

## Sweet origami hearts

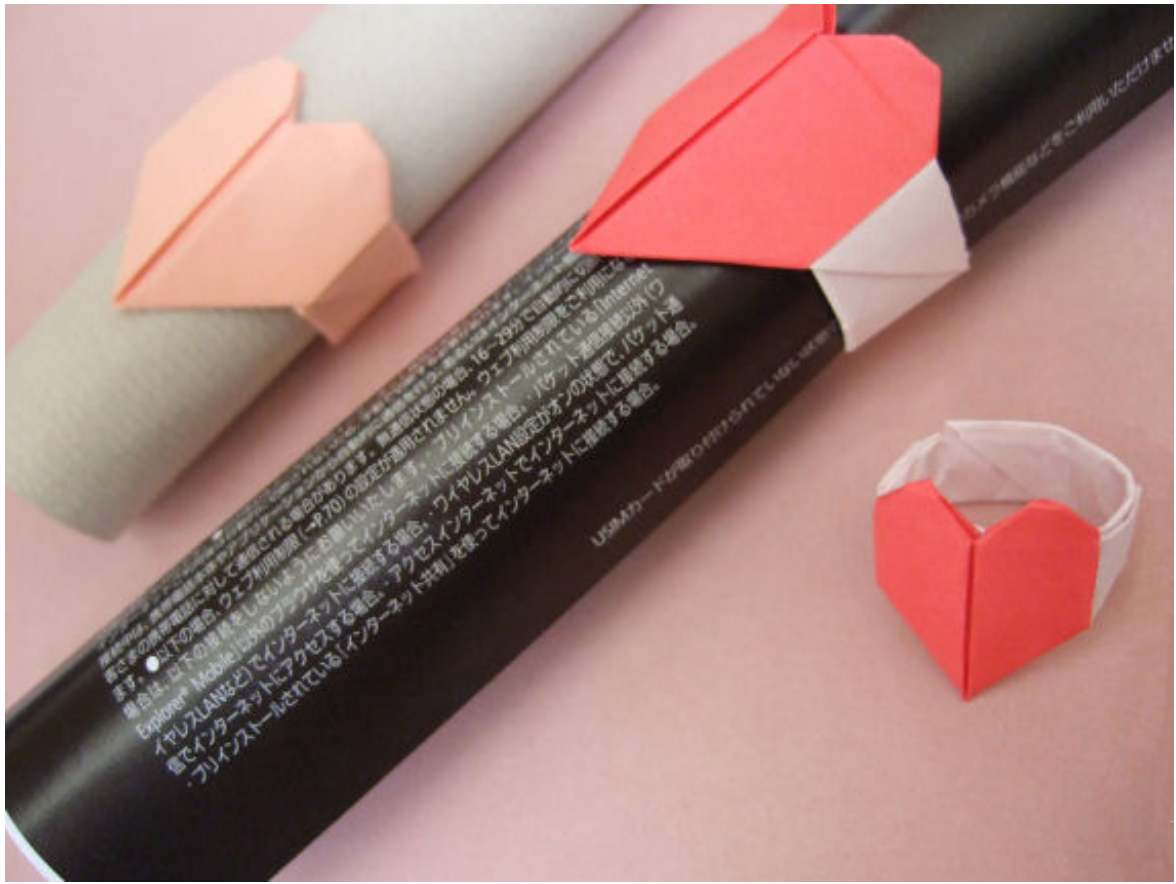
To be honest, I was never keen on origami hearts (or [roses](#) for that matter) for a fairly long time because it was hard to accept the way they look — I find them too edgy and not very loving.



Well that's all in the past. My perception has changed (and I'm so glad). I have embraced their looks and I will admire them as they are.

