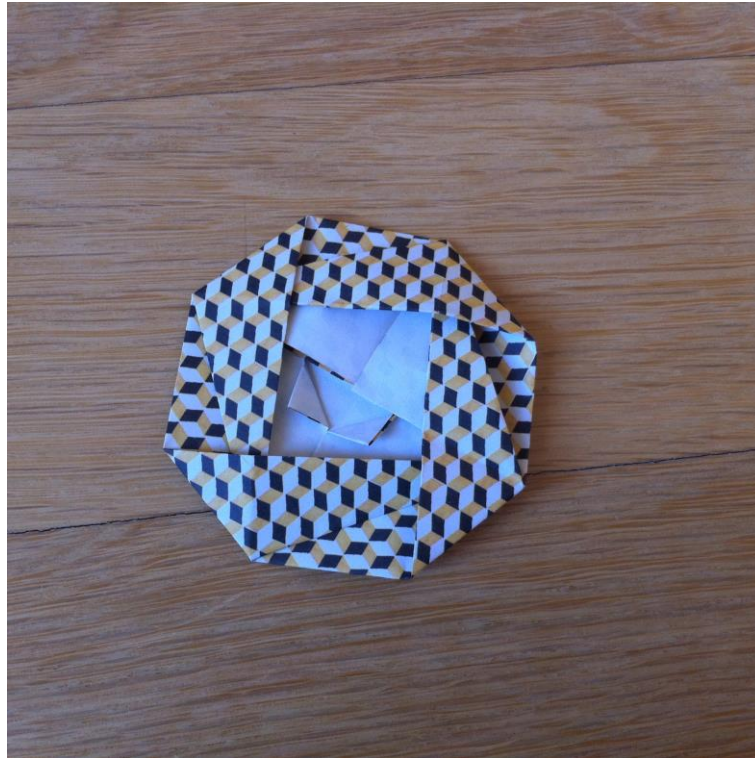




16. Really the last details. Turn each of the inside corners, as shown. First one.



Second one.



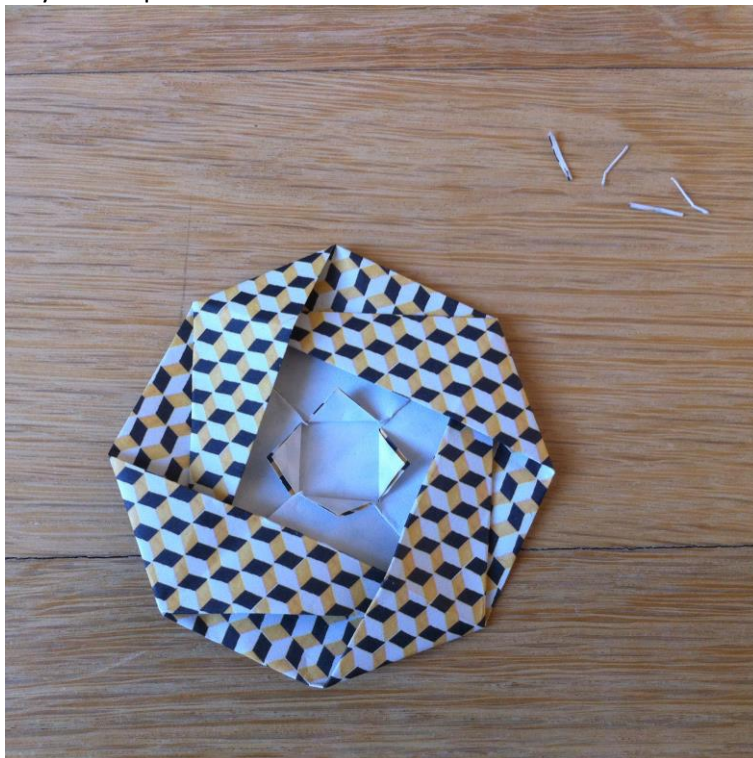
Third one.



And fourth one. You can stop here. This is the traditional camellia origami. To make it more special, you can cut those little corners and open them to show more colourful petals. We find the easier way is to cut a tiny bit at the side of each corner, like this:



All 4 corners ready to be open.



Et voilà!

