

Origami Dragon Eye

Introduction: As the saying goes, the eyes are known as the windows to the soul. They can express numerous different emotions and serve as an immediate form of communication. People around us can interpret how we are feeling based on multiple factors, one of them mainly being the expression within our eyes. Color too can express emotion i.e., red for love or anger, green for jealousy, yellow for happy, and so on. As you listen to the music from *How To Train Your Dragon*, think about the emotions expressed in the music and how you would express those feeling through design and color when you create your dragon's eye!

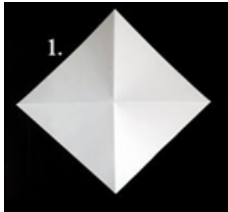
Music and Project Video can be found here: <https://youtu.be/YLnRIdSLIT0>

Materials:

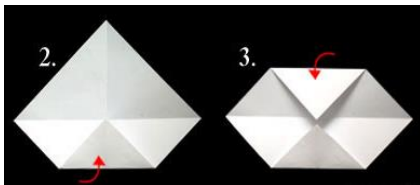
- One sheet white paper
- Color Pencils, markers, or oil pastels
- Paperclips or clear tape optional

Directions:

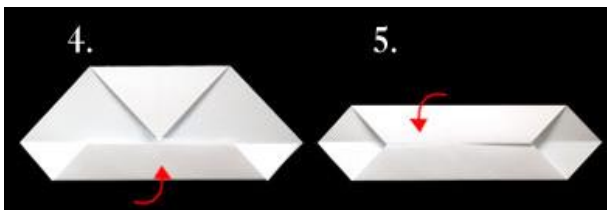
1. 1. Using the 8"X8" sheet of white paper, fold the paper from one corner to the other, Open. Rotate paper and fold from one corner to the other. Open exposing a diagonal and horizontal crease running from one corner to the other.



2-3. Fold top and bottom corners down to the center crease. Press folds.

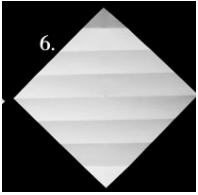


4-5. Fold the top and the bottom again into the center crease. Press folds

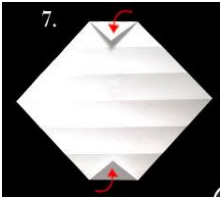


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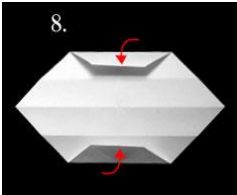
6. Open the 8"X8" sheet and lay flat.



7. Fold the top and bottom corners down to the first crease. Press folds.



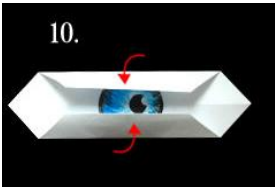
8. Once again fold the top and bottom down to the next crease. Press folds.



9. At this point you will draw the dragon's eye, making sure not to draw on the folded flaps at the top and the bottom. Use markers, colored pencils, or oil pastels to create the Dragon's eye (pupil and iris). Think about how the eye is the gateway to the soul and portrays emotion.



10. Once the eye is colored, fold the top and the bottom into the center crease. Press folds.

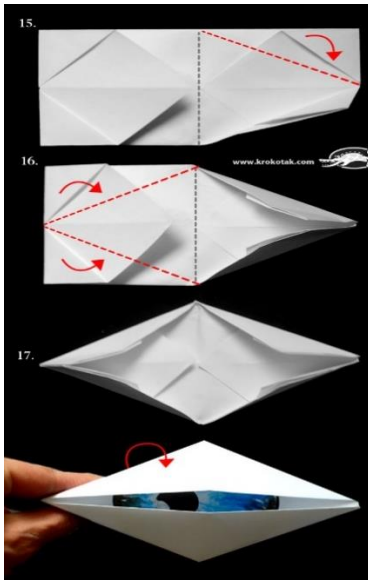


11-12. Turn the paper over to the back without disturbing any folds that have been made. Fold the right corner into the center crease. Press fold.

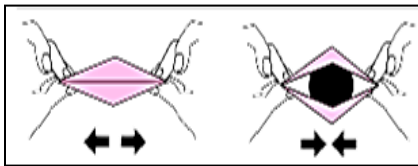


15-17. Fold each one corner along an imaginary line that goes from the right or left center point to the center vertical crease in the middle. Repeat this for all four corners. Press all fold firmly.

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*Flip paper over and gripping the folds off the back side of the dragon eye, gently move them toward the center to open and close the dragon's eye. These tabs on the back can be secured with either a couple paperclips or clear tape.



Project Sample:



Resources:

Find more at home art lessons from the **Interurban Center For The Arts** by following this link
<https://greenrivercollegefoundation.org/ica/art-docents>

Find more fun musical lessons and art from the **Auburn Symphony Orchestra** by following this link
auburnsymphony.org/learnfromhome