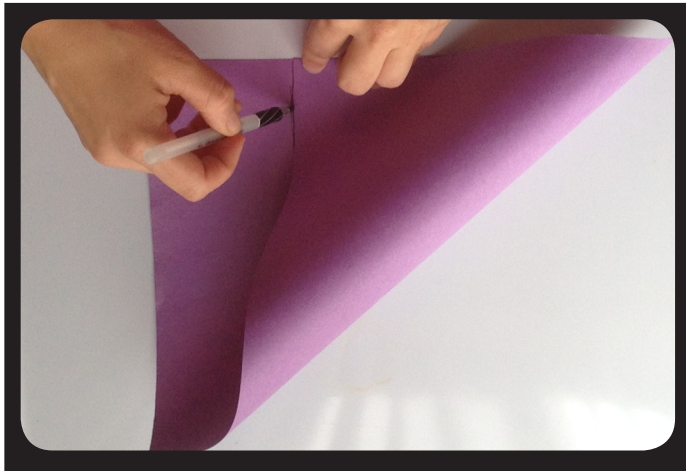


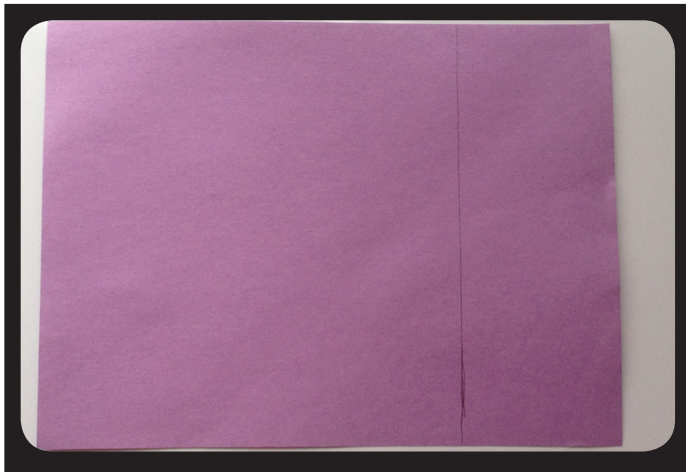
Matryoshkas are Russian nesting dolls. In this activity, you will make nesting boxes. You make the box by making a box and a lid (2 open boxes). These instructions explain how to make one open box.

Make paper into a square if not already shaped like one. You can do this by bending one corner of rectangle paper to opposite side edge. Any remaining paper can be cut off. Try not to create a crease on paper when doing this.

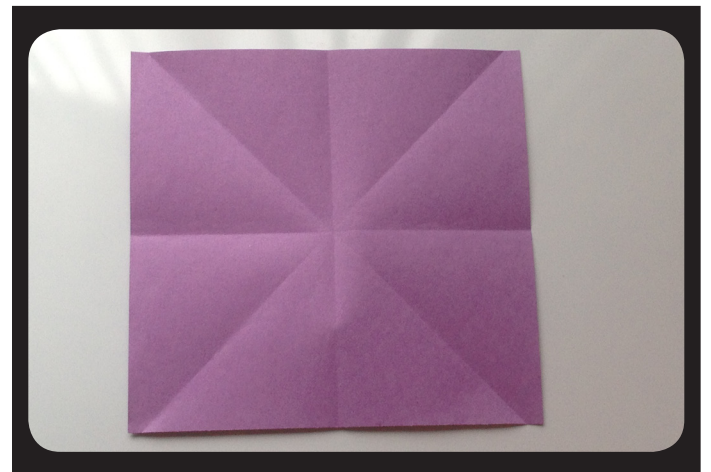
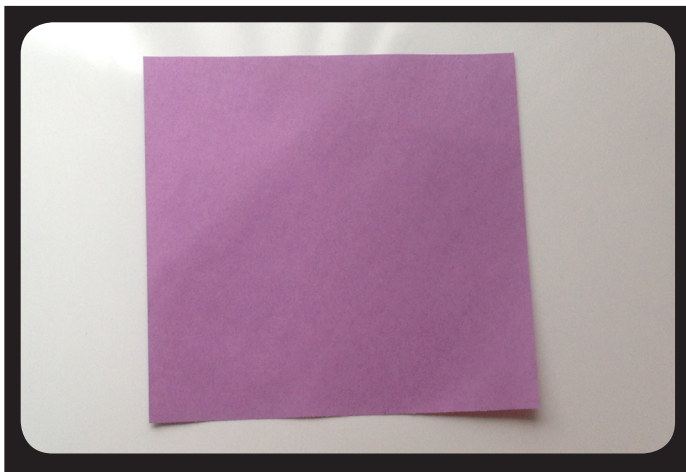
1. With your square sheet of paper, fold diagonal by taking a corner and folding it to the opposite corner. Then reopen. Repeat to other two corners. Then reopen.



