

Origami Ninja Star

12 steps | About 8 min | Easy | Updated 2026-10-28

Build an origami ninja star from two matching squares that lock together without glue. Different colors make the two pieces easier to follow, and two square sticky notes can make a miniature version. Start with larger printer-paper squares while learning the final tucks. The pieces must bend in opposite directions; check them side by side before joining their four points.

Materials: Two equal square sheets, or two square sticky notes; A flat surface for tucking the layers.



01 Mark both squares



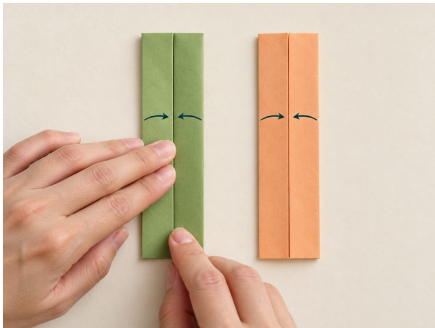
Fold each square in half vertically and horizontally, then reopen both sheets.

02 Fold the long edges



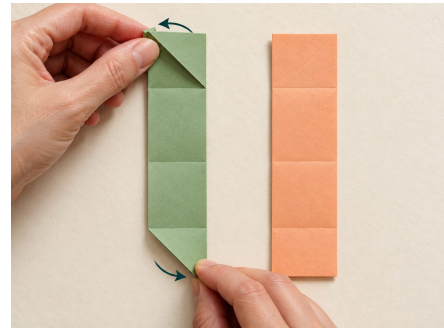
Bring the left and right edges of each square to its vertical center line.

03 Make two strips



Fold each piece in half lengthwise to make two narrow strips.

04 Shape the first tips



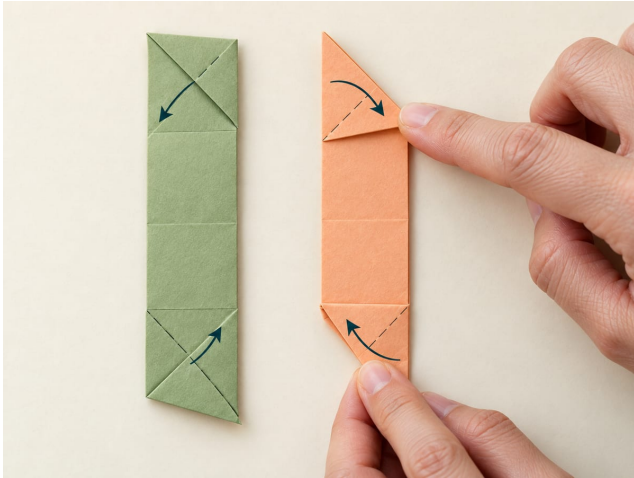
On the first strip, fold the top corner leftward and the bottom corner rightward to make triangular ends.

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Keep the pictures in order. Steps 5-8 continue the same model.

05 Mirror the second tips



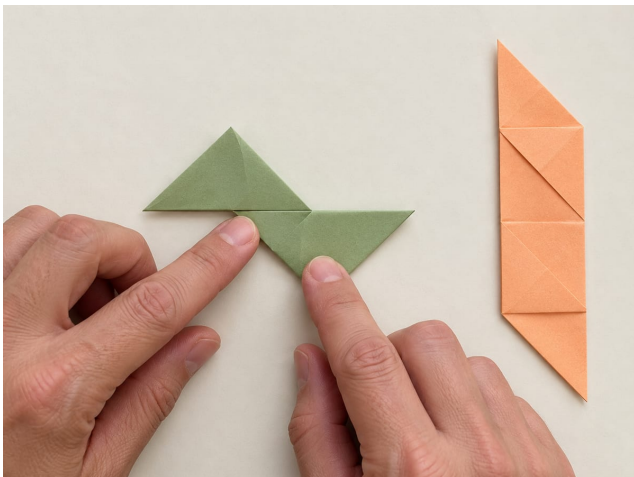
On the second strip, fold the top corner rightward and the bottom corner leftward.

06 Bend the first upper arm



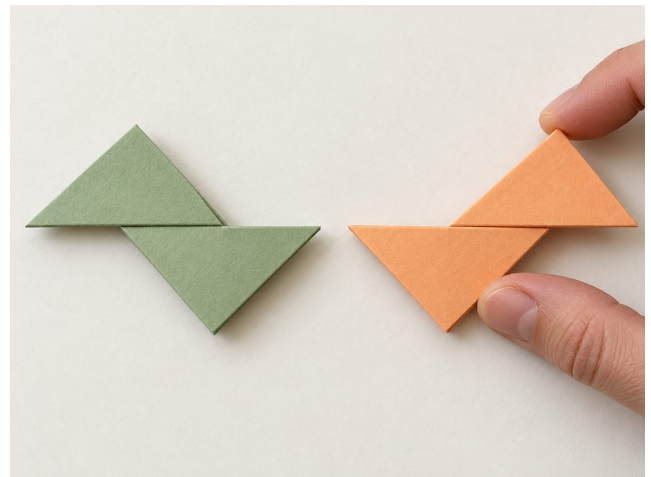
Fold the upper half of the first strip diagonally rightward at its midpoint.

07 Bend the first lower arm



Fold its lower half diagonally leftward, making a compact zigzag with two pointed arms.

08 Mirror the second zigzag



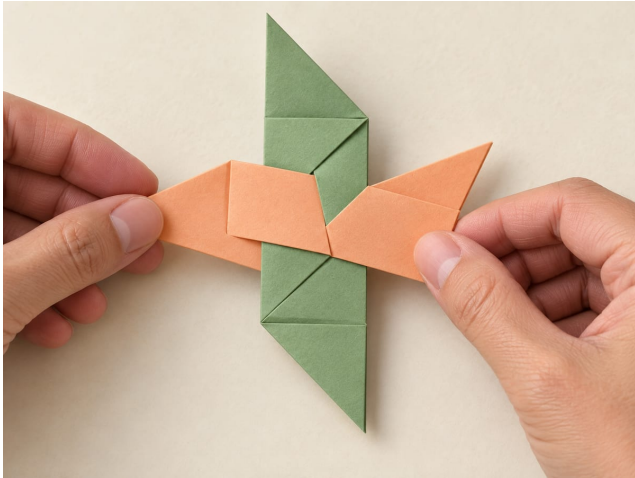
Bend the second strip into the opposite zigzag, with its upper arm leftward and lower arm rightward.

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09 Cross the pieces



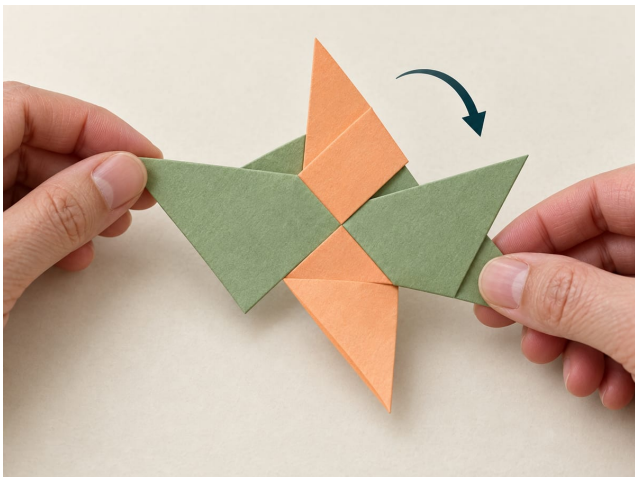
Turn the first piece over and place the second across it, with their center sections overlapping at right angles.

10 Tuck the first points



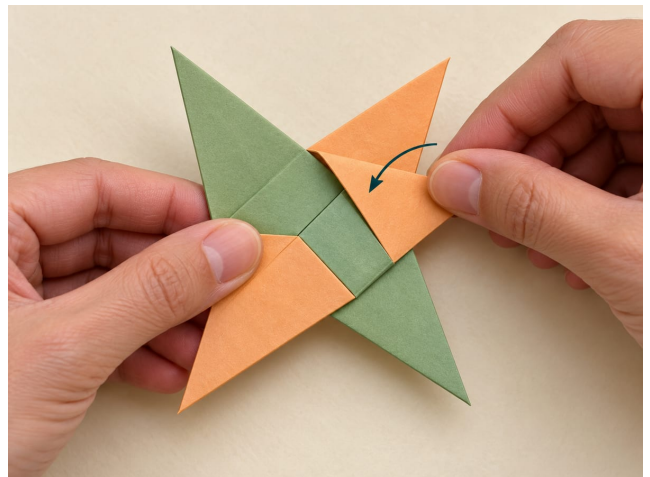
Fold the two exposed points of the lower piece across the center and slide them into the upper piece pockets.

11 Turn the joined star



Turn the joined pieces over carefully, keeping the first two tucks in place.

12 Close the final pockets



Fold the remaining two points across the center, tuck them into the open pockets, and flatten the star.