

# Make your own Friendship Friday Freddie the Frog!

Why not make an origami frog for your friend this Friendship Friday? Mr Smith has put together a step-by-step video for you [here](#), but if you can't access it for any reason, please use the instructions below.

Origami can be tricky, particularly when you've not done it before.

Don't be sad if it takes you a few attempts to get it right!

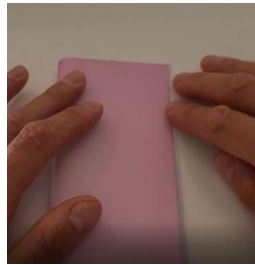
**Recommended ages: 12+**

## What you need:

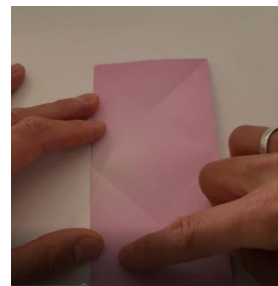
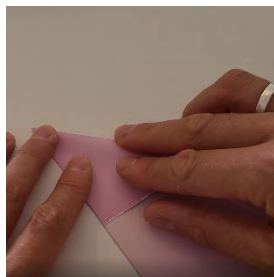
A 15cm x 15cm (square) piece of paper. Preferably origami paper with a nice colour or pattern on it, but otherwise a piece of paper cut to this size is fine.

## Instructions:

- 1) Fold your square piece of paper in half. Try to line up the corners as much as you can. Press down the folds firmly so there is a nice, crisp line.

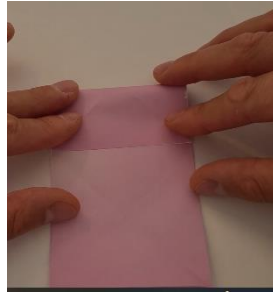


- 2) Fold down the top right corner until it meets the other side of the paper, and then unfold it. Then do the same with the top left corner. Repeat for the bottom right and bottom left corners.

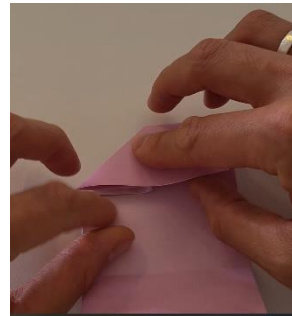
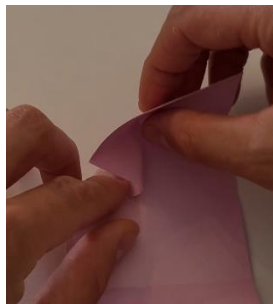


You should now have two sets of creases in the shape of a criss-cross.

- 3) Fold the top part of the sheet down towards the middle of the sheet, so the fold cuts across the middle of the criss-cross. Unfold it again, so there is a crease. Then do the same with the bottom part of the sheet.

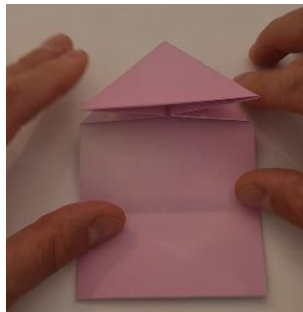


- 4) This bit is a little tricky! Holding the top left of the paper between your left forefinger and thumb, hold the top right side with your right finger and thumb and collapse the left side into the middle of the paper.

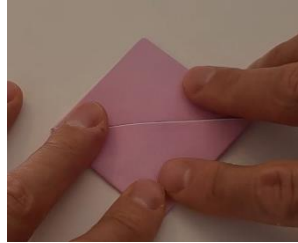


This will make a fold from the top middle down to the left side of the paper.

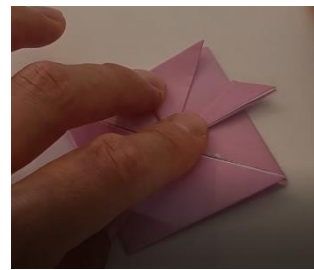
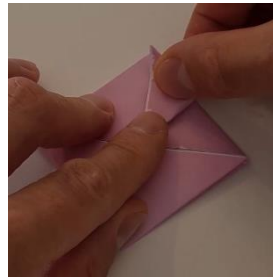
Repeat this on the right side, and the top of the paper will look like a triangle.



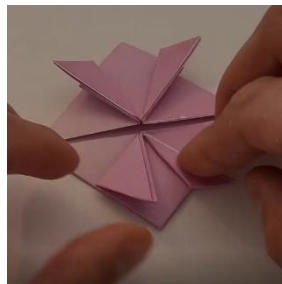
- 5) Repeat this for the remaining bottom two corners of the paper, so you end up with a square, with two triangle shapes.



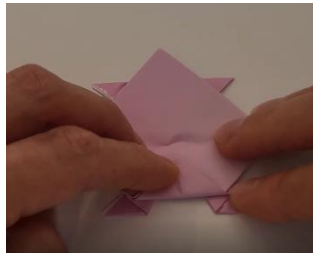
- 6) Start with one of the triangle shapes, and fold back one of the corners. Then fold it back again!



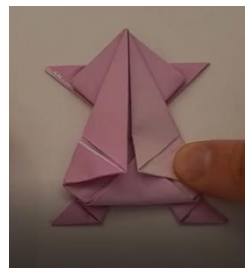
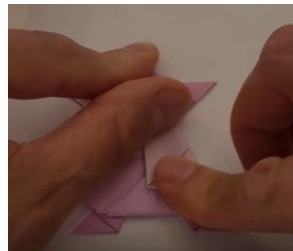
Repeat for all sections, until they look like this:



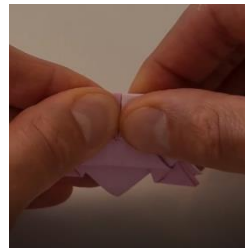
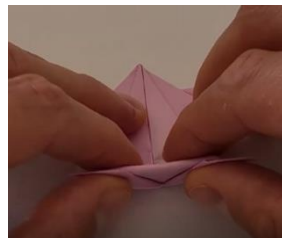
- 7) Turn your paper over. Fold one of the corners up; by this point, the paper will be very stiff, so you can only do it to a certain point.



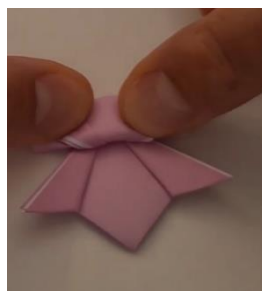
- 8) Fold the right side back. Do the same on the left side.



- 9) Then fold the bottom section up to the middle. Then fold in the opposite direction, to reinforce the crease.



- 10) Fold Freddie's bottom back (!)



**Turn over the folded paper – and you have yourself an origami frog!**

