

Origami Rabbit

Intro: Origami Rabbit

Happy Chinese New Year to all!

Today we'll learn to craft this cute piece of origami to usher in the year of the rabbit 2011 (extremely exciting for me as I was born in the year of the rabbit! XD).

You might take some time to master the craft. But once you get the hang of it, the bunnies will multiply really fast! Practice makes perfect!

Origami Rabbit Template

(adapted from Origami Rabbit by Stephen O'Hanlon)



step 1: Materials

1. Coloured Papers (preferably 80gsm)
2. Pen Knife
3. Ruler



step 2: Download & print

Download and print template over coloured papers. Fit to A4 size when printing. Then cut along dotted lines. You should have 1 big , 1 medium and 2 small square cutouts.



step 3: Fold

Take any one of the square cutouts (use bigger piece for beginners). Fold it into halves. The printed side should be facing out. A T character and a dot should be seen on each side of the folded paper.



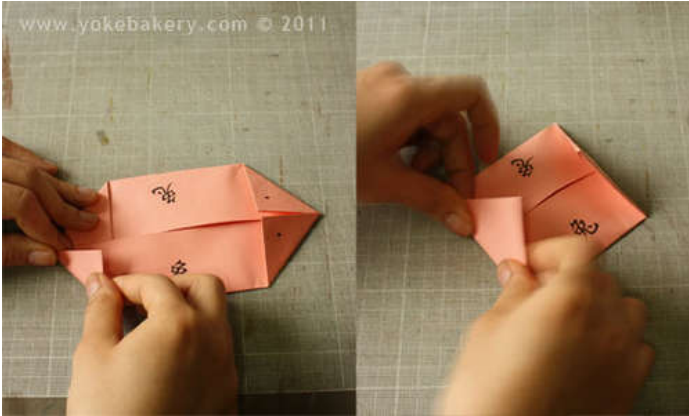
step 4: Fold

Unfold. The unprinted side of the paper should be facing you. Fold the edges of the paper in towards the center crease. You should see 2 T characters facing you.



step 5: Fold

Fold all 4 corners to the center line.
Following that, mountain fold the edges to the center.



step 6: Fold

Unfold. Squash fold all 4 corners.



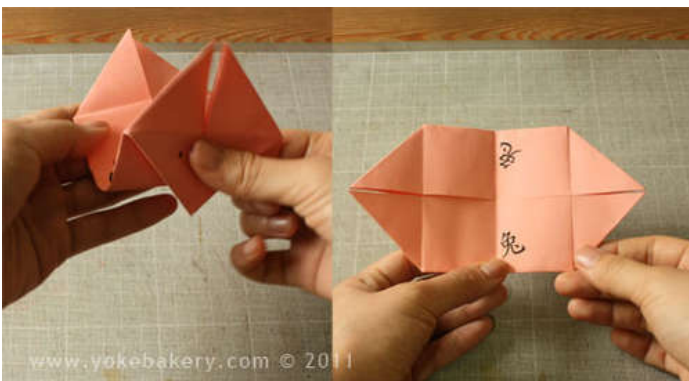
step 7: Fold

Fold the 2 resulting flaps over to the other side and turn over.
You should see the 2 printed dots forming the rabbit's eyes.



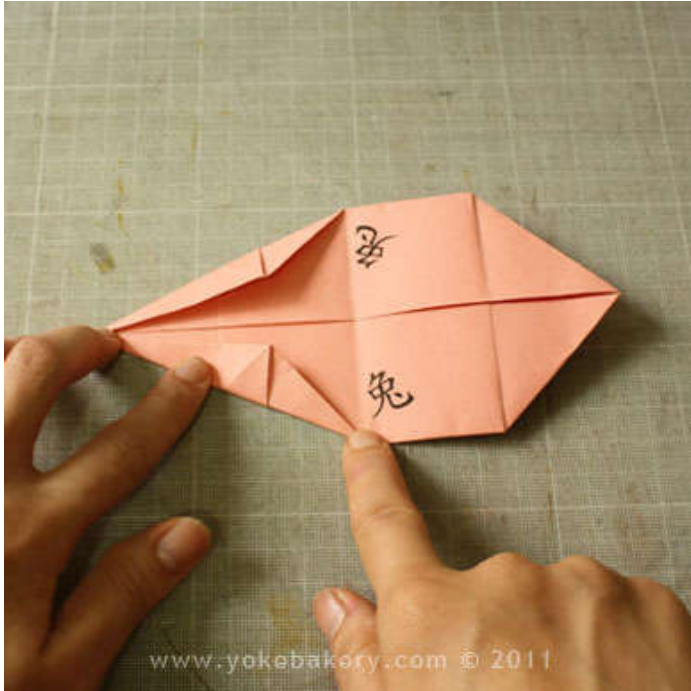
step 8: Fold

Turn over and fold the model in half to make a crease.



step 9: Fold

Make 2 valley folds on the unprinted half of the model.
This will form the rabbit's ears.



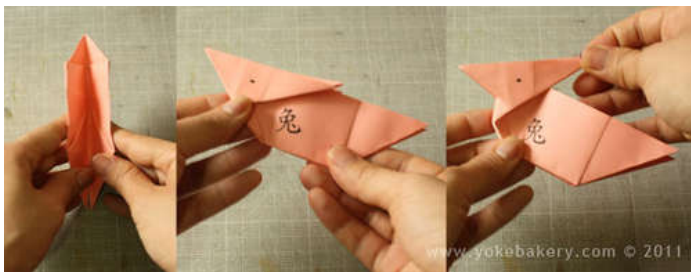
step 10: Form head

Turn over. Mountain fold the head.



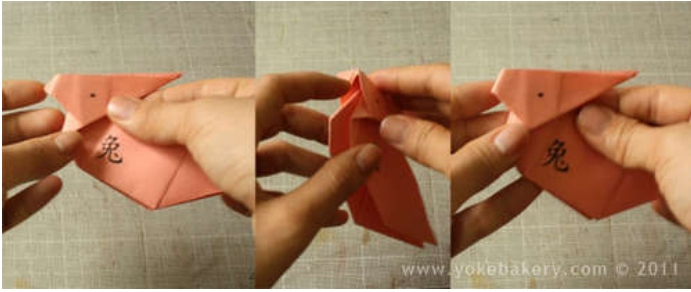
step 11: Form head

Valley fold the model in half.
You'll begin to notice the rabbit taking shape.
Gently pull the ears of the rabbit away from the body
and then crease on each side so that the head stands up straight.



step 12: Form nose

Make a pre-crease on the rabbit's nose and then make a inside reverse fold.



step 13: Form legs

Pre-crease and make reverse fold at the back end of the rabbit. This will form the legs of the rabbit.



step 14: Form back side

Pre-crease and make another reverse fold at the bottom back end of the rabbit.



step 15: Form ears

Pinch the head together at the bottom of the ears. Then shape ears.



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step 16: Voila!

Voila! Now, try making the rest of its family!
Happy bunny crafting! :)



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