

Let's make a fortune teller

Here's what you'll need:

- A square piece of paper
- Pencil crayons, markers, or pens

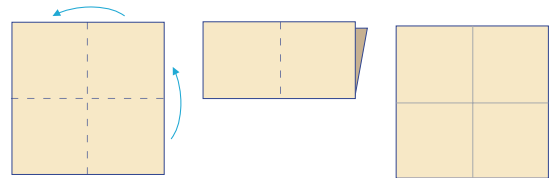
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Make your fortune teller

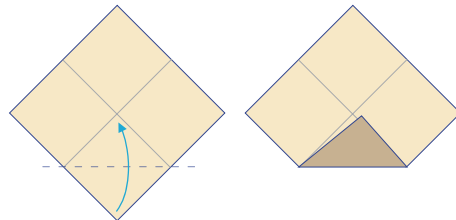
Step 1

Take your square piece of paper and fold it in half. Press your finger along the folded edge to make a nice crease, and then open it up. Now, fold it in half the other way, make a crease, and open it up. You should see fold lines dividing your paper into 4 equal areas, or quarters.



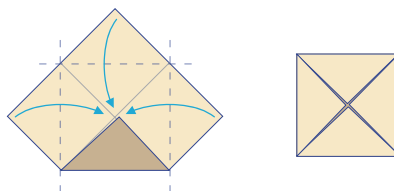
Step 2

Fold one corner of the paper toward the centre so the point just touches the middle, where your two crease lines meet. Give that new fold a good crease.



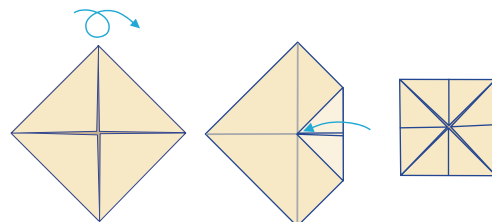
Step 3

Do the same thing with each corner of the paper. Now you should have a smaller square.



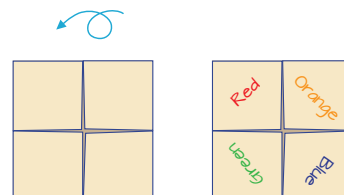
Step 4

Keep your small square folded and turn it over. On this side, repeat steps 2 and 3. Fold each of the 4 corners in toward the centre of the square. Now you should have an even smaller square.



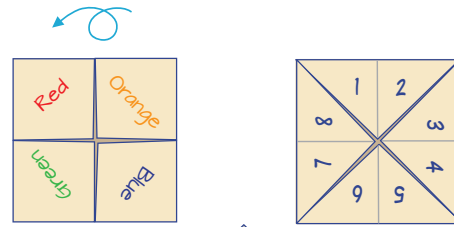
Step 5

Turn the square back over. You should see that the paper is divided into 4 squares. Write the name of a different colour on each of the squares. You could even use coloured pencil crayons or markers to write the names of the colours.



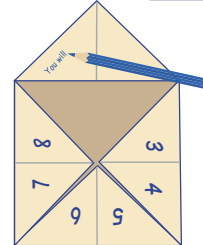
Step 6

Turn your square over again. On this side, it looks like it's divided into triangles. Write the numbers 1 to 8 on each of the triangles.



Step 7

Lift each triangle and write a fortune or funny saying underneath, or just draw a picture.

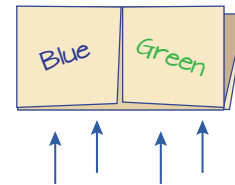


Using your fortune teller

Now you're ready to use your fortune teller! Fold the triangles back down again so you can see all the numbers. Then, turn the entire square over. You should see the little squares with the names of colours.

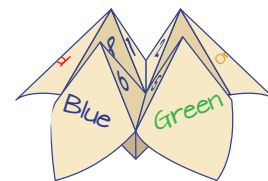
Step 1

Slip your index fingers and thumbs into the flaps under each of the squares. If you find it difficult at first, fold your square in half (with the colours showing) so it's easier to get your fingers and thumbs into the openings.



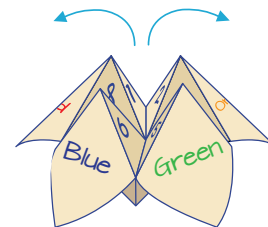
Step 2

Pinch your fingers and thumbs together. The flaps will open up so that you can hold your fortune teller more easily.



Step 3

Move your fingers and thumbs apart, first one way and then the other, to move the fortune teller.



Step 4

Ask a friend to pick a colour. Then spell the colour's name out as you move the fortune teller with each letter. Then, ask your friend to pick a number, and count to that number as you move the fortune teller. Finally, ask them to pick a number and lift the flap to show their fortune!

