

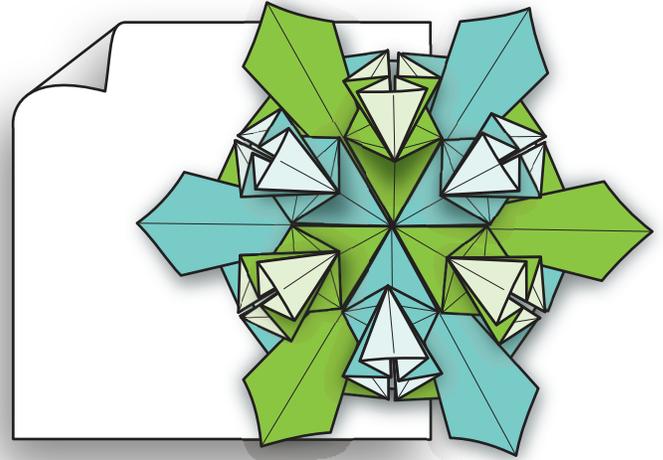
Virgo Potens

Modular mandala designed by Matthew Green.

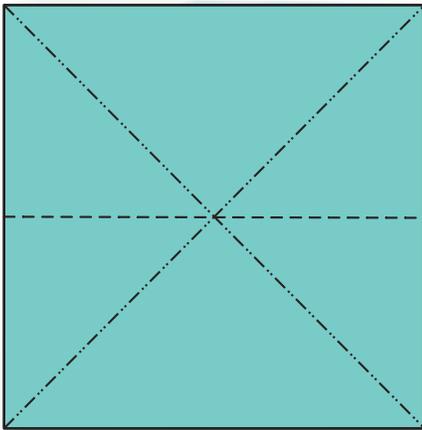
I recommend using 6 units for this model, although it works with 8. I particularly like it with silver foil paper as a Christmas tree decoration. For clarity I use different colors for different units.

Paper: 8 squares

Recommended paper size: 3" / 7.5 cm

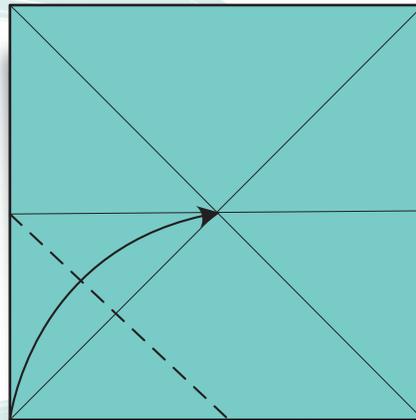


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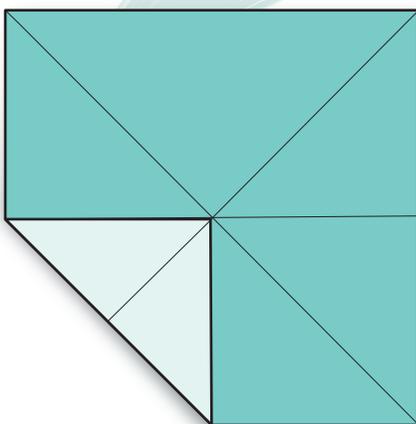
Precrease with the colored side on the inside.

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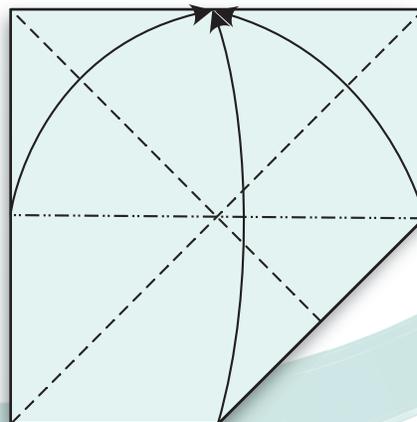
Fold the bottom left corner to the center.

