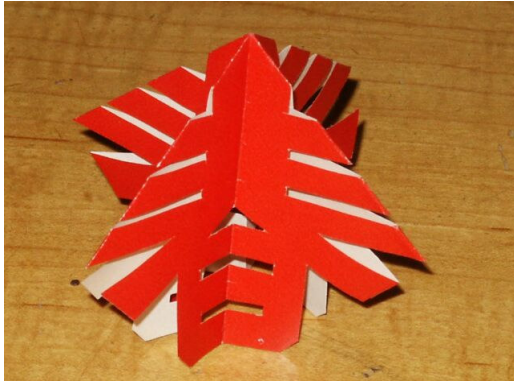


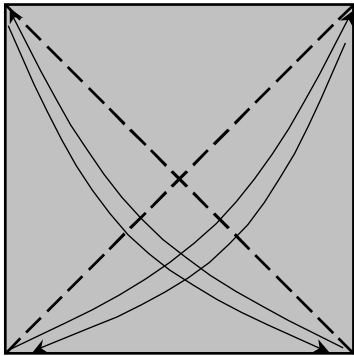
Fold-and-Cut Chinese "Spring" Character (Diamond-Shape Version)



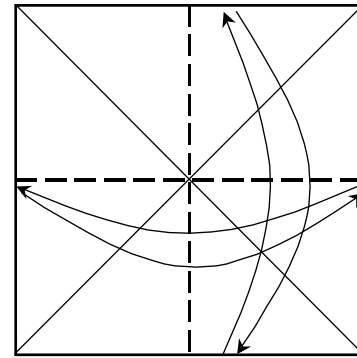
Developed by Ching-Yu Hung around one of the Chinese Years, 98, 99, or 2000. This, being so simple, must have been a re-invention.

Start with a square piece of paper. The side of paper you want on the outside should face up.

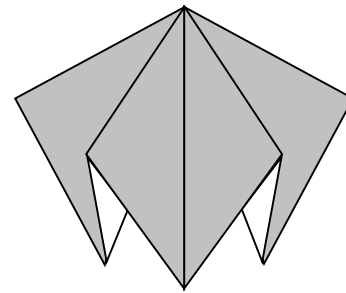
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Fold in half diagonally and fold back. Repeat for the other diagonal.



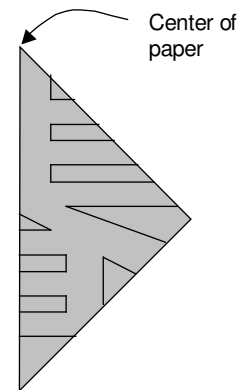
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Flip the paper over (so the out-side of paper faces down). Fold in half way horizontally, fold back, then hold in half way vertically, fold back.



3
Flip it over again, enforce the crease lines, and make it a diamond shape. Now the outer-color side of the paper should be out. This is so called the preliminary fold base.



4
Fold to half along the center line. Draw the pattern and cut.



5
Open it up and fold back to the diamond shape, and you're done.

It can also be hung upside down to represent the "coming" of spring. In Chinese, "upside down" pronounces the same as "coming."

You can also use pentagon or hexagon papers to create other 3-D models of "Spring", or other symmetrical Chinese characters.