

# FORTUNE TELLER

## INNER CHILD DEVICE

a traditional origami model

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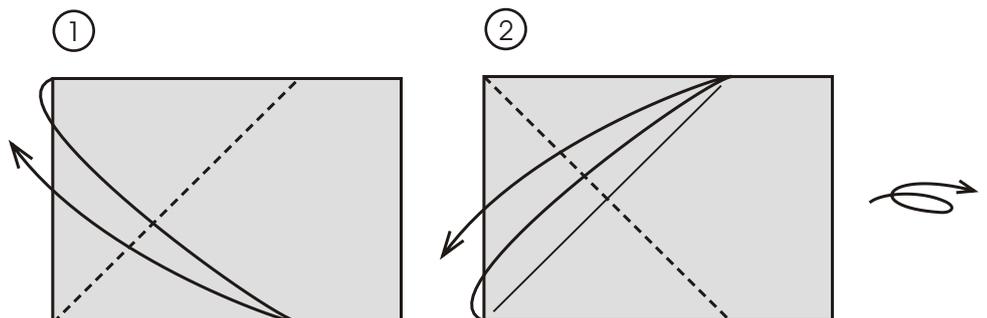
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I invite you to make and have fun with this playground toy. Maybe you made and played with one when you were very young, or maybe not. In either case, allow yourself to remember what you thought, and felt when you were a young child. What did you enjoy? How did that feel like? And what did you loathe? How about hate? Fear? And surprise you back then? Use the fortune teller to read someone else's future; take turns, and allow yourself to remember your childish self as you do so.

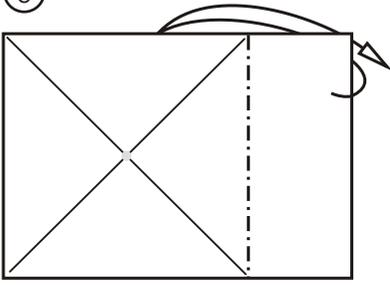
During the workshop, we will turn them into boxes as a tribute model of this long-living toy that links the past of many of us, but you must first follow ALL the following steps in order for us to make true folds of the *Boxed Fortune Teller* on the 12th. So don't just fold the device, play with it!

### HOW TO MAKE THE INNER CHILD DEVICE

Here I explain how to make and play with just one particular version of the fortune teller. Rip a large sheet from a **spiral notebook** or take a copy paper sheet.

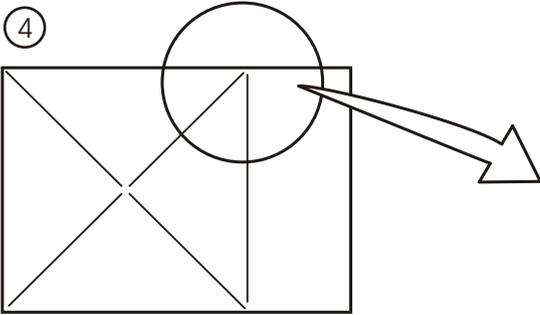


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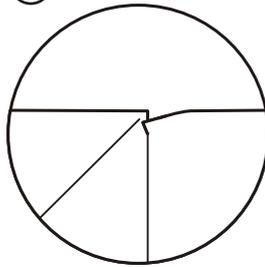


We often made fortune-tellers on the spur of the moment. In many of those occasions, we didn't have scissors, so we used our hands instead. Fold back and mark the fold forcefully, unfold, and fold to the front, marking with force again. Repeat this a couple of times.