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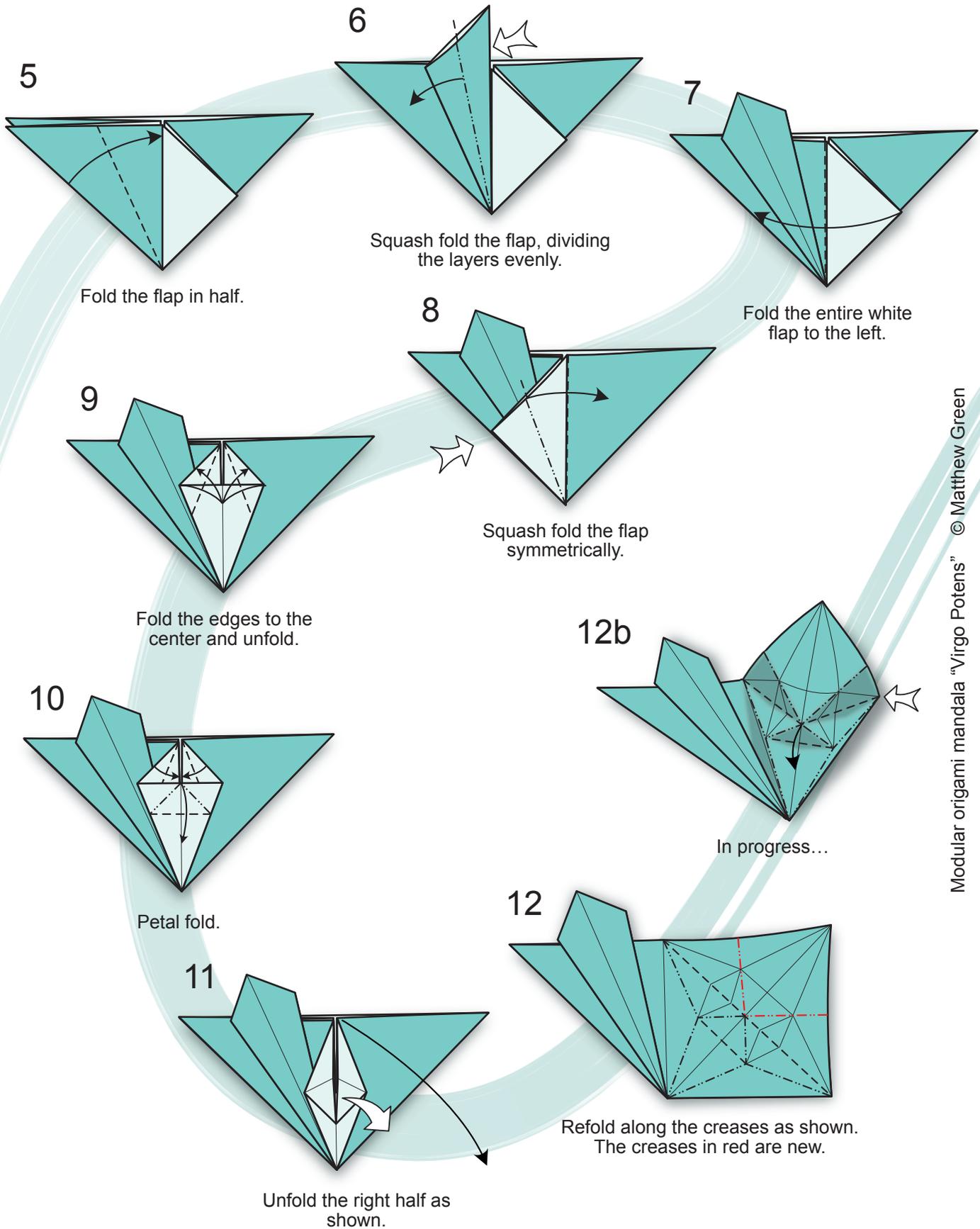
Turn over horizontally.

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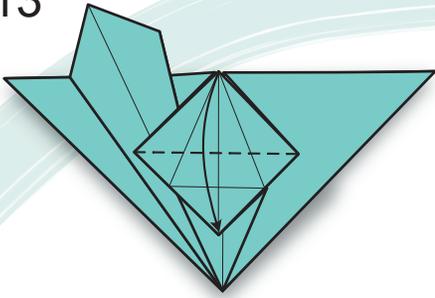


Fold along the preceases.

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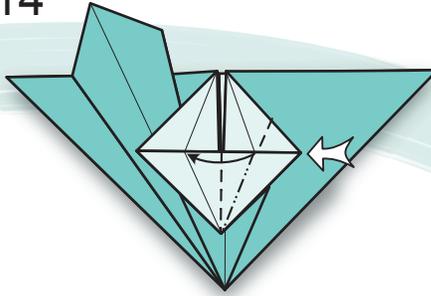


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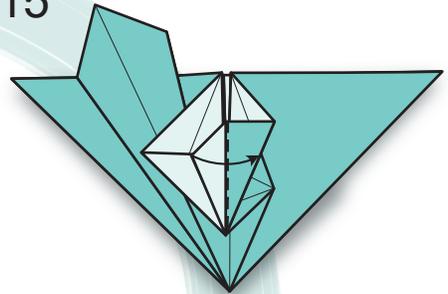
Fold the corner down.

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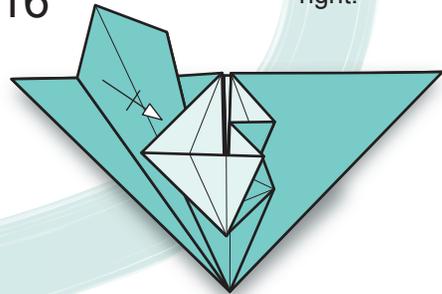
Asymmetrical Squash fold.

