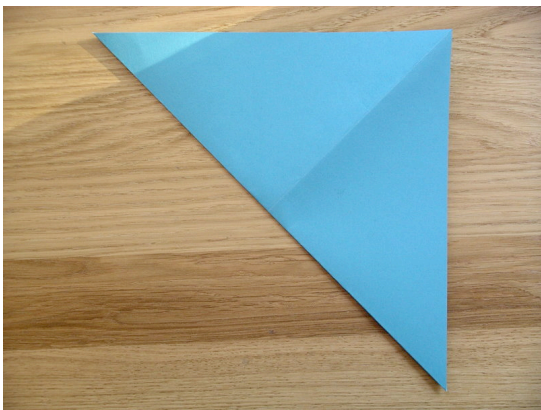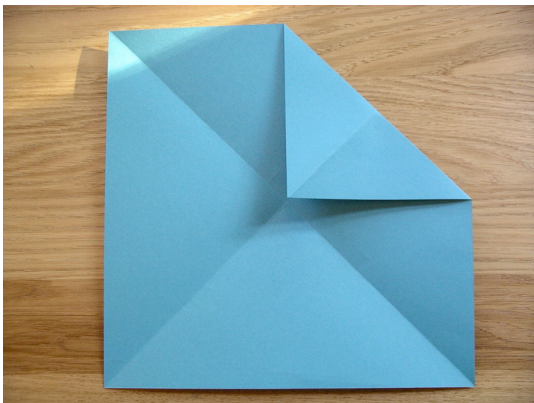# Quick and easy origami box tutorial

Here is the lidded box. I made a padded flower to put on the lid. The flower can be used to lift the lid off the box, or you can make a ribbon bow, or maybe a button center, or stick some dried flowers on, or not!
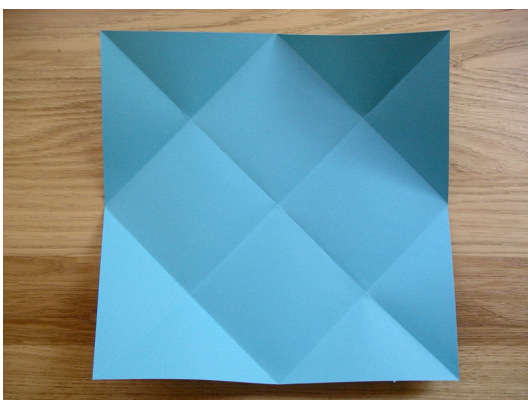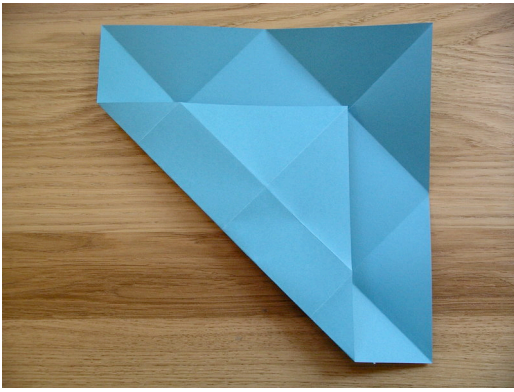

1. Start with a square of thick paper or (best) light card (mine is 15cm square, which makes a box that measures 5.5cm (W) x 2.6cm (H). Place the four corners together folding the card in half. Open and fold the card in half again in the opposite direction so you have two lines that form a cross in the centre of the card. Ensure all of your creases are sharp by running fingernail along each crease for every step of this model. *Fold diagonally; ensure that the tips meet perfectly. It's best to be anal about being precise when paper folding!*

2. Open paper out and you will see that you have folded a cross. Take one of the corners and fold the tip of the corner to the very center of the cross. Take your time to be as precise as possible. Origami works best when your creases are sharp and your folds are precise.
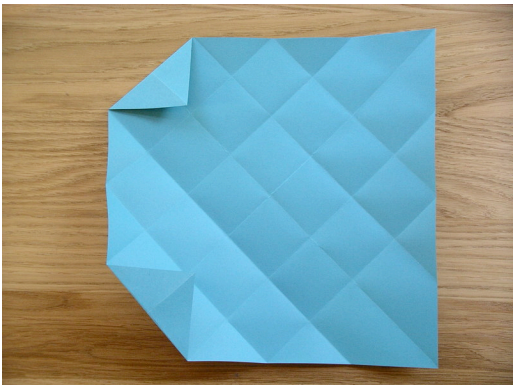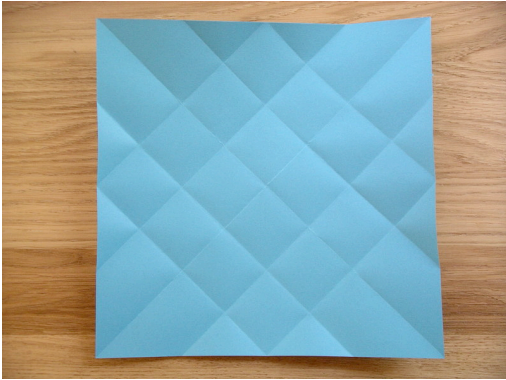
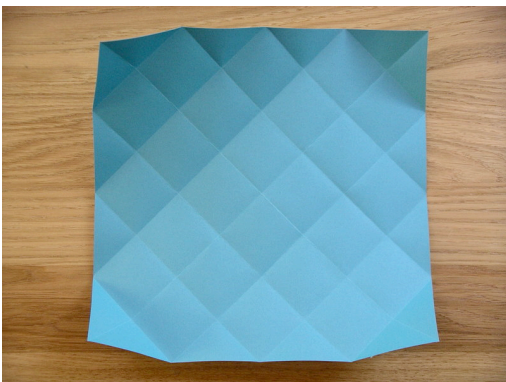*Repeat with the other 3 corners, and open out paper.*