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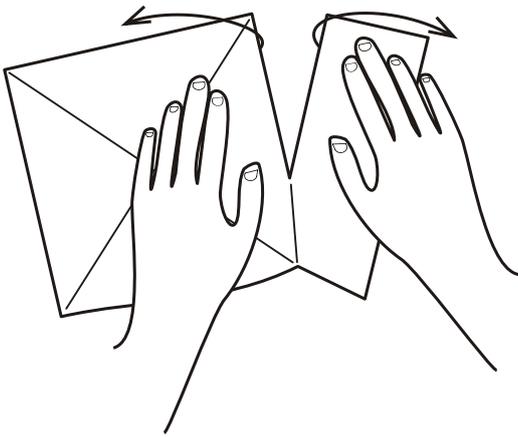


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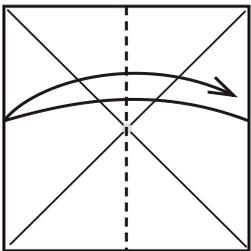
Make a small tear at the top of the crease you just made.

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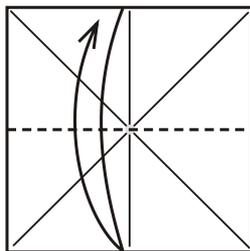


Use both hands to delicately separate both parts, and leave the small rectangle for some other time.

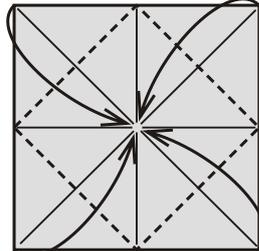
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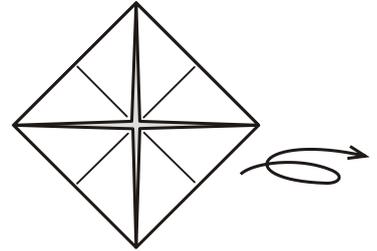
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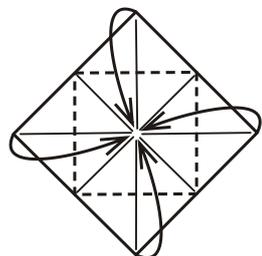
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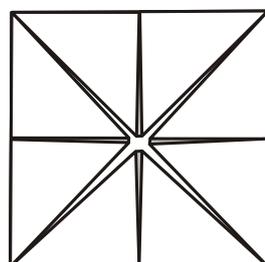
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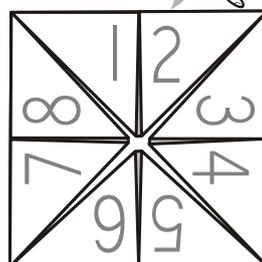
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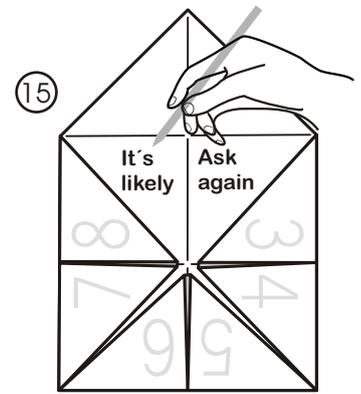
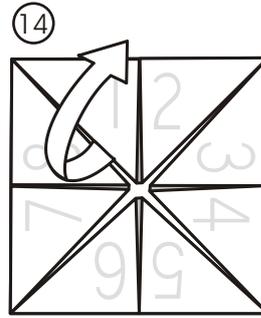


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Like you see in the picture, write on each triangle each number from 1 to 8.

Unfold each flap and, exactly under each number, write an answer like the ones below. Balance between affirmative, negative, and unclear answers between your eight.



### Affirmative answers

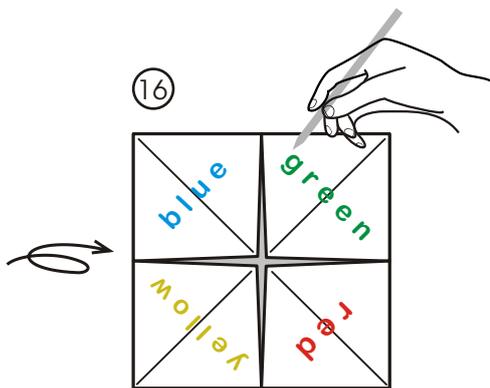
- It is certain
- It is decidedly so
- Without a doubt
- Yes definitely
- You may rely on it
- As I see it, yes
- Most likely
- Outlook good
- Yes
- Signs point to yes