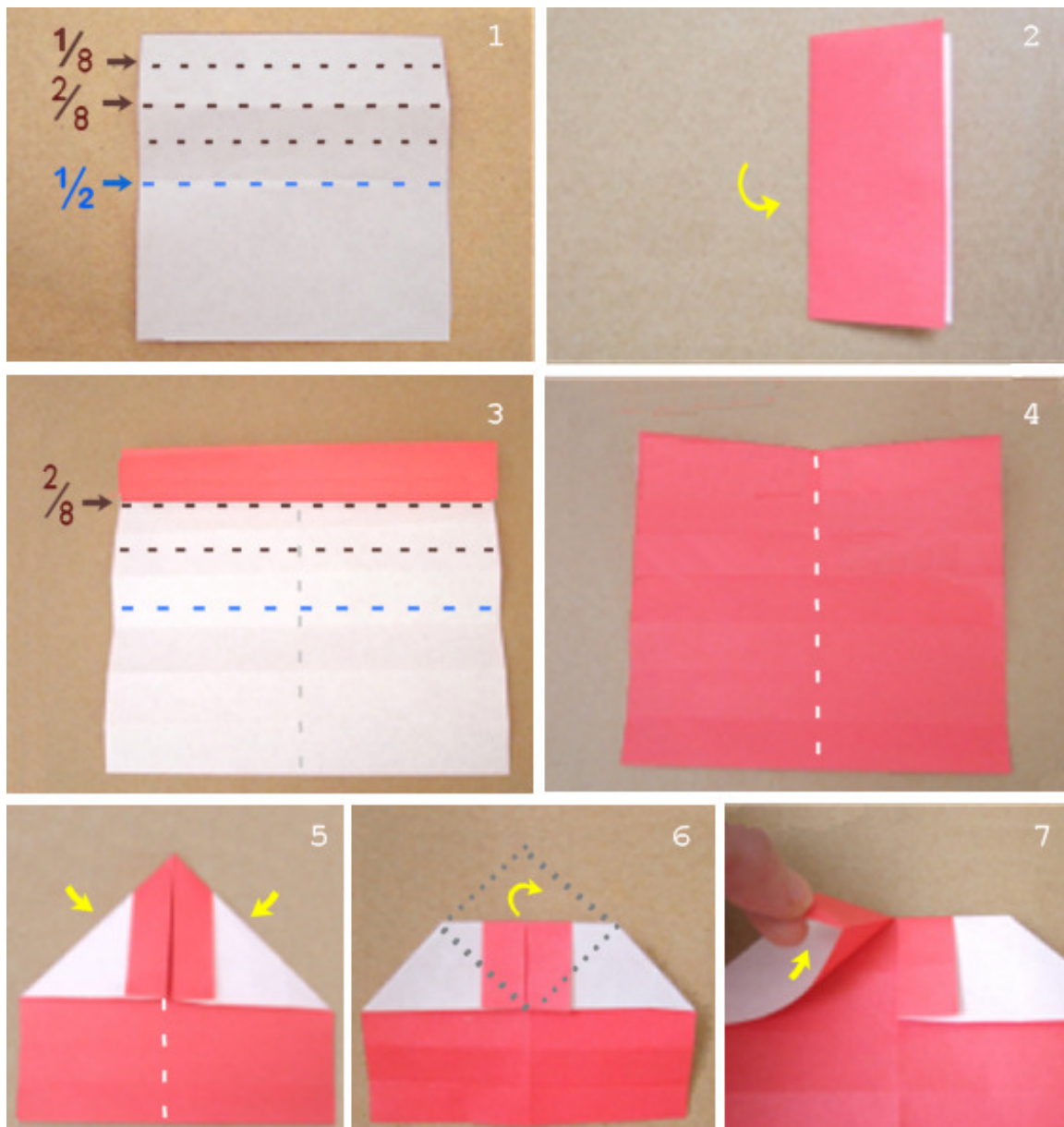
I've been on a folding spree over the new year break, particularly enjoying making heart after heart, starting with:

