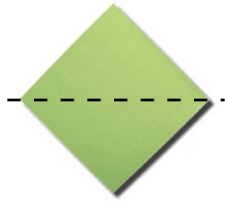


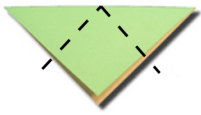
# Fold an Origami Cicada!

This surprisingly accurate cicada is a centuries-old origami figure. In many Asian cultures, cicadas are symbols of renewal and good fortune.

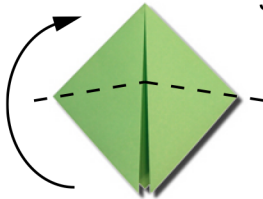


1. Start with a square piece of paper. Wrapping paper is colorful and folds well.

Fold the paper in half along the dashed line. Smooth the fold with the back of your fingernail to make a tidy crease.

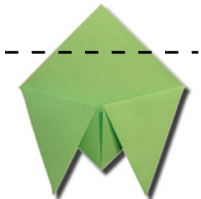


2. Fold down along the dashed lines so that the outer points of the triangle touch the bottom point.



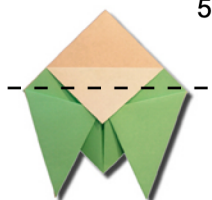
3. Fold the points upward along the dashed lines, flaring them out slightly. These are the cicada's wings.

Turn the form around.



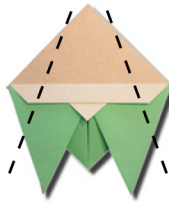
4. The point at the top has two layers. Fold the point of just the top layer down along the dashed line.

This forms the cicada's *scutellum*, a triangular structure between the wings.



5. Fold the top layer down again along the dashed line.

This forms the *pronotum*, which covers the cicada's back like a shield.



6. Fold the outer corners back along the dashed lines. You will need to turn the model over to make sure the folds are straight.

This forms the *tymbals*, which are the sound-producing structures that enable male cicadas to sing.



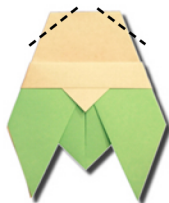
7. Fold the top point down along the dashed line.

This forms the cicada's snout, or *cibarium*. The cibarium contains muscles that allow the cicada to drink fluids.



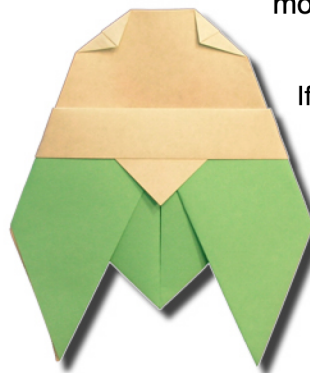
8. The underside of your cicada should now look like this.

Turn the model over.



9. Fold the outer corners of the head down along the dashed lines, forming the cicada's eyes.

10. Admire your finished cicada model!



If you want to make your cicada look more like a periodical cicada, you can color the eyes red. Try drawing in the wing veins or folding the model from different colors of paper.