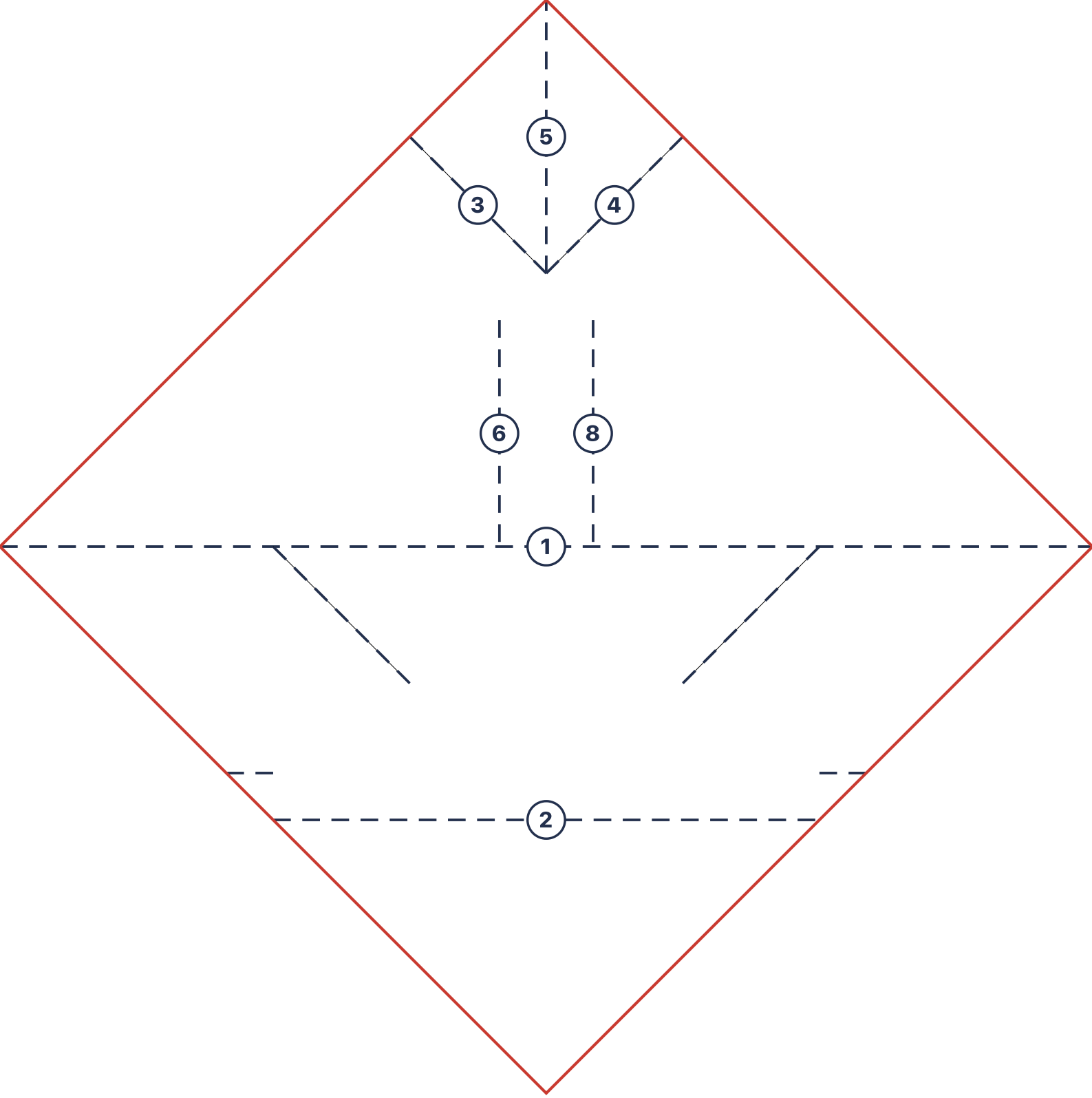
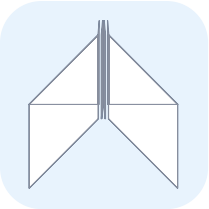


Cut out the square first, along its solid edges: hold it by a corner, as drawn.

Carrier pigeon

Fold along the lines in number order, this side up to start.



PAPER PLANE ACADEMY · FLOATY

How to fold the Carrier pigeon

8 folds · easy · a square, cut from A4

One of the oldest paper planes from a square: a Chinese book of paperfolding drew it as an eagle in 1914, and Isao Honda as a message dove in 1931. Folded, it's a flying wing, with no body to speak of.

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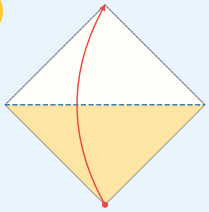

Hold the square by a corner, and fold the bottom corner up to the top one.

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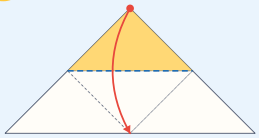

Fold the point down to the middle of the bottom edge.

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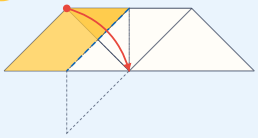

Fold the left corner of the top edge down to that middle too.

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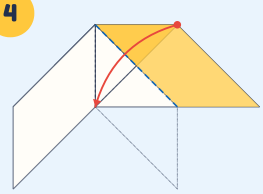

And the right one.

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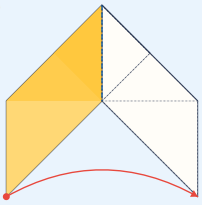

Fold it in half along the middle.

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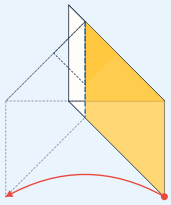

Fold the wing down, along the keel.

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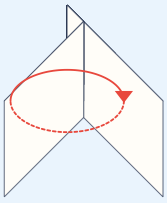

Turn it over.

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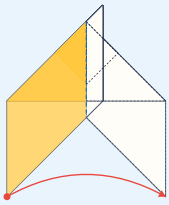
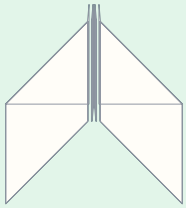


And fold the other wing to match.



Open the wings out, level with the keel, and throw it gently, straight ahead.

Crease it sharp. Line the edges up exactly, then run a fingernail along each fold.

If it dives, bend the back edges of the wings up a little.

If the nose rises, then drops, it's stalling: bend the back edges down a little.