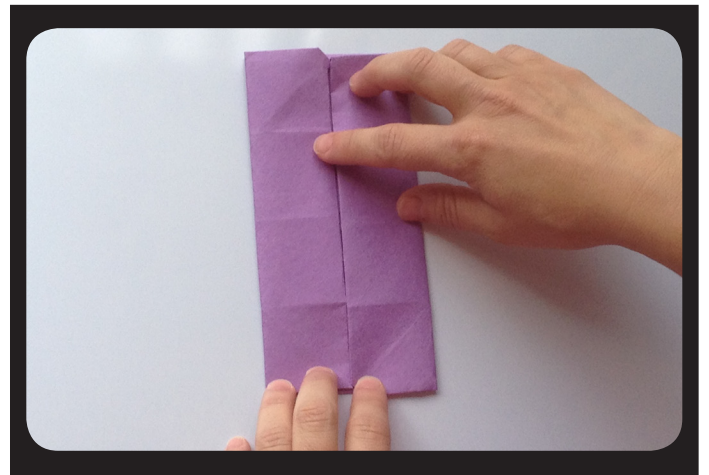
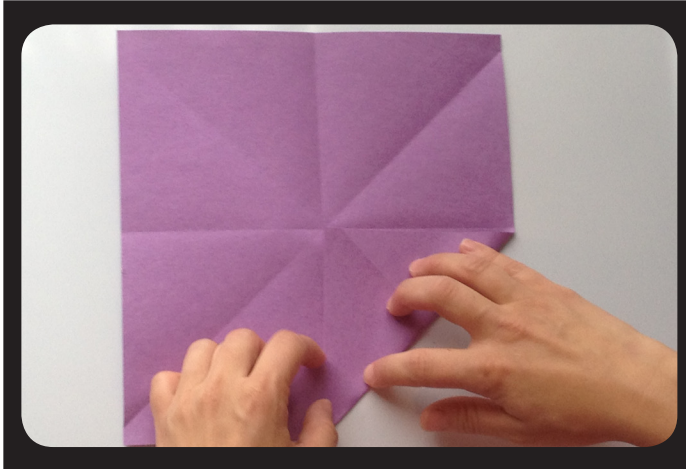
2. Fold edges horizontally. Then reopen. Repeat to other two edges. Then reopen.



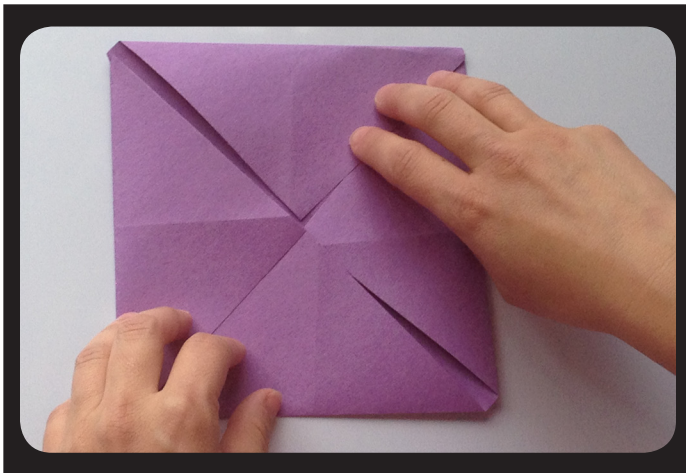
3. When looking at opened square paper, you can now see the creases that will guide you in creating your box.



4. Fold all four corners into the now creased center.



6. Pull the two side corners out.



5. Fold all four edges into the middle.

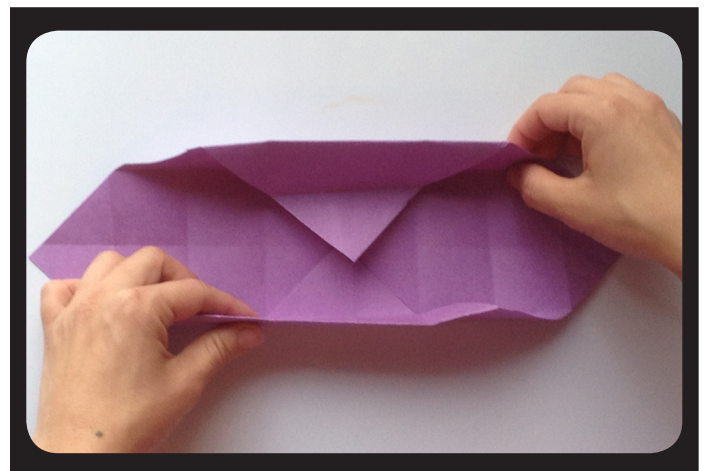
a. Start by folding bottom edge up into the middle and then do the opposite top edge. Reopen to folded corners layout.



b. Next fold side edge into the middle and then do the opposite side edge. Reopen to folded corners layout.



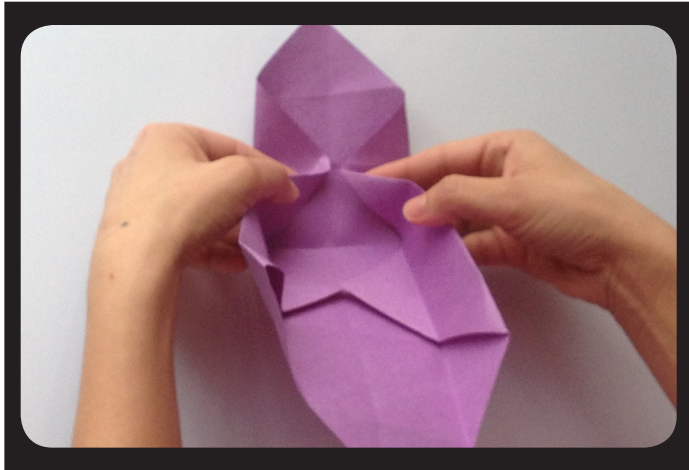
7. Fold the top and bottom straight edge into the already made crease to make 2 walls.



8. Rotate the box so that the walls are now on the sides and the open corners are on top and bottom.

9. At the top open corner, find the diagonal corner edges.

10. Bring them in together.



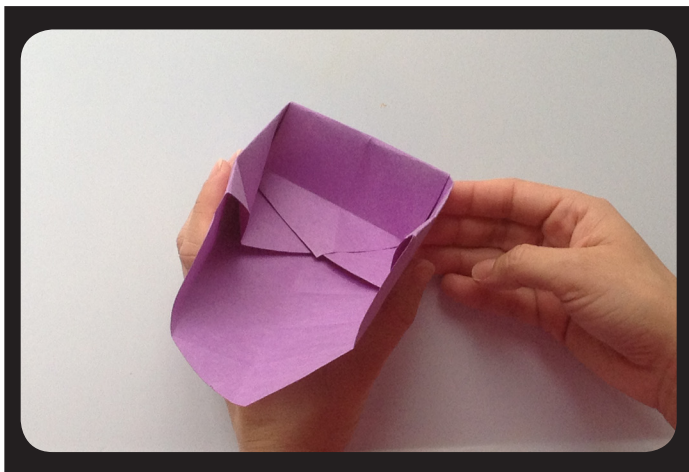
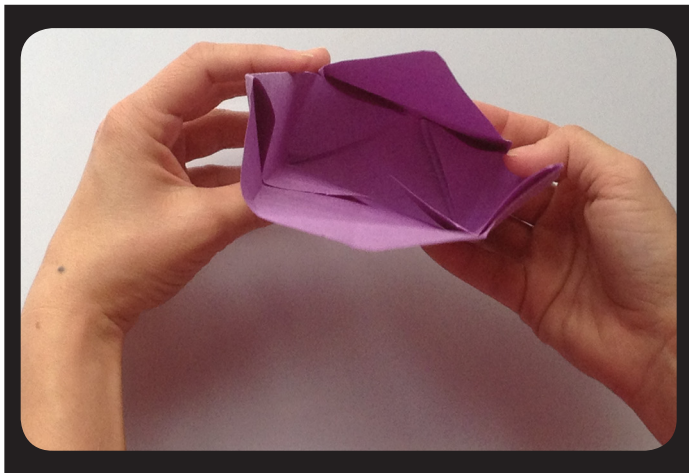
12. Repeat on bottom portion. You should have all 4 walls after this step.

13. Pinch corners real well to make a defined square.

14. Fold edges to help define wall and edges of box.



11. Push fold down to create a wall (the tip of the corner will make the floor of box).



Repeat steps again to create a lid for your box.

Use markers to decorate your Matryoshka boxes.

To make smaller boxes to fit in the large box, cut $\frac{1}{2}$ inch around all 4 sides of your beginning square. Then repeat the steps.