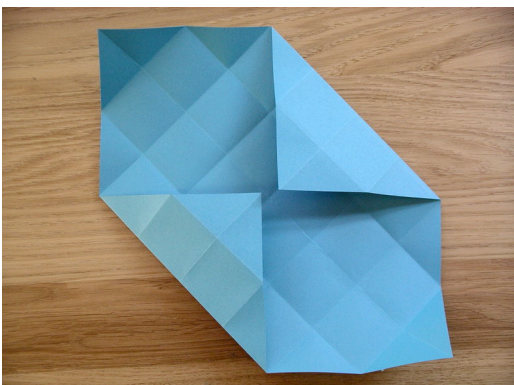**3.** Take one of the corners and fold the tip of the corner to the opposite crease that you made in step 2.

Repeat with the other 3 corners and open out paper.

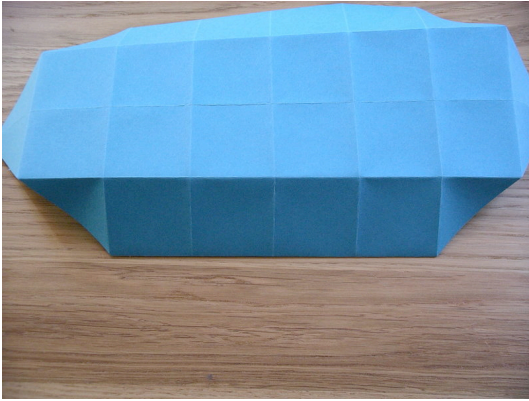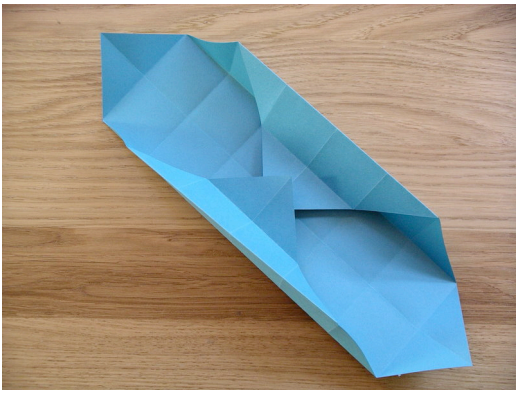**4.** Take one of the corners and fold the tip into the fold you have just made in step 3.