### 1. Origami heart ring



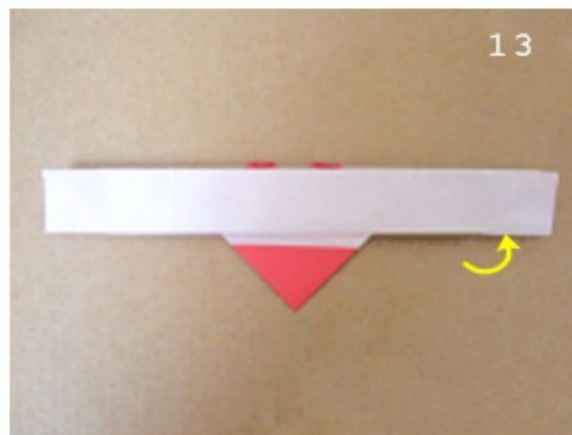
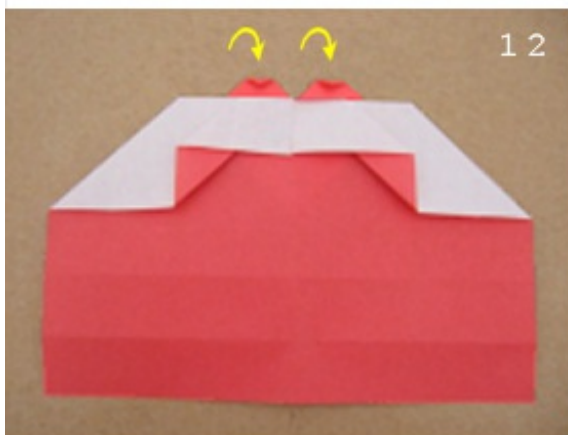
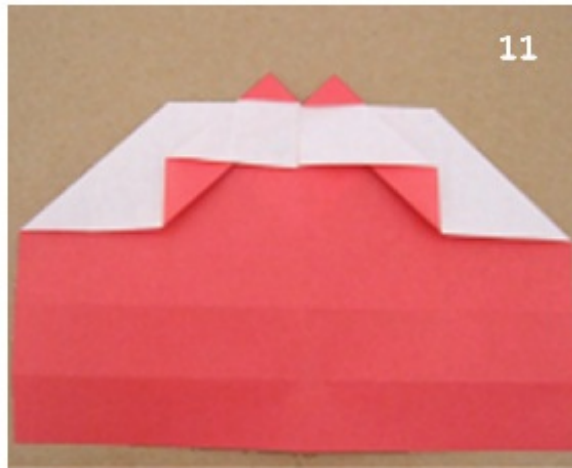
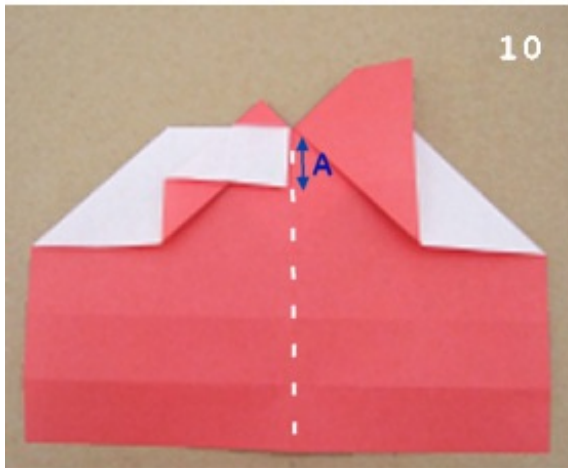
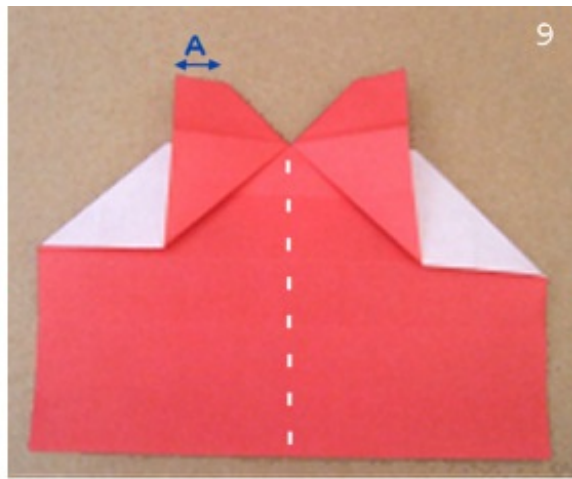
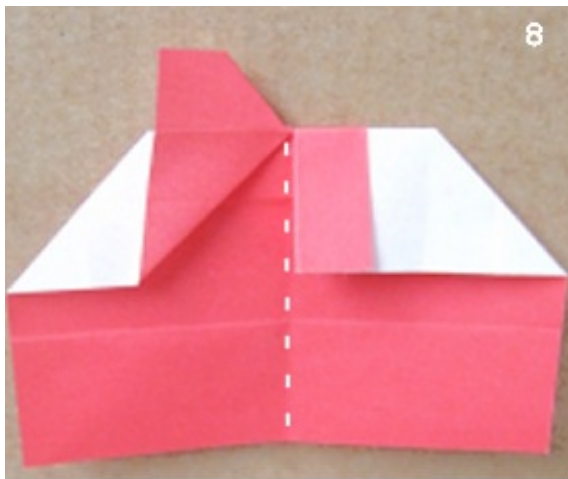
The ring design is by Hiroshi Kumasaka [熊坂浩氏]. I use a 7.5cm/2.95" square to make a size 5 ring. As a rough guide add 2.5cm to the circumference (of the finger) to determine the length of the paper. Say, if the finger circumference is 6cm, the paper size should be about 8.5cm.

Make bigger rings to use as napkin ring, bangle, scroll tie, bottle tag, etc.