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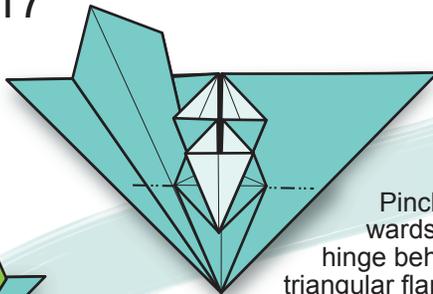
Fold the flap to the right.

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Repeat on the left.

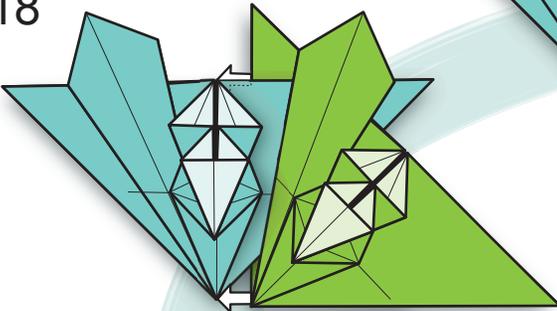
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Pinch backwards on the hinge behind the triangular flap. Mark firmly only in the center where there are most layers. This is a precrease.

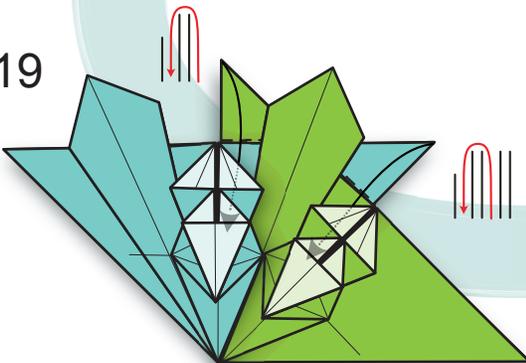
Fold another unit.

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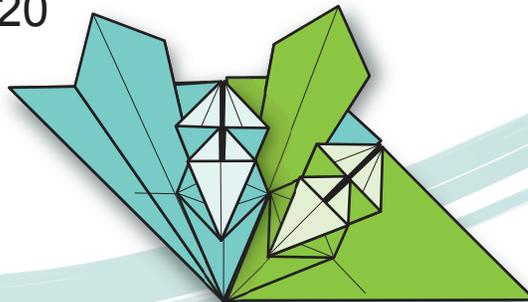
Slide the right unit between the layers of the left unit as shown.

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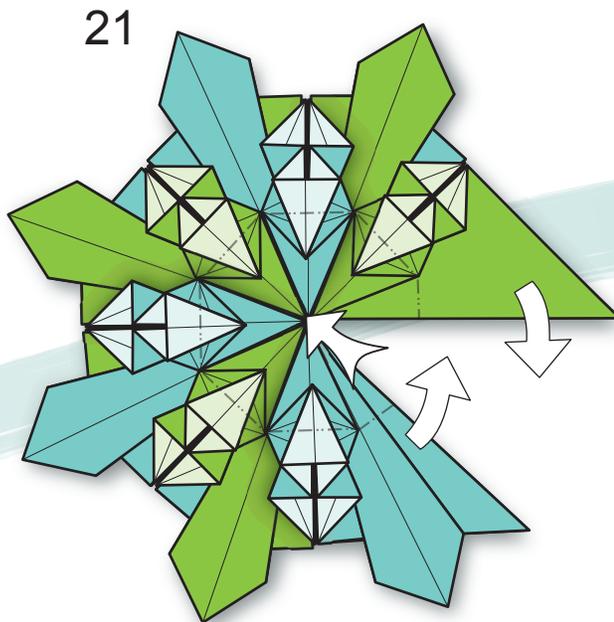
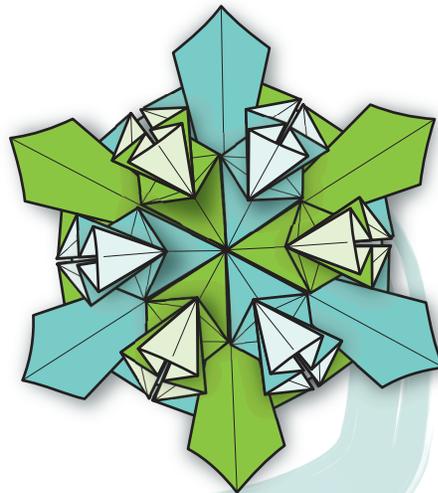
Fold the tabs forwards over two layers and underneath the top layers.

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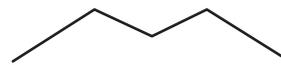


Repeat with 4 more units, but don't close the circle.

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Finished!



Side view showing schematically how the center becomes concave

As you close the circle and join the first and last units, the model will form a wide cone. Push the center downwards using the precreases from step 7 so that the center becomes concave while the outer part becomes convex. Don't fold the triangular flaps pointing towards the center; they will point slightly upwards.

Joining the last units is tricky. Take it slow.