### Negative answers

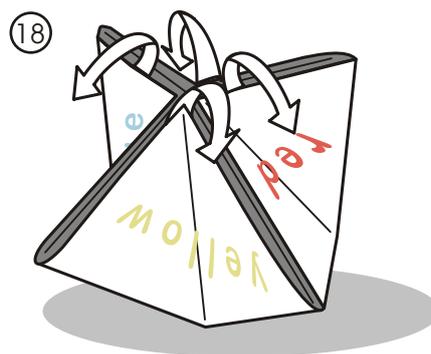
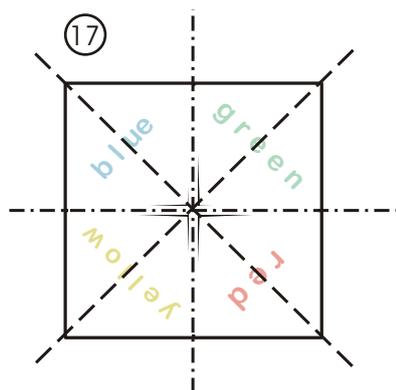
- Don't count on it
- My reply is no
- My sources say no
- Outlook not so good
- Very doubtful

### Unclear answers

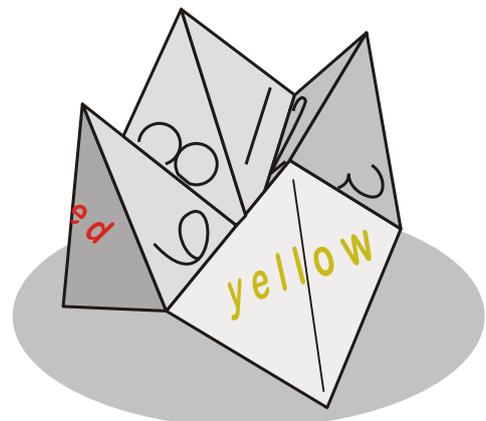
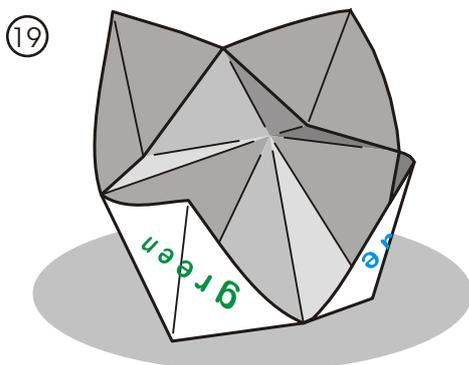
- Reply hazy, try again
- Ask again later
- Better not tell you now
- Cannot predict now
- Concentrate and ask again



Choose four different colours, but their names must each have a different number of letters, and two of those numbers must be even and the other two odd, for example, red (three letters), blue (four letters), green (five letters), and yellow (six letters). Like you see in the picture, write the name of each colour—with the corresponding colour pencil—on a different box.



The fortune teller.



## HOW TO PLAY WITH THE DEVICE

To flip flap the fortune teller, place an index finger inside one of the pockets underneath, place your other index finger, and your two thumbs inside the other three pockets respectively. After that, press your two index fingers together and your two thumbs as well (an opening with only four numbers should be visible on top), then switch and press your left index finger and thumb together and do the same with your right index finger and thumb (now the other four numbers should be visible on top).

Invite a friend to play.

1. Ask your friend to make a yes or no question about his or her future: "Will I...?"
2. Now ask your friend to pick one of the four colours.
3. Spell the name of the colour out loud and flip-flap the fortune teller with each letter.
4. Once you stop flip-flapping the fortune teller, only four numbers should be visible inside. Now ask your friend to pick one of them.
5. Unfold the flap with said number and read out loud what the device has answered to your friend.
6. Take as many turns as you want.

And just have fun ;) See you on the 12th!