Repeat with the other 3 corners. Right, that's the boring bit over with. All we have been doing up to now is making crease lines which will form our guidelines for following steps.
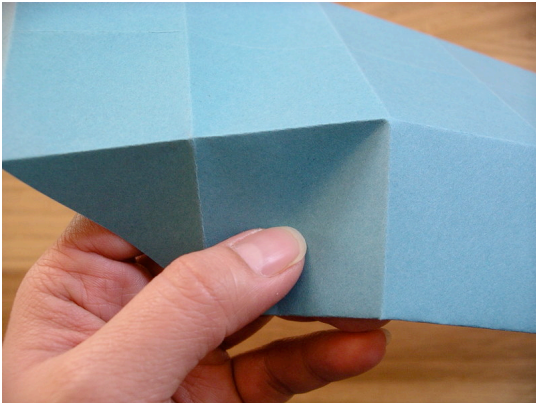
5. Take your paper and using the crease lines as a guide fold in the corners to the center of the cross as shown in the photo below.
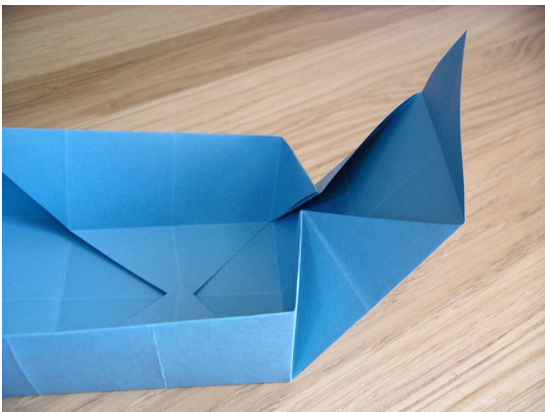
Now fold in the side edges (using our crease lines as a guide) to 90 degrees as shown in the photo.
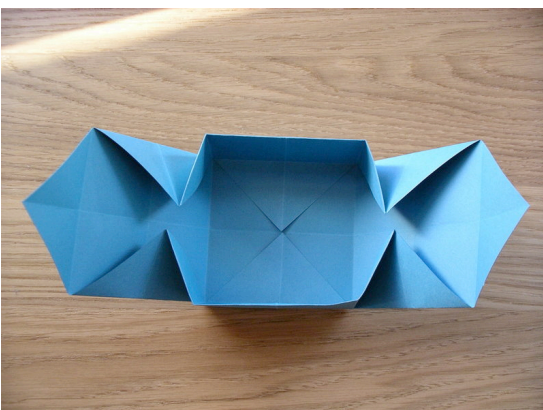
6. Turn the model over and make a diagonal crease in the 2st square from the left (as explained in the following pics).
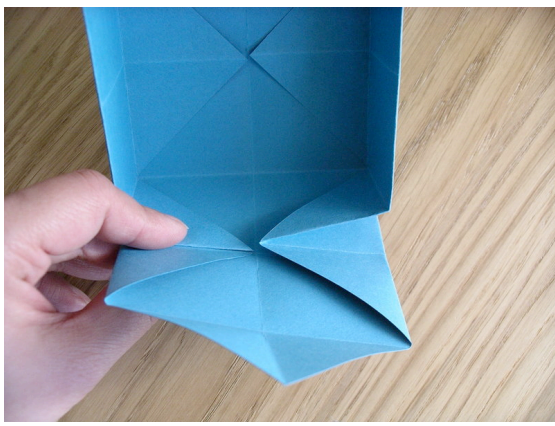

Hold the 2nd square (from the left) in the same way as I am in the pic, and press your thumb down to make the beginnings of a diagonal crease (running from the bottom left to top right corners). Ensure the corners of this square meet each other perfectly, make the crease nice and sharp, repeat this step on the opposite of the model, and what you'll get is this...

Making these diagonal creases allow for the sides of the box to be formed. Repeat this step with the other 3 corners of the box in the way, and what you'll get is this...
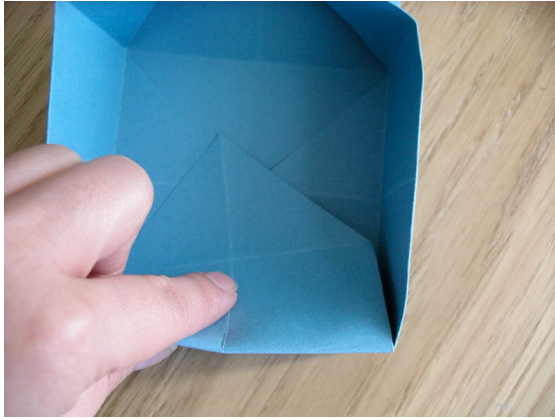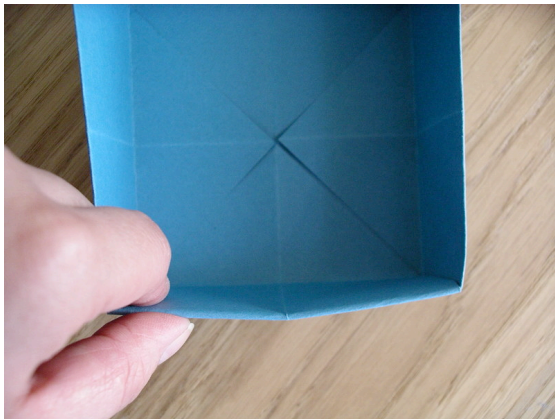

See? It's all taking shape nicely.

7. Fold the flap down into the box to finish the one of the sides (as explained in the following pics)

Pinch one of the flaps as shown in the pic, and start folding the flap (on the ready made crease) down away from you..

..fold the flap down away from you and into the box...

...the flap is completely folded into the box. The triangular tip of the flap should now lie flat on the bottom of the box to form a cross. Repeat with the other side of box and you're all done!

If you like you can put some pretty paper at the bottom of the box to hide the cross.

*To make a lid for the box you need to use paper that is **1.5 cm square larger** than the paper you used for the bottom.*

Pop some tissue paper into the box, add your Christmas/birthday/treat pressie to the box. Enjoy!