

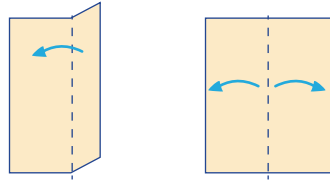
# Paper Boat, Stay Afloat!

Learning a new craft, skill or game is a great way to practice literacy. We practice reading when we follow directions. We practice communicating with others when we try a new activity together. Using the directions below, try to build a paper boat!

## Step 1

Start with a rectangular piece of paper.

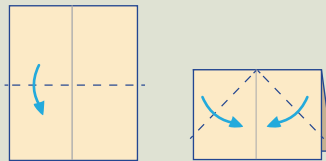
Fold it in half, and then open it.



## Step 2

Fold the paper in half in the opposite direction.

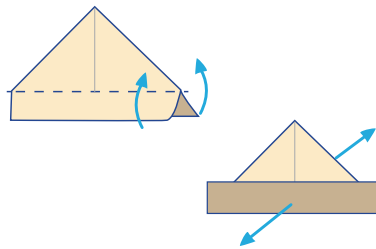
Next, fold the top corners to the centre line.



## Step 3

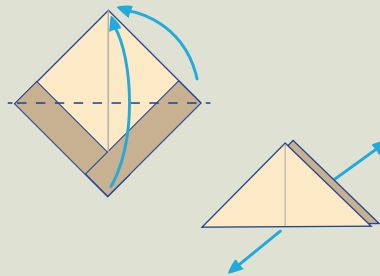
Fold the bottom rectangular flap of paper up. Flip the boat over and do the same on the other side. Now pinch the crease on each side of the boat, and pull.

Flatten the boat into a square.



## Step 4

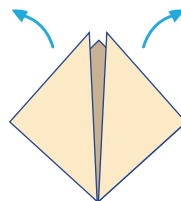
Take the bottom corner of the top layer. Fold it up to the top corner. Now flip the boat over and do the same to the other side. Pinch the crease on each side of the boat, and pull. Flatten the boat into another square.



## Step 5

Gently pull the top corners of your paper model outwards until they're straight across from each other.

Now you have a boat shape!

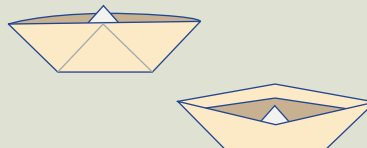


## Step 6

Flatten the boat so all folds are creased.

Open out slightly.

You have an origami boat!



### What You'll Need:

A blank piece of 8.5 x 11" paper for each participant.



### Take it Further:

You can create all sorts of origami shapes. Go online as a family and look up more ideas.