

# ORIGAMI BALLOON GARLAND

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fig. 1



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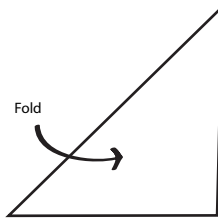


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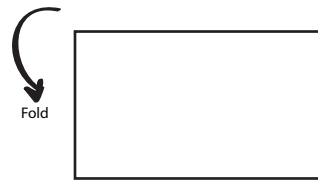
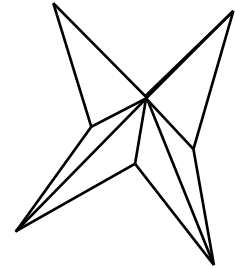


fig. 4



1. Start with a 5" square of paper (you can use other sizes but 5" works well for lights).
2. Fold both ways diagonally (right side)
3. Fold horizontally, then vertically (reverse side)
4. Bring folds together as shown, like a 3-D pyramid

fig. 5

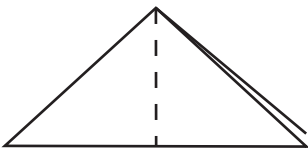


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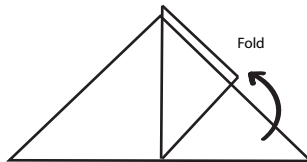


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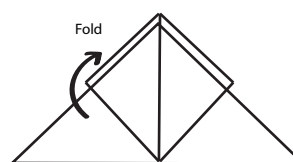
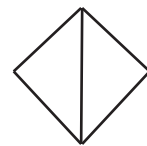


fig. 8



5. Next, flatten into a triangle
6. Take bottom right corner up to the top, press and fold
7. Repeat fold on left corner to the top
8. Flip over and repeat process on the other side

fig. 9



fig. 10



fig. 11



fig. 12



9. Fold side points of diamond to center
10. Flip over and repeat on the other side
11. Fold top flap from each corner to open the center pockets, tuck (or even double tuck) each top flap well into each center pocket, pressing flat
12. Repeat on the reverse side, again tucking the top flaps into the center pockets (try to tuck in as well as you can)

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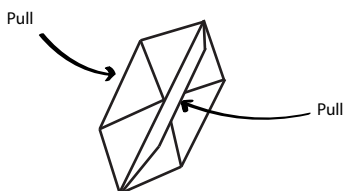


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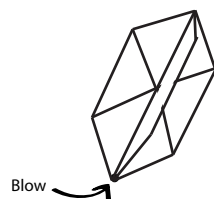
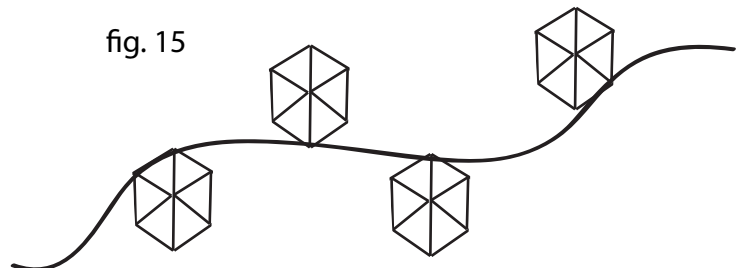


fig. 15



13. Fold opposite sides together. Gently pull at the sides to expand into the balloon shape
14. Blow into the end with a hole to inflate
15. Take your string of lights, make as many balloons as you need and slip each light through the hole of each balloon.