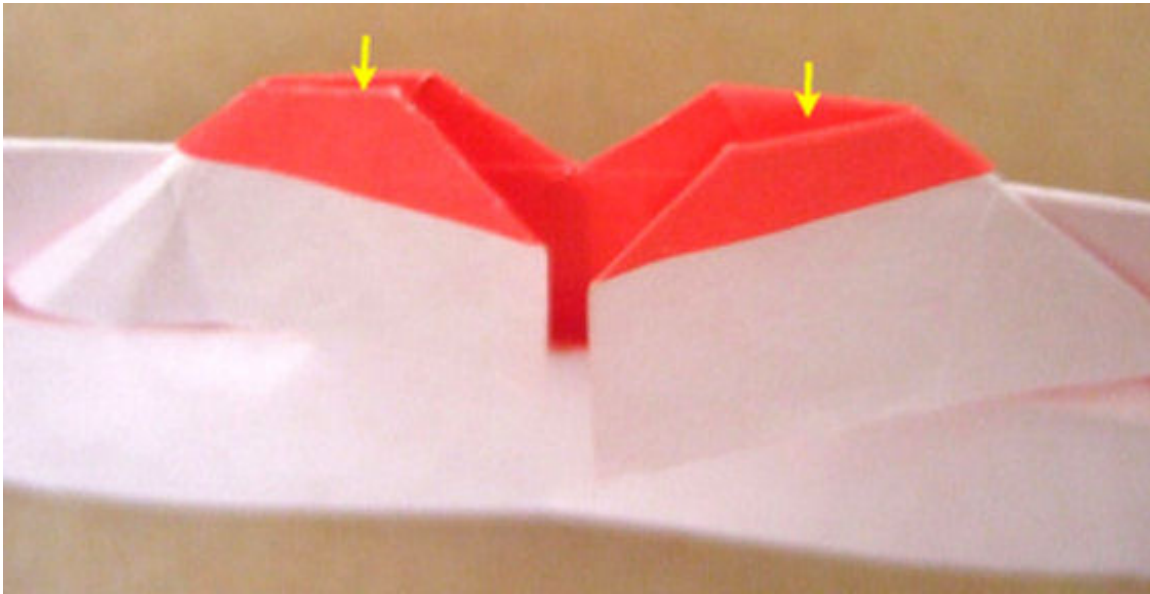
1. Use a square and [divide it into one-eighth](#).
2. Fold in half vertically.
3. Unfold. Fold towards the  $\frac{2}{8}$  crease. Crease.
4. Turn over.
5. Fold 2 triangles to meet the vertical centre.
6. Fold the peak behind as shown.
7. Lift up the flap.







8. Flatten to a triangle. Repeat on other side.
9. Bring the edge marked "A" to align with vertical centre.
10. Crease.
11. Repeat on other side.
12. Fold down a tiny bit on both peaks.
13. Fold up the remaining 1/8 folds, one on another.
14. Turn over.
15. Bend and slip the left band into the right (or vice versa).
- 16-17. Slip the end into the nearest slot.



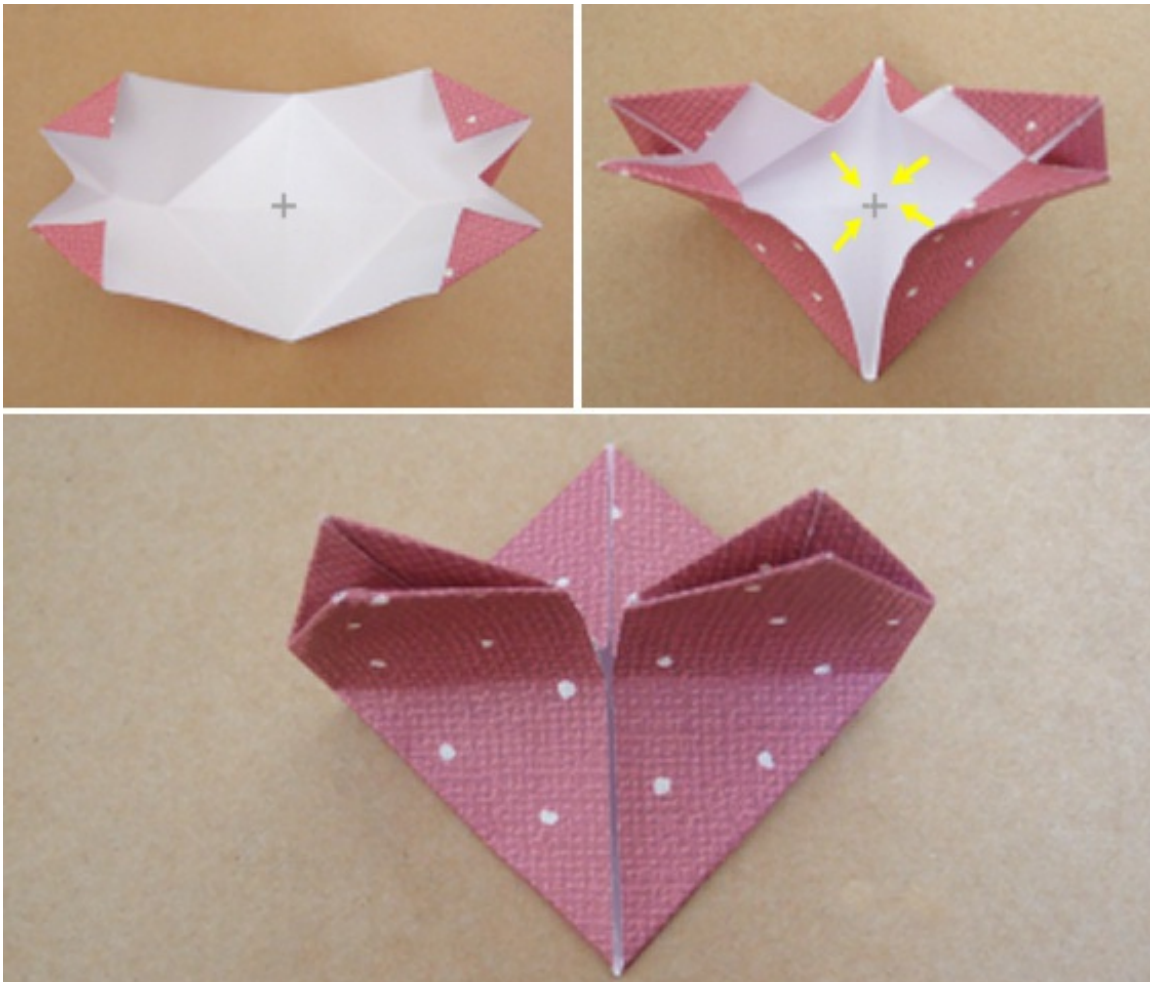
My preference is to hide those 2 flappy peaks (from step 12) inwards.

