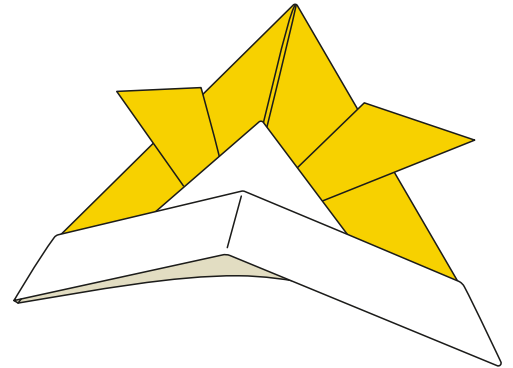


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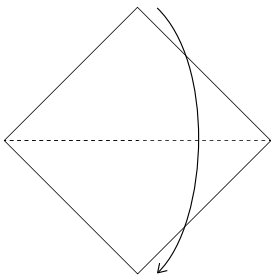
Make Your Own Origami *Kabuto*

This origami design is based on helmets (*kabuto*) worn by Japanese warriors including samurai. Every year on 5 May, in celebration of *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day), many families in Japan decorate their homes with ornamental *kabuto* and *gogatsu ningyō* ('May dolls' typically dressed as warriors). These decorations derive from the holiday's roots as a festival for boys known as *Tango-no-sekku* and represent the family's wish for their children to grow up strong and brave.



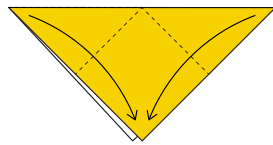
Make your own miniature *kabuto* using origami paper and display it in your home or use a page of newspaper cut into a square to make one big enough to wear.

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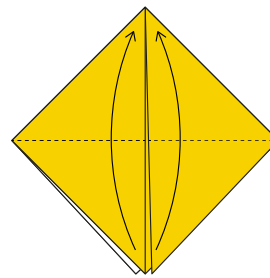
Take a square piece of paper. If using origami paper, begin with the white side facing up. Fold down in half to form a triangle.

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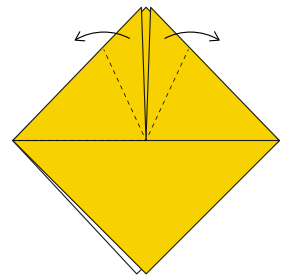
Fold outer corners down along the dotted lines to meet the bottom corner.

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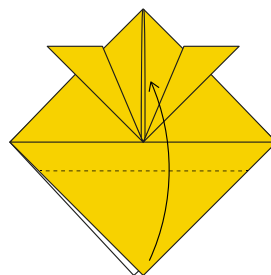
Fold the top flap of each side up to meet the top corner.

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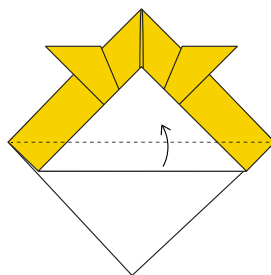
Fold each top flap outwards along the dotted line.

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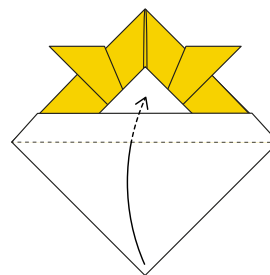
Take the top layer from the bottom half of your helmet and fold up along the dotted line.

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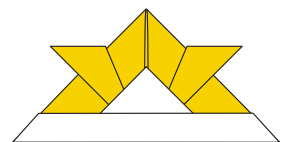
Fold the same layer up again along the horizontal centre line to create a rim for your helmet.

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Fold the remaining layer up and tuck inside the front of the helmet.

8



Display or wear your completed *kabuto*.