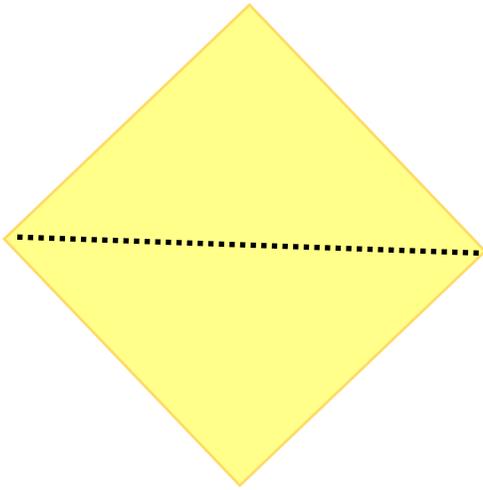# Origami Butterfly Directions
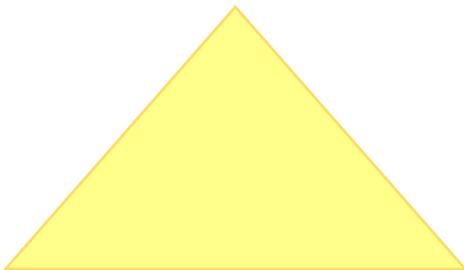## provided by Briarcliff Manor Public Library
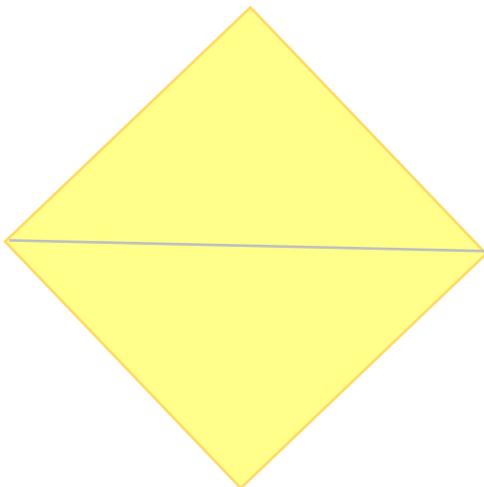
Step one:

Fold in half along dotted line shown to make it a triangle.
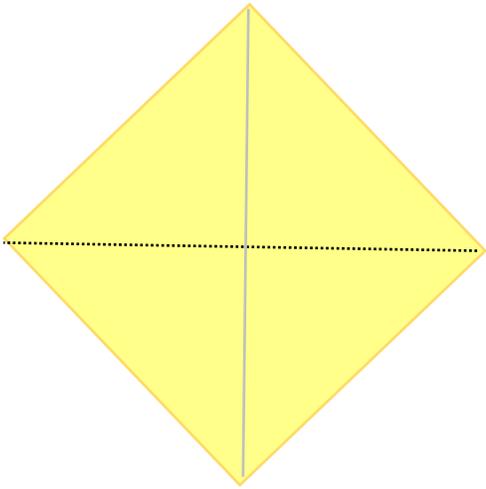
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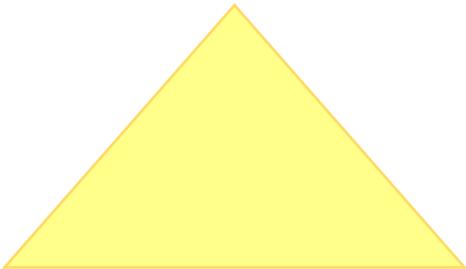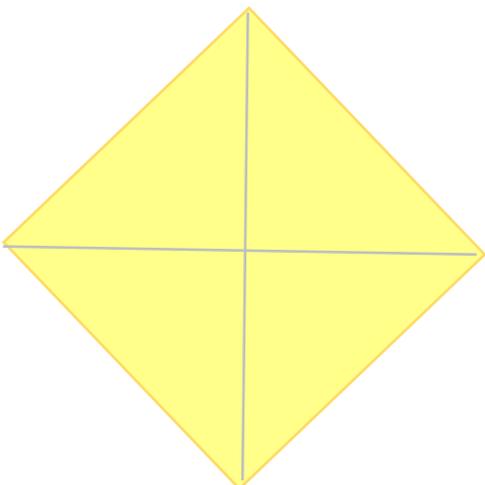Now open it up again and it will look like this:

Step two:

Position paper as shown below, and then fold in half again along the dotted line shown:

It will look like this:

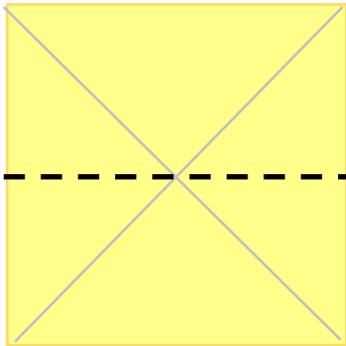Now open it up again and it will look like this:

Step three:
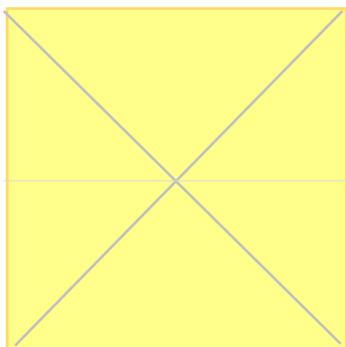
Now flip the entire paper over.