## 2. 2-sided heart



Totally in love with [this heart](#) by Matthew Gardiner which looks identical both front and back. You got try it to believe!

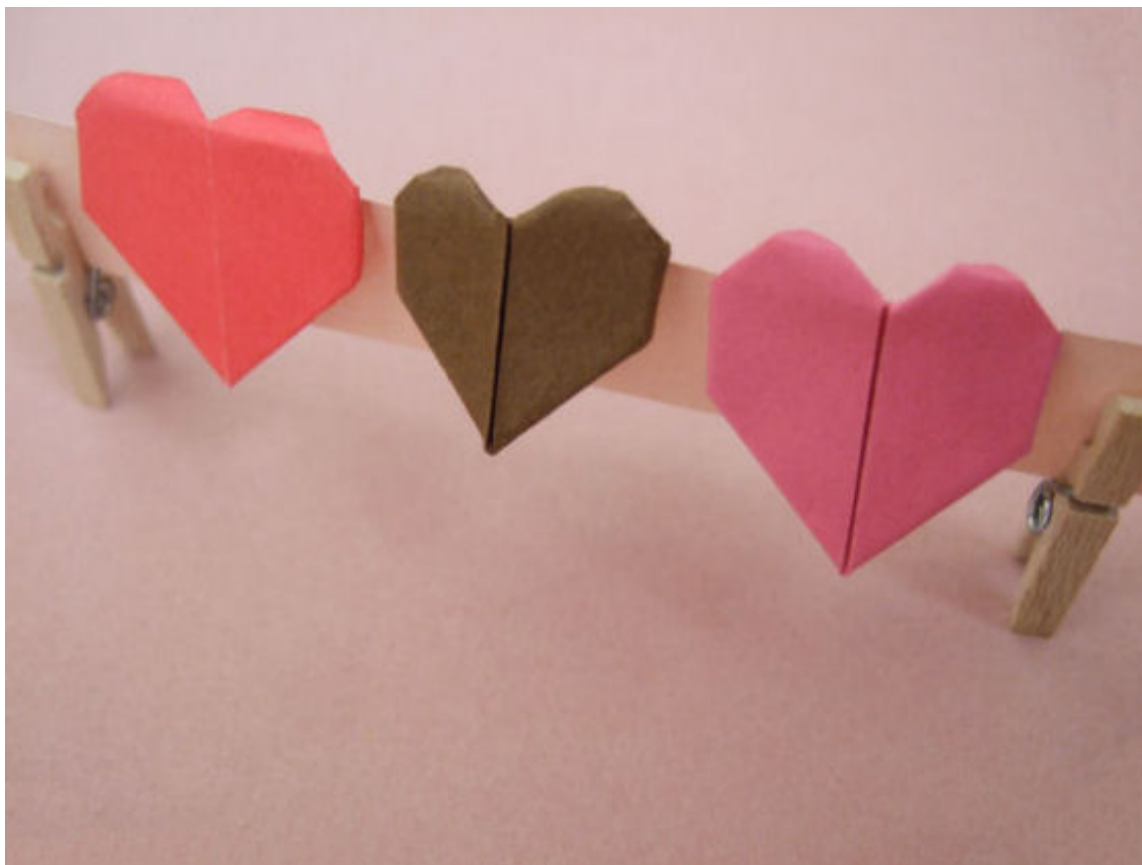
Notes:





Crease well. Bring up the sides to meet in the centre, which should result in a square base. Then fold down the base in half for the heart to show up.

