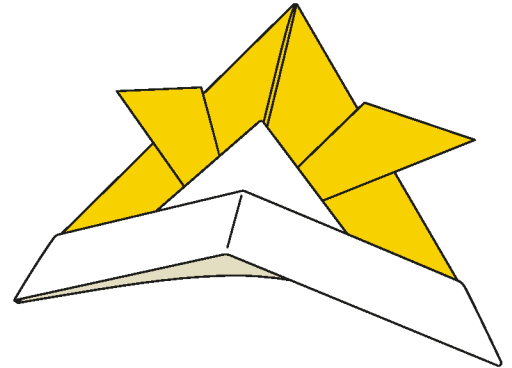


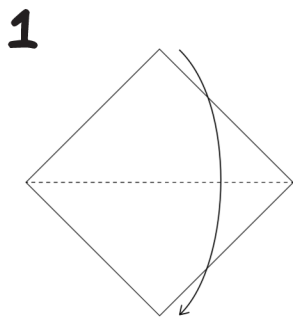
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Origami Kabuto

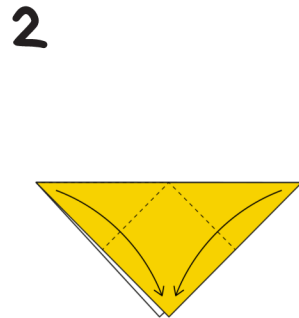
This origami design is based on helmets (*kabuto*) worn by Japanese warriors and samurai. Every year on 5 May, in celebration of *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day), many families in Japan decorate their homes with ornamental *kabuto* and *gogatsu ningyō* ('May dolls' dressed as warriors). These decorations derive from the holiday's roots as a festival for boys known as *Tango-no-sekku* and represent the family's wish for their children to grow up strong and brave.



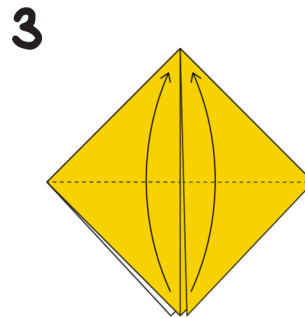
Make your own *kabuto* using origami paper and display it in your home or use a page of newspaper cut into a square to make one big enough to wear.



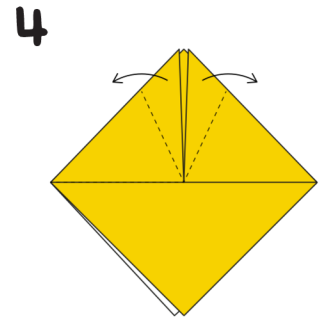
Take a square piece of paper. If using origami paper, begin with the white side facing up. Fold down in half to form a triangle.



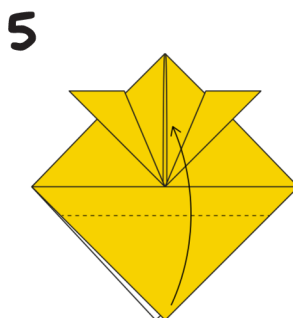
Fold outer corners down along the dotted lines to meet the bottom corner.



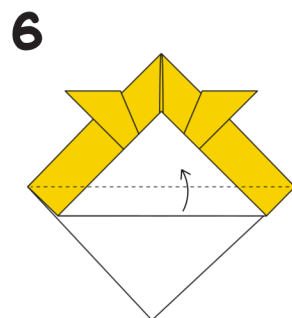
Fold the top flap of each side up to meet the top corner.



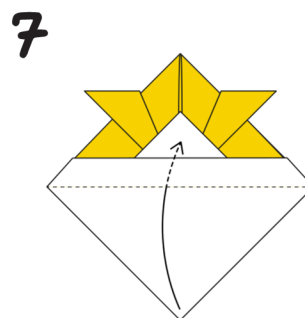
Fold each top flap outwards along the dotted line.



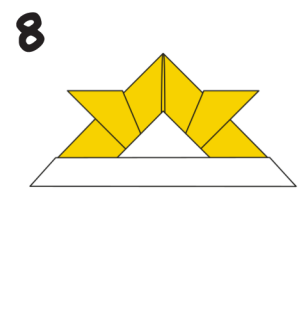
Take the top layer from the bottom half of your helmet and fold up along the dotted line.



Fold the same layer up again along the horizontal centre line to create a rim for your helmet.



Fold the remaining layer up and tuck inside the front of the helmet.



Display or wear your completed *kabuto*.