Now fold the paper in half across into a rectangle on dotted line shown:
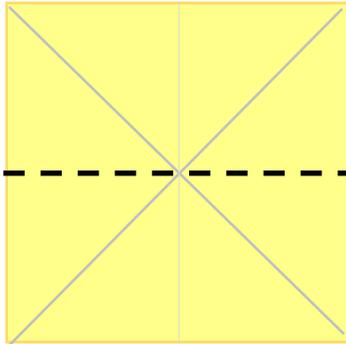

It will look like this:

Now open it up again. It will look like this:
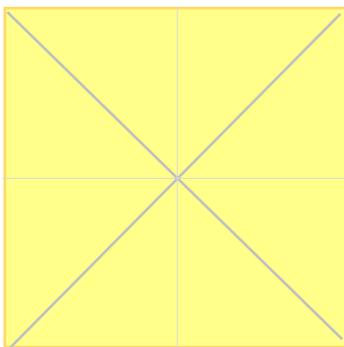
Step four

Now fold the paper in half across into a rectangle again going the other way along the dotted line shown:
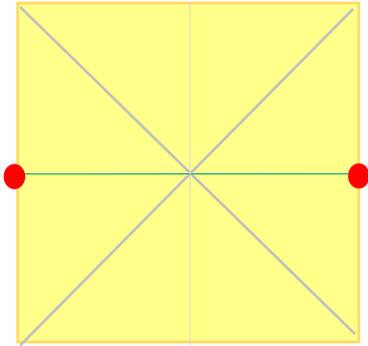

It will look like this:

Now open it up again….and gently "pop" the center point (where all the folds meet in the center of the paper) up by giving it a gently push from underneath.

When you pop that center point up, all four corner will be slightly pointed downwards.

Step five:

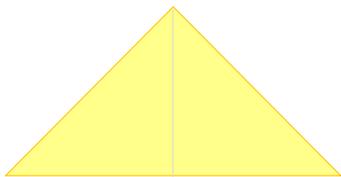Now pull the sides of the paper down by holding onto the paper where shown with red dots below

As you start pulling those sides down, you will notice back-to-back triangles start to show themselves along the other crease lines.

Keep pulling the sides down until the two side crease lines (shown in green above) meet in the middle underneath.
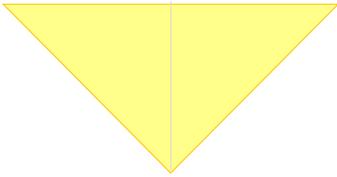
Now push down the creases of the back-to-back triangles carefully so that these back-to-back triangles are lined up nicely.

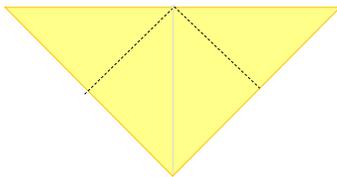It should look like this on both sides:

Step six:

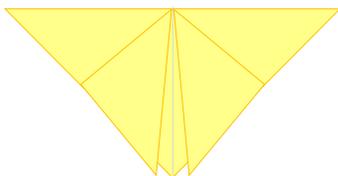Now position your paper like this:

You will now be folding only the front triangle flaps leaving the back ones alone.

Fold them down along the dotted lines shown below.

(Note that the fold will NOT result in any edges lined up with the center crease, nor will it result in any edges lined up with each other; and the points will be sticking out beyond the paper a bit.)
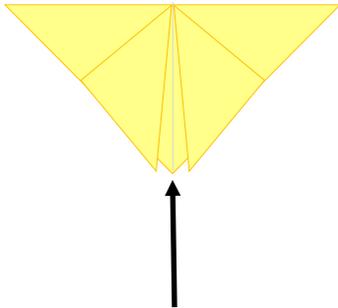
It will look like this:

Step seven:

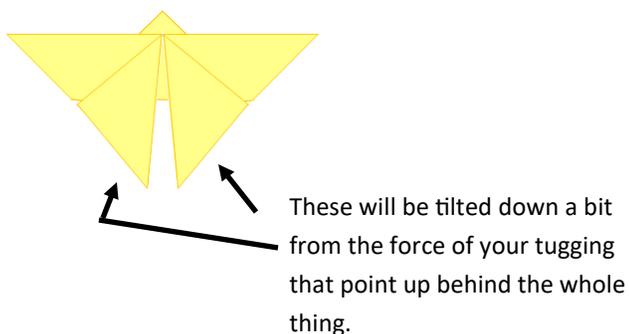Now you are going to pull back on the point indicated below:

This will separate that back paper from the two triangles that are pointing down that you just created with your most recent step.
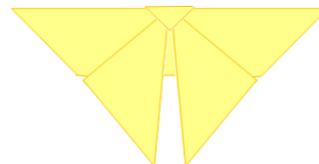
Get a good grip on the top center of this whole thing while you also have a grip on that point. Keep the top grip while your other hand is using the point as a handle to pull that paper back and up.

Your goal for this fold is for the point you are pulling to end up folding over the top of this whole thing from behind. You will notice that as you are pulling this fold into position it tugs a bit at those two pointing down triangles. They will end up pulled slightly downward.
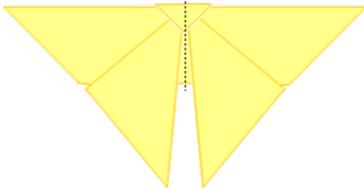
First you get it to here:

These will be tilted down a bit from the force of your tugging that point up behind the whole thing.

And then you fold that point over so it looks like this:

Step eight

Now you fold the whole thing in half along the dotted line shown (folding the wings towards each other):

When you let go of it, the wings will open up again and there you have your completed butterfly! Congratulations! You are finished!

You can make a few different colored and different sized ones and pin them to a bulletin board to make a beautiful decoration.