### 3. Easy heart



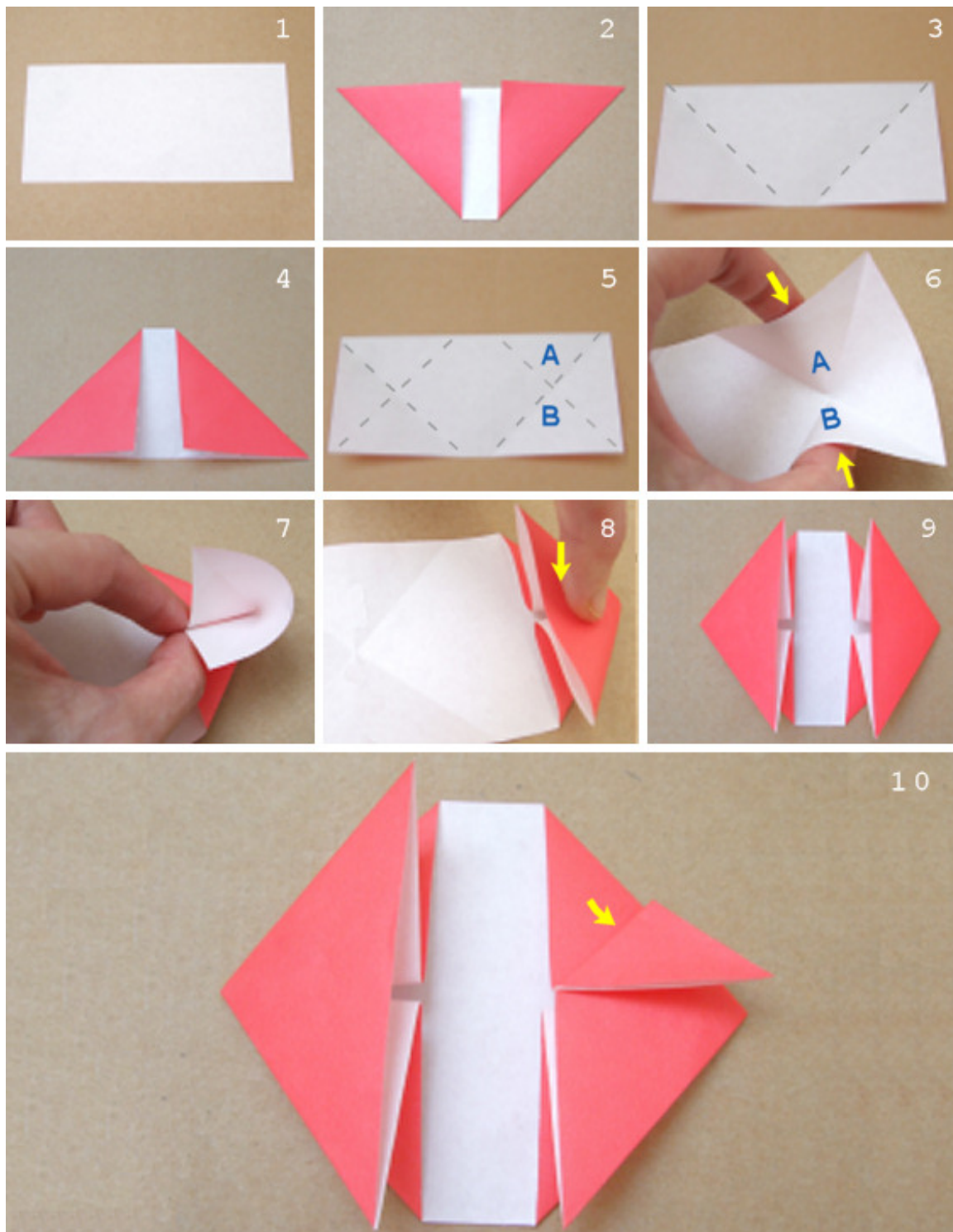
Followed this [tutorial](#) which uses a piece of triangle paper (i.e. the diagonal half of a square).

### 4. Change of heart

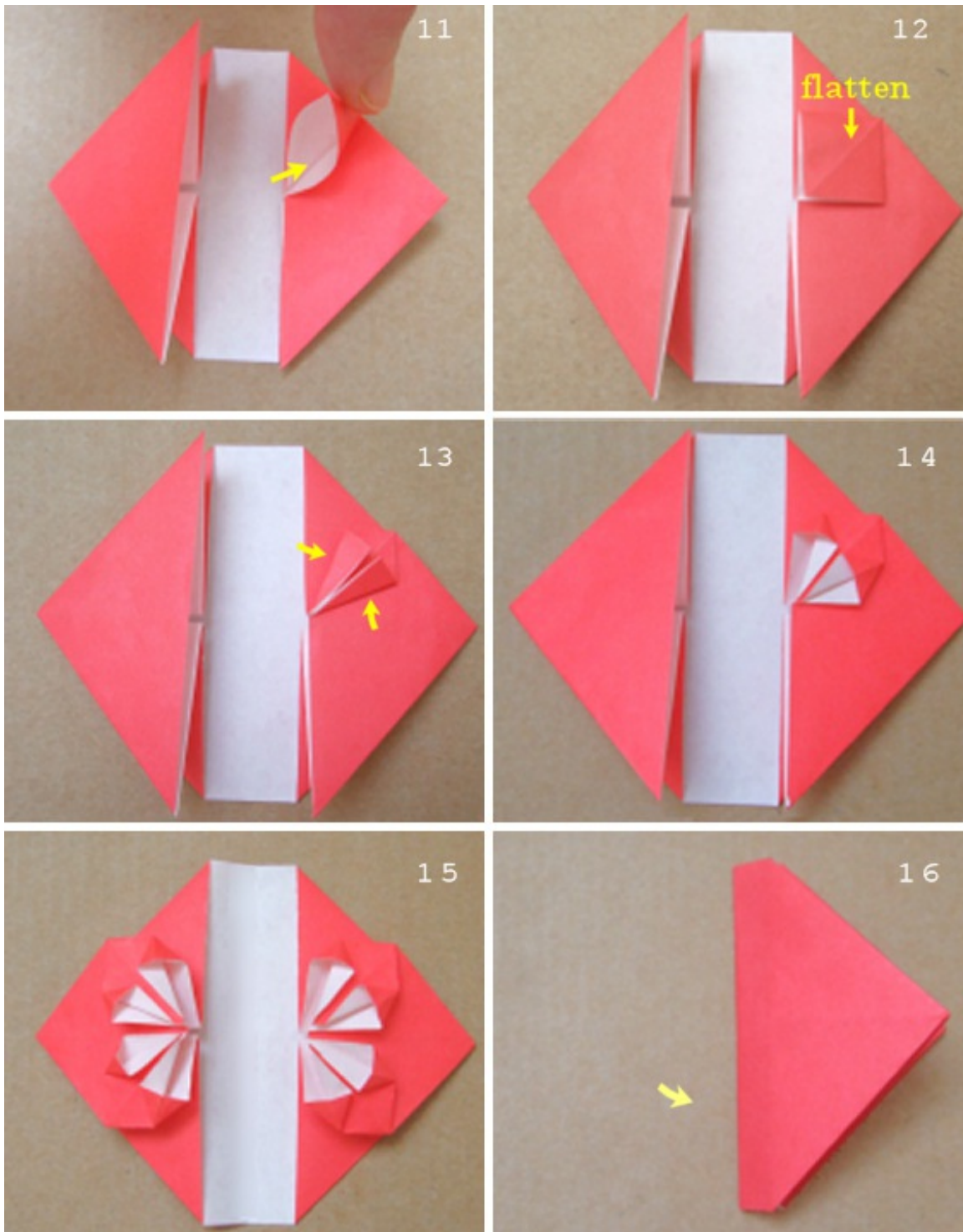


Designed by Kathleen Weller for a dollar bill. Features kite-like folds in the middle to hold a coin. Truly brilliant.

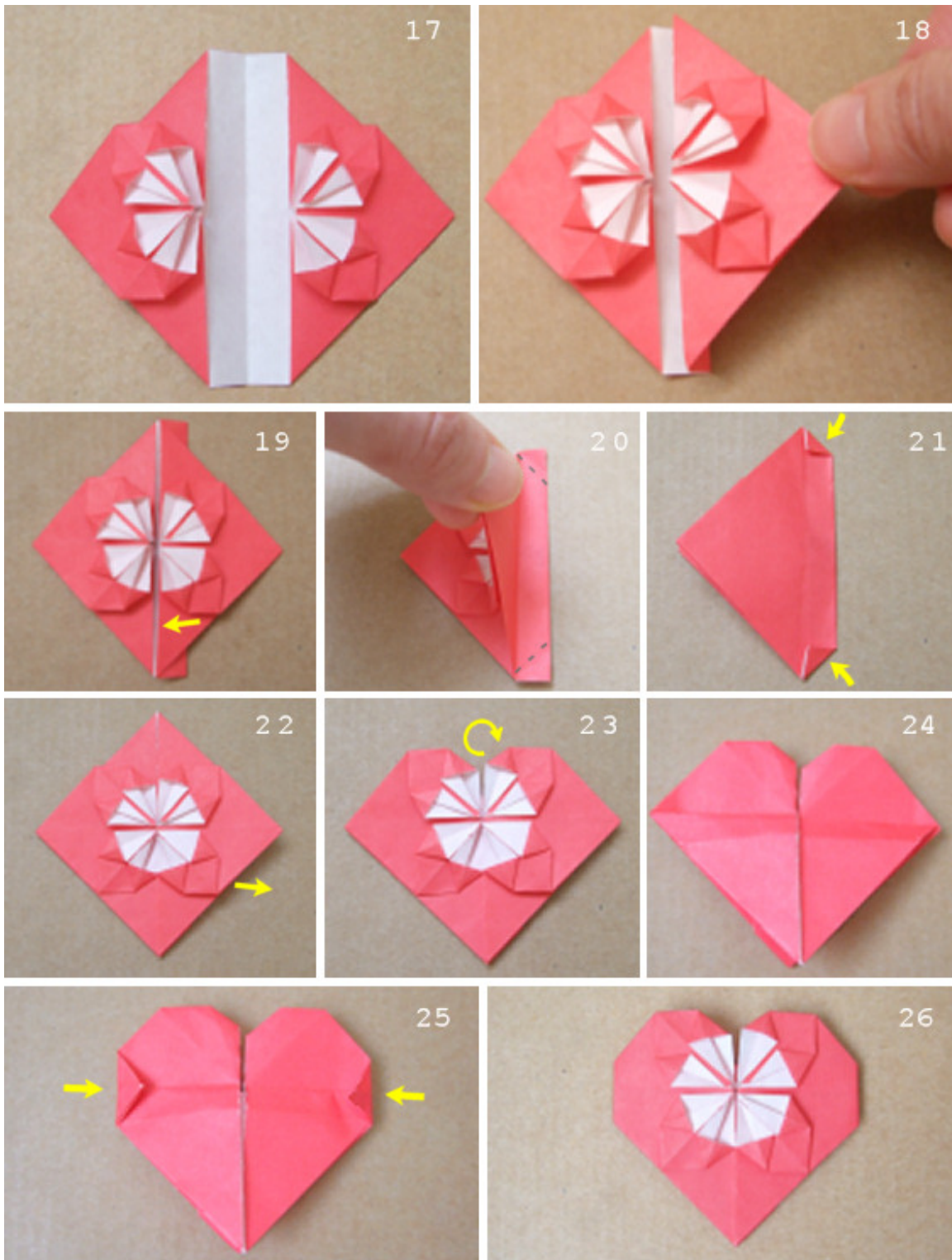




1. Paper length should be  $>2x$  longer than its breath.
2. Fold a triangle at both ends. Crease well.
3. Unfold.
4. Repeat step 2 on opposite sides.
5. Unfold. Identify A and B.
6. Push in the triangles A and B.
7. Let them contact in the middle.
8. Press the top triangle down.
9. Repeat on other end.
10. Fold up a triangle. Crease.



11. Open up the triangle from step 10.
12. Flatten to become a square.
13. On the square, fold in 2 smaller triangles.
14. Open up the triangles and flatten as shown.
15. Repeat steps 10 to 14 on the other three sides.
16. Carefully fold in half. Crease.



- 17-18. Open up. Lift up the right section.  
 19. Bring it to align right next to the left section.  
 20. Lift up the right section again.  
 21. Fold in corner triangles.  
 22. Bring the right section back down.  
 23. Fold a portion behind.  
 24. Turn over.  
 25-26. Fold in the sides. Turn over.

Other hearts to heart:

[Simple heart using dollar bill](#)/rectangle paper

[Single heart with front pocket](#)

[Page marker cum 4-leaf clover leaf](#)

[Lover's ring](#) by Franics Ow ([demo](#))

[Pull-apart card](#)

[Gallery of hearts](#) based on designs by [Francis Ow](#)

plus

[Amazing hearts](#) with either a crane, boat, plane, house, lips, diary and much more!!

[p.s. Kindly refrain from sharing the entire tutorial on your blog/website, please direct your readers over here to view the steps. Thank you.]