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Origami Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus rex

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1 Introduction

1.1 About the design

This design requires 21 equally sized squares of paper. It is recommended to use paper approximately 8 inches square. Using paper any smaller than 6 inches square when initially folding the model may cause some difficulty. The designer recommends wetfolding (dampening the paper and folding it while wet) and to this end it is advisable to use a durable paper to prevent any ripping and tearing, such as handmade

Japanese paper (washi).

"Origami Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus rex" is a very advanced design and some experience with folding complex models will be of assistance. Even for the experienced folder there are a number of interesting surprises and unknown maneuvers that should prove challenging. The notation used here is based on the well known Yoshizawa-Randlett system and as the book has been designed primarily forr advanced folders no explanation of the folding symbols is included. "Origami Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus rex" was designed in 1989 for the Origami Dinosaur Exhibition at Gallery Origami House, Tokyo. The diagrams were originally drawn on a Macintosh LC using Aldus Freehand 2.0J and first appeared in serial form in *The Origami Tanteidan* (Detectives) *News* in the February to December 1991 issues. This book is the first English version of the design and Mr. Yoshino's international debut.

1.2 About the designer, Issei Yoshino

Issei Yoshino wants to take the art of origami design to its limit and beyond. Though not yet 30 years of age he has already gained considerable notoriety for his innovative designs, in particular his dinosaur skeletons.

Mr. Yoshino was born in Kawaguchi, a city north of Tokyo, on August 3rd, 1964. Graduating from Kawaguchi Technical High School he began studies in an aeronautical institute with the intention of becoming an aeronautical engineer. Although he subsequently decided to pursue a career in computers, aircraft continue to hold an interest for Yoshino and he has designed many spectacular origami jet fighters.

When he was fifteen Yoshino first began to design original origami models. His first design was an eagle in flight. Unlike some contemporary designers who carefully plot out crease patterns before actually folding, Mr. Yoshino works almost exclusively with the paper alone until the design is complete. He begins with a strong image of the finished model and then proceeds to fold sections of the design (for example, the head and mane of a horse). Eventually the different folding sequences for the various parts all come together. Naturally, working in this manner, finished designs only evolve after considerable time and effort, a finished model taking as much as a year to complete.

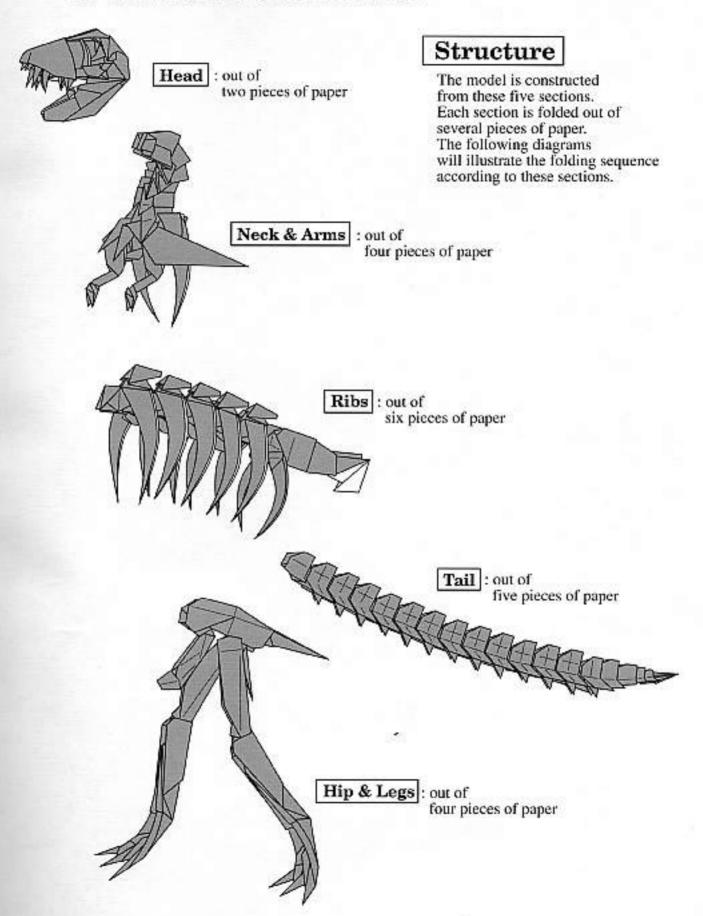
"Origami Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus rex" began with simply the creature's skull. Dissatisfied with the design Yoshino realized to accomplish what he really wanted to do, create a full skeleton, would require

a number of sheets of paper.

Mr. Yoshino is one of the founding members of the Origami Detectives, a group of young origami designers, formed in 1989. He is also one of the pioneer designers in Japan to begin using computers to diagram origami models. Mr. Yoshino's other interests include marathon jogging. He is currently employed by Digital Service Corp. in Tokyo.



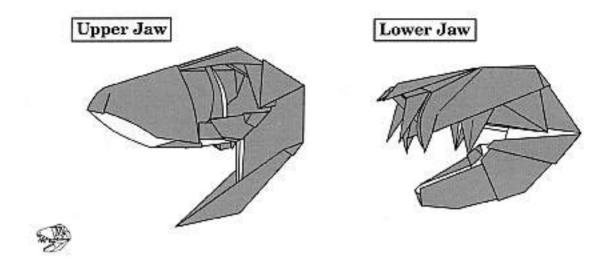
1.3 Structure: Five sections



1.4 Parts of each section

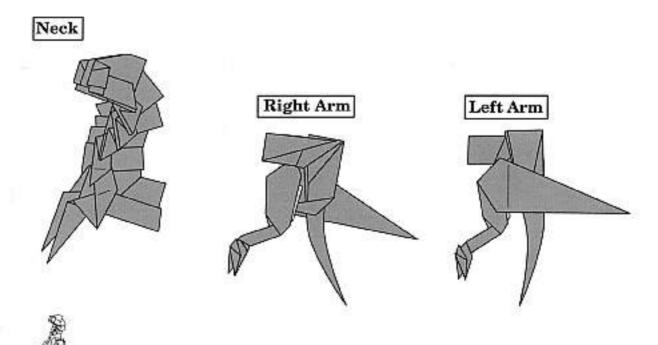
Parts of Head

Head is constructed by two parts: Upper Jaw and Lower Jaw.



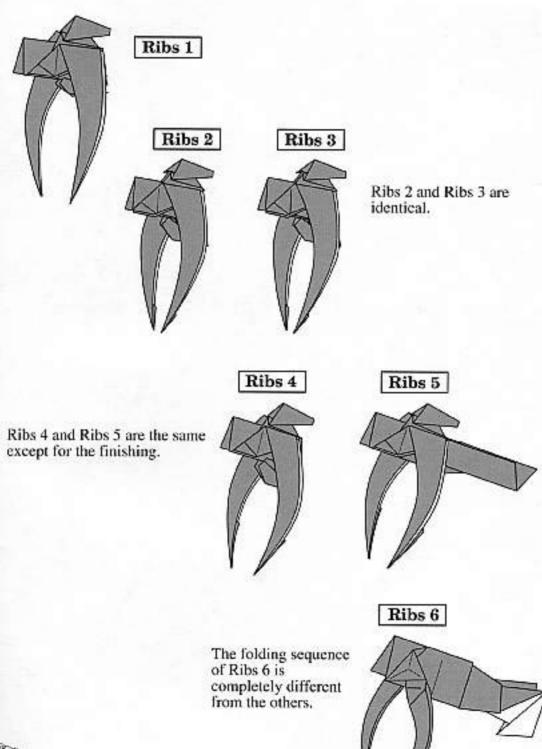
Parts of Neck & Arms

Neck is out of two sheets, but they will be combined in the middle of the folding sequence. Right Arm and Left Arm are symmetrical.



Parts of Ribs

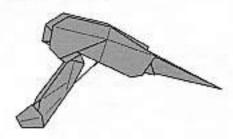
The section of Ribs is constructed from six sheets of paper.
With the exception of Ribs 6 the folding sequences are all the same, but the edges of the papers are folded in to make the ribs shorter and shorter towards the tail.





Parts of Hip & Legs

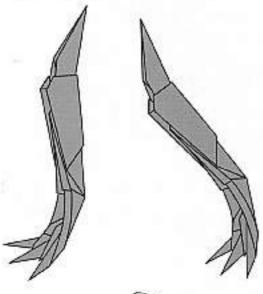
Hip Bone



Thigh Bone



Shank & Foot

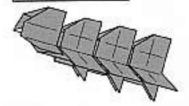




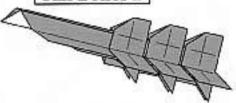
Parts of Tail

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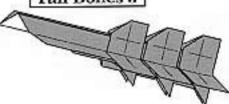
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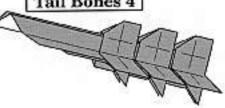
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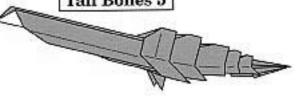
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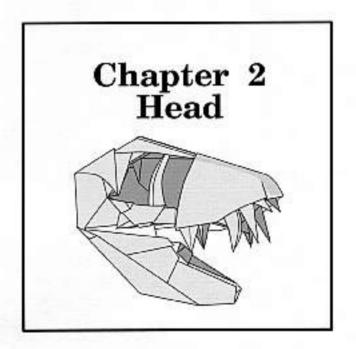
Tail Bones 4



Tail Bones 5





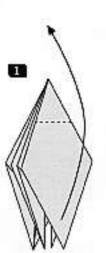


2 Head

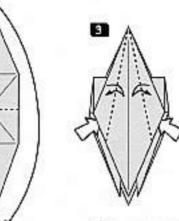
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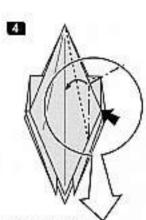
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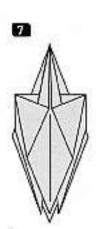
Start with the Frog Base. Stretch the top layer.

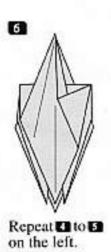


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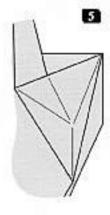


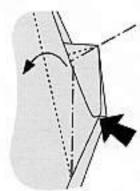
Spread-sink, using the creases from **51**.



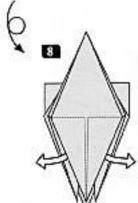




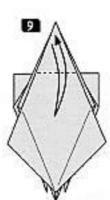


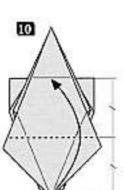


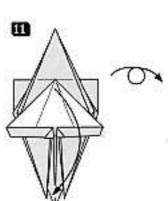
Step
in progress.

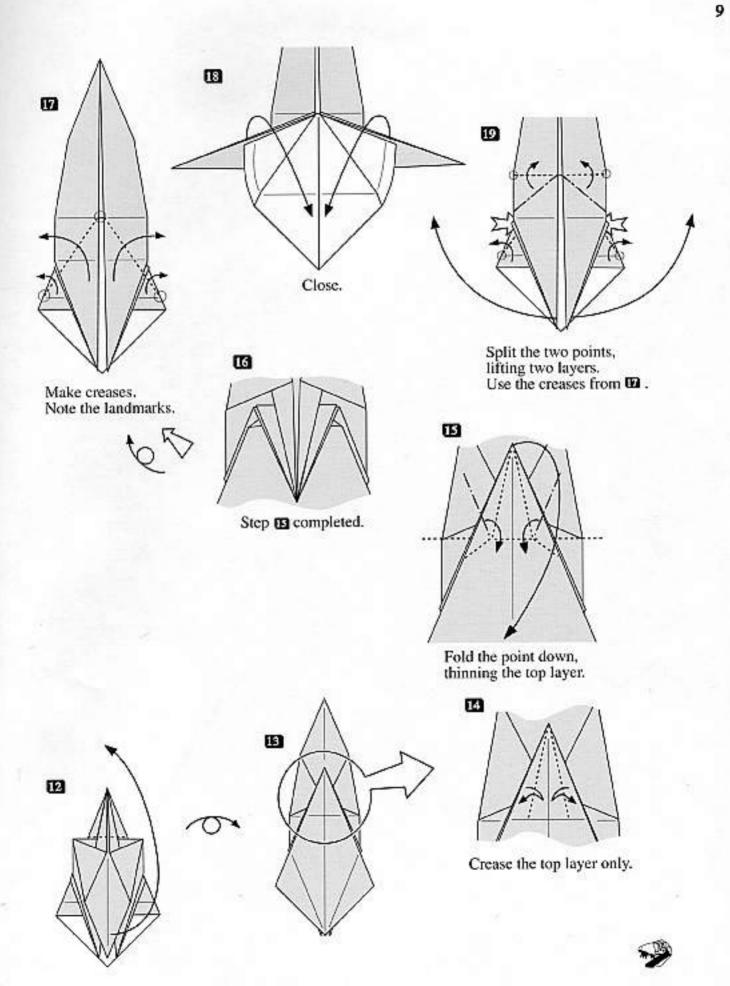


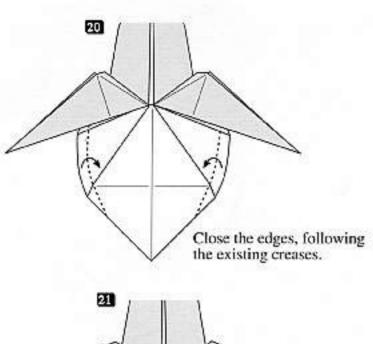
Pull out the hidden sheets.

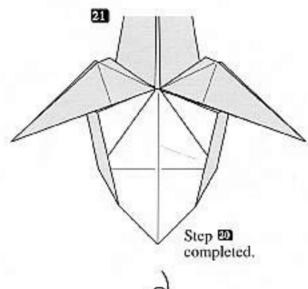


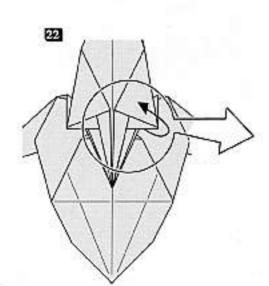


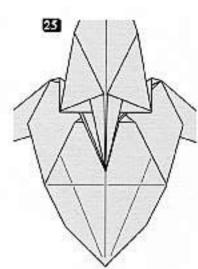




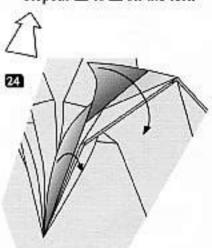




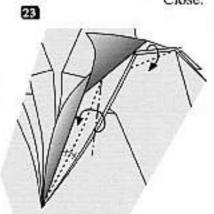




Repeat 22 to 20 on the left.

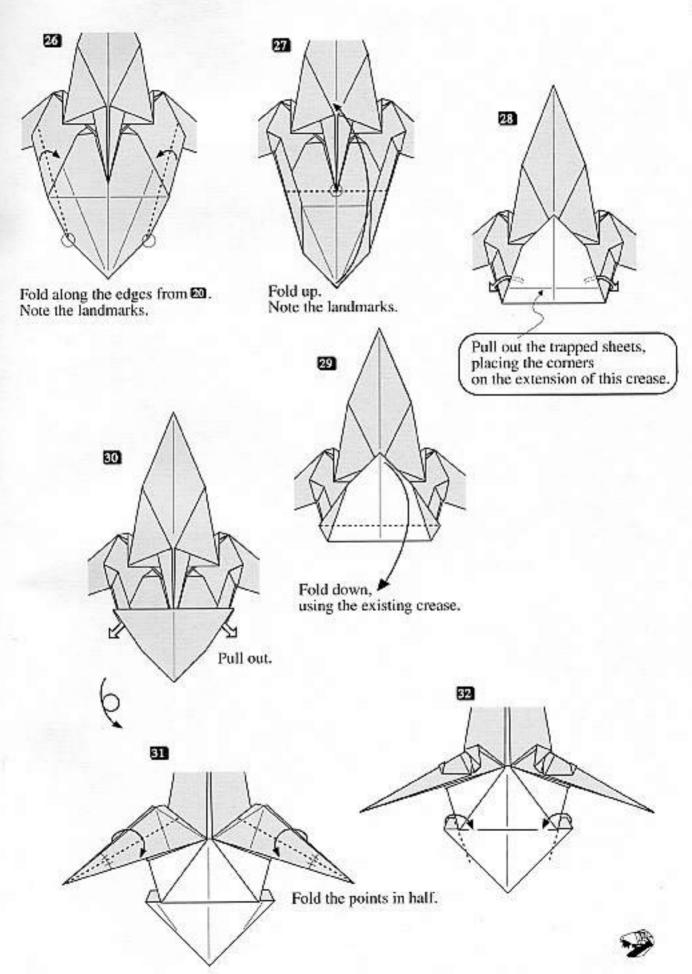


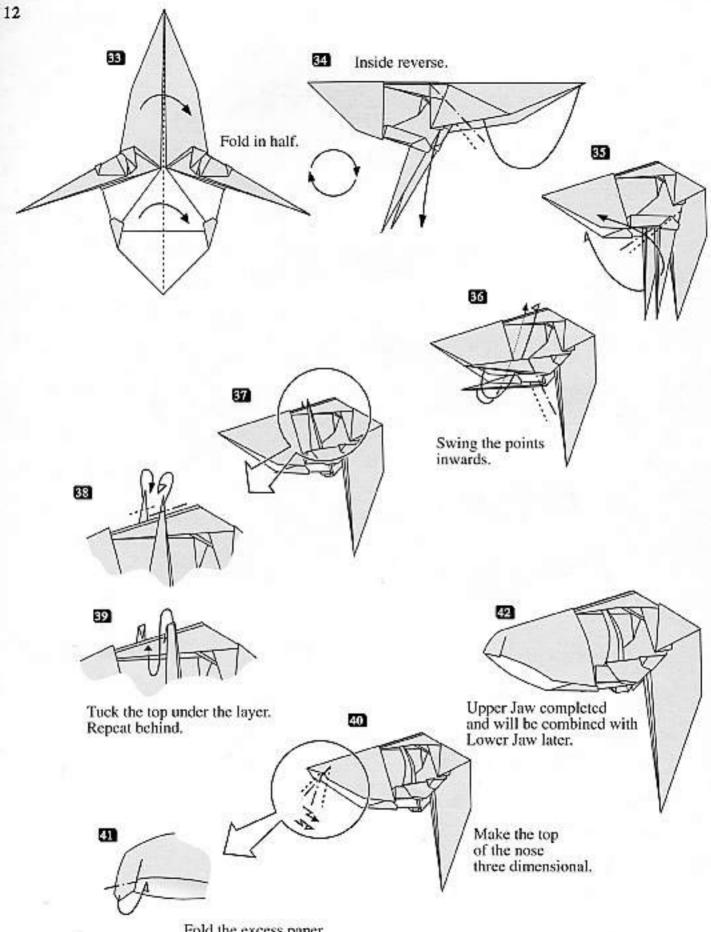
Close.



Make the hidden layers thinner.





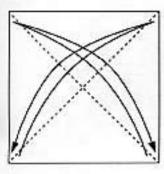


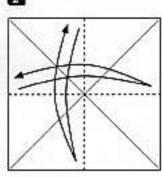


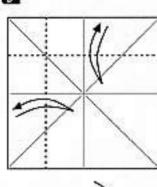
Fold the excess paper inside.

2.2 Lower Jaw 🐉

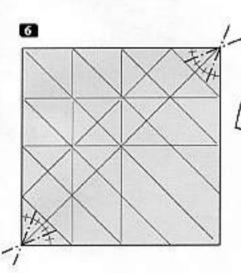




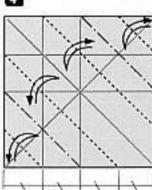


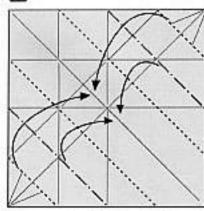


Make creases.

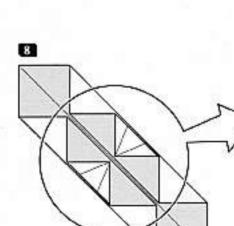


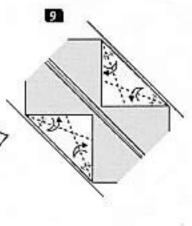


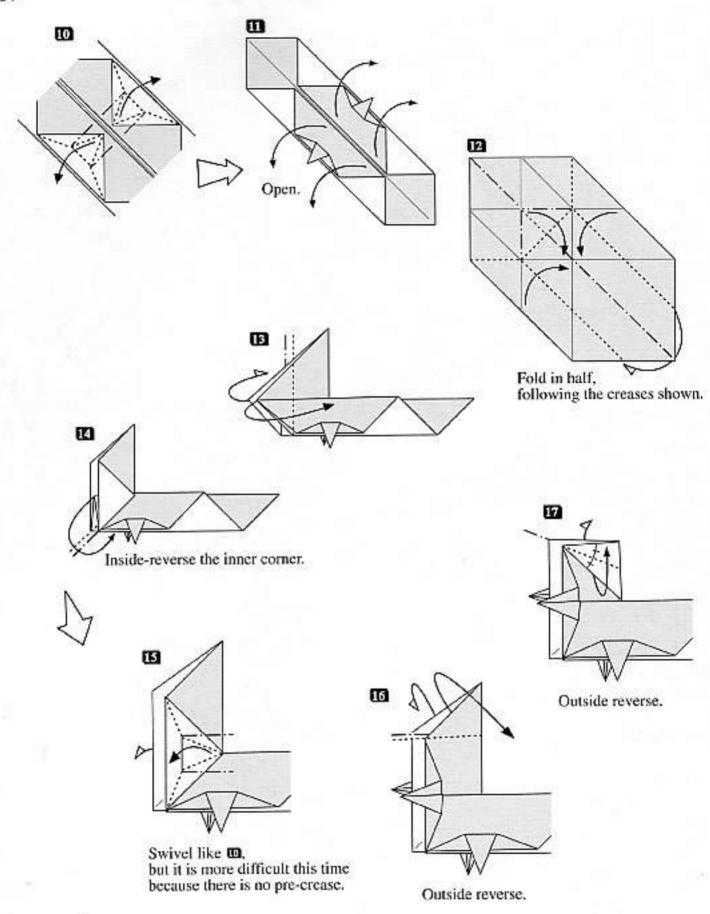




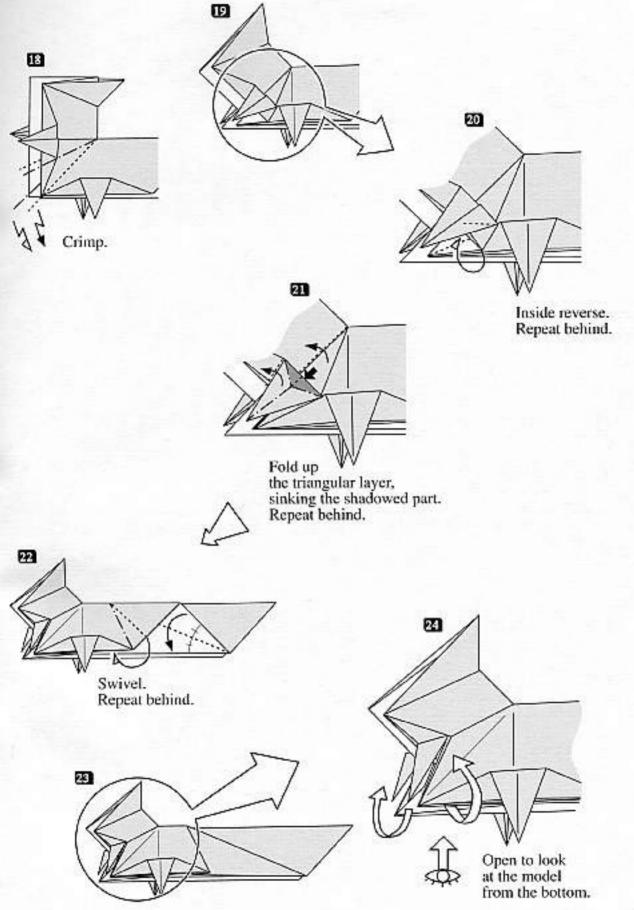
Close, using the creases from .



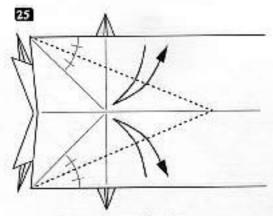




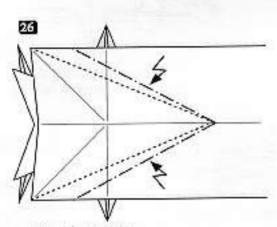






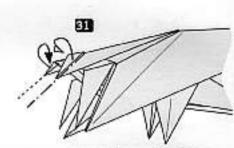


Make creases firmly.

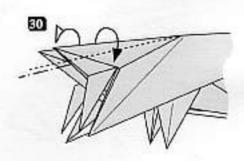


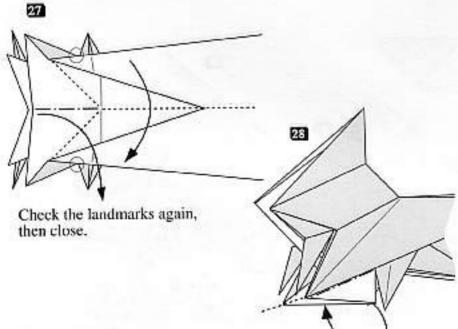
Pleat both sides, using the creases from state the valley folds.

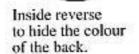
The mountain creases here should hit the landmarks shown in the next step.

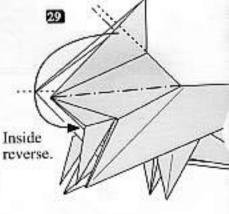


Make the points thinner.

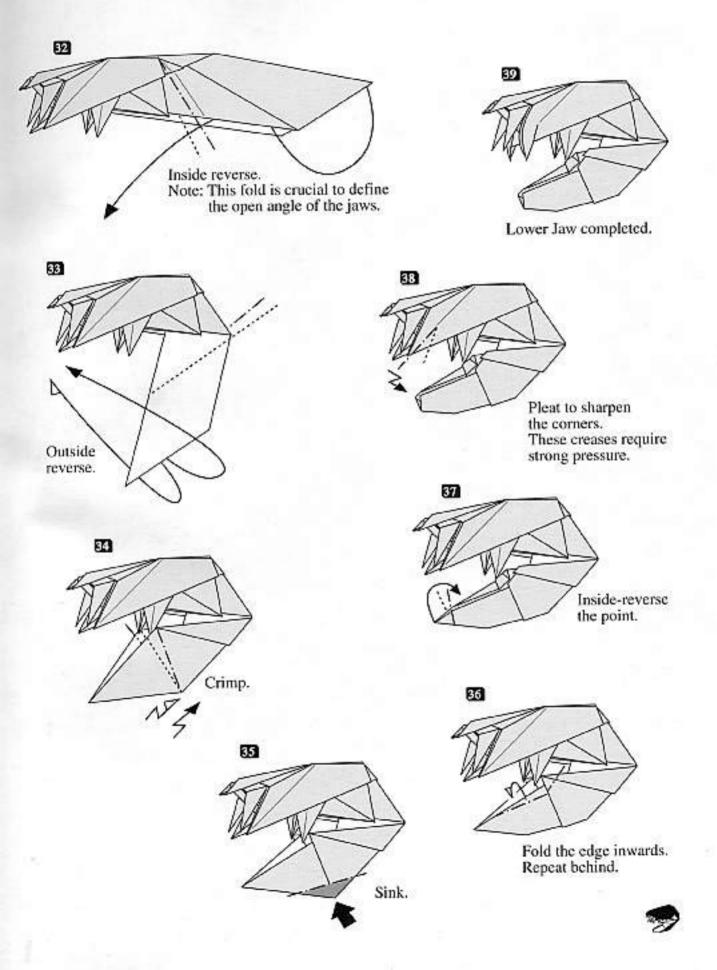






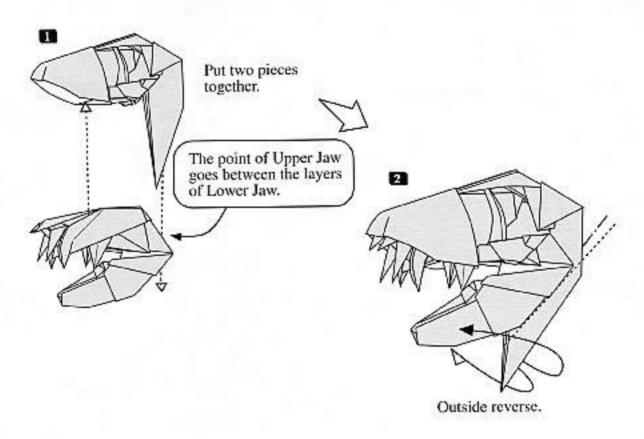


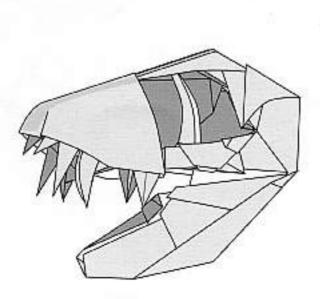




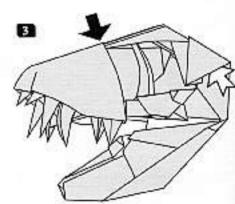
2.3 Assembly of Upper Jaw and Lower Jaw



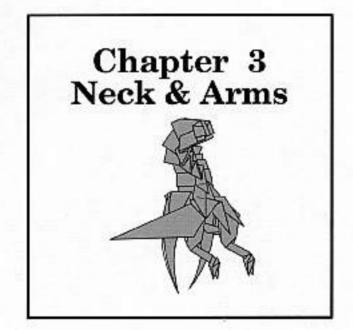




Head completed.



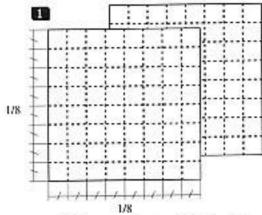
Round the arrowed parts.

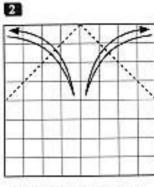


3 Neck & Arms

3.1 Neck

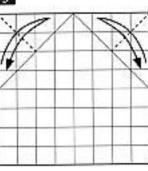






Start with one sheet. Make creases.

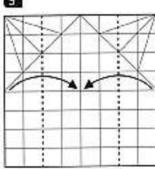
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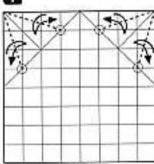
Make creases.

Make two sheets of 8×8 grid.



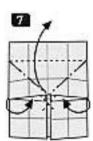


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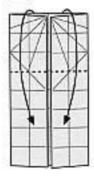


Make creases. Note the landmarks .

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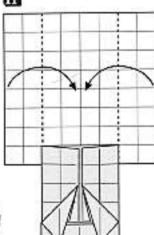
Squash right and left.



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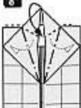
Use the third crease from the top.

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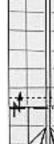
Wrap the model



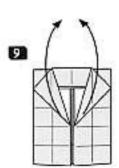


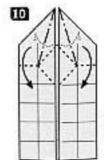
Fold the top sheet inside, using the existing creases.

with another grid.

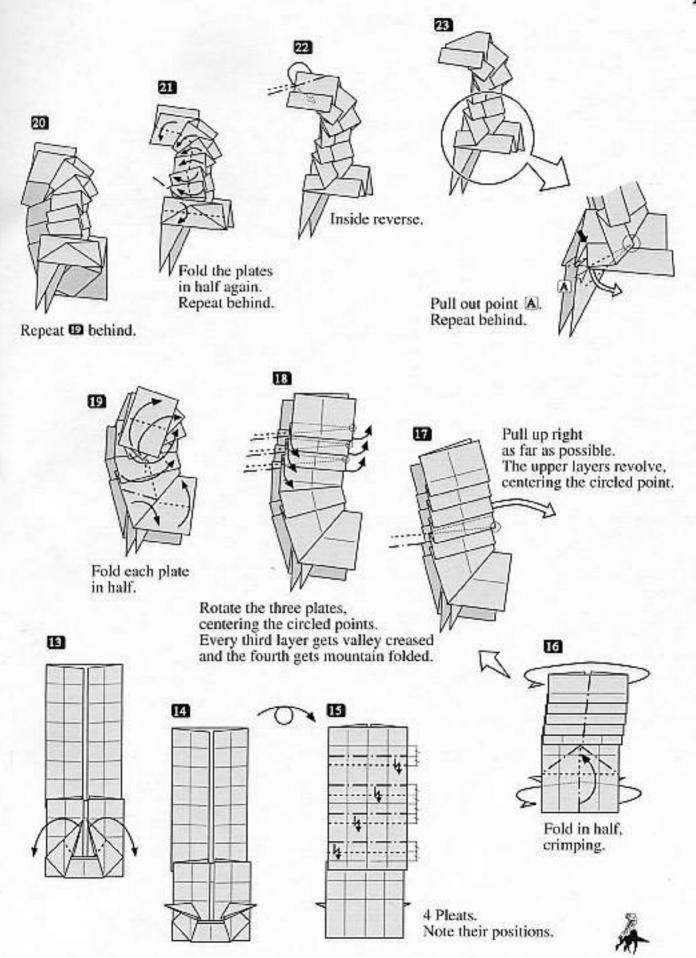


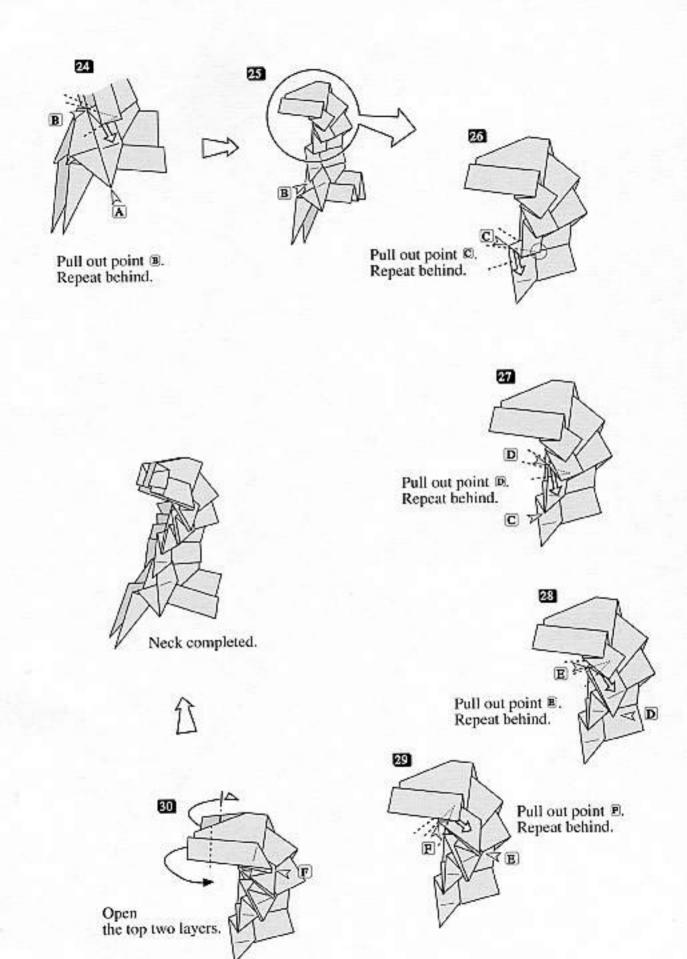
Pleat.





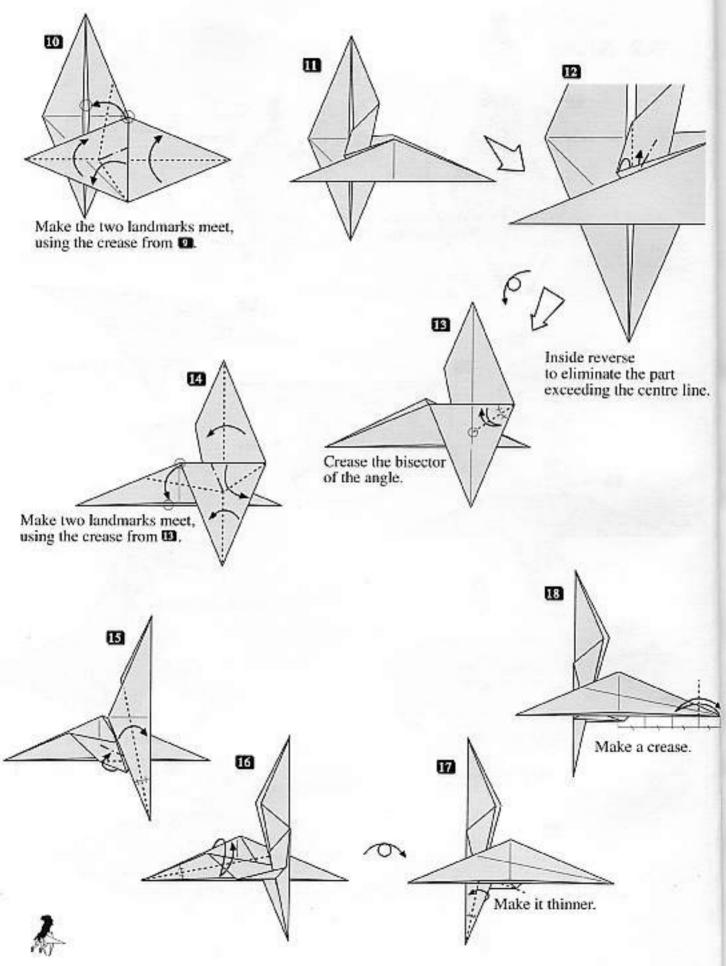
Close the model, folding the top sheets inwards. Use the existing creases.

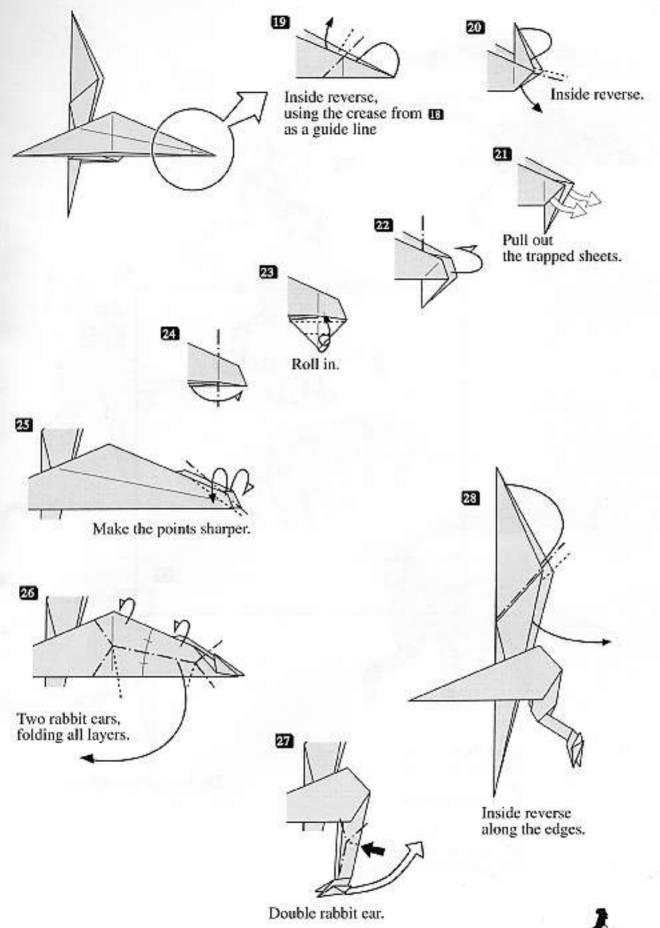


