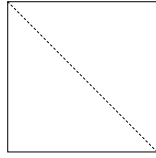


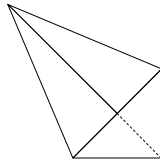
# How to Make the Spirit of America Paper Airplane

Note: Each drawing indicates the way the paper should look AFTER you've completed the written instructions that accompany it.

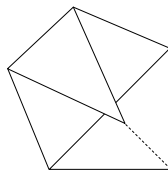
1. Start with a square piece of 20# or heavier paper. Fold one corner to opposite corner. Open paper to flat.



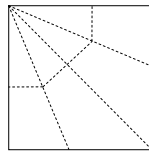
2. Fold the same two corners to meet at the diagonal crease created in step 1.



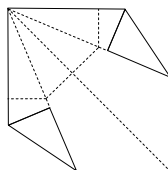
3. Fold top left corner (it now looks like a tip or point) down to 1/2" past the edge of where other two corners meet as a result of the fold in step 2.



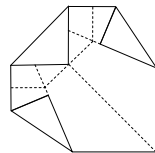
4. Open all folds and lay paper flat as shown.



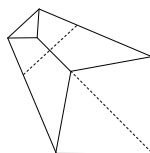
5. Fold two corners from step one to line up with creases that were created as a result of the fold in step 2.



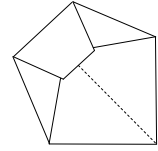
6. Fold top left corner to line up with crease created in step 3.



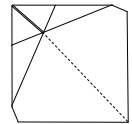
7. With three corners still folded in, fold in the edges of the paper between the top left corner and those on either side of it so the edges of the paper meet at the center diagonal line.



8. Fold down the folded top left corner along the crease that was already made in step 3 (the crease is the new fold).

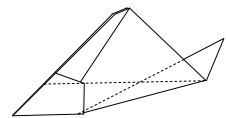


9. Turn paper over so folds are on bottom and unfolded corner is facing toward you. Fold in the folded corners from step one so they meet along the center diagonal line (so you end up with the folded top left pointing away from you).

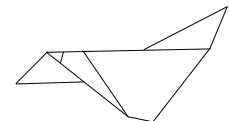


10. Hold the folded top left corner in your less dominant hand with your thumb and middle finger gently pinching it from beneath and your index finger on top of the nose of the plane. Hold the unfolded corner pinched from above between the index finger and thumb of your dominant hand.

11. Pinch up the unfolded corner to become the tail of the plane (going against the direction of the main diagonal crease made in step 1) as you pinch up the nose of the plane between the thumb and middle finger of your other hand and create the base of the wings to allow for the tail to stick up about 3/4".



12. Fold down the wings on either side of the tail so they line up with the base of the tail at one end and the edge of the fold made in step 6 (about 1" up from the nose) at the other.



13. Bend up the wings to a natural flying position.

14. Add tape to nose to hold the fuselage together.

15. Hold by the bottom of the fuselage and throw in a safe manner (not toward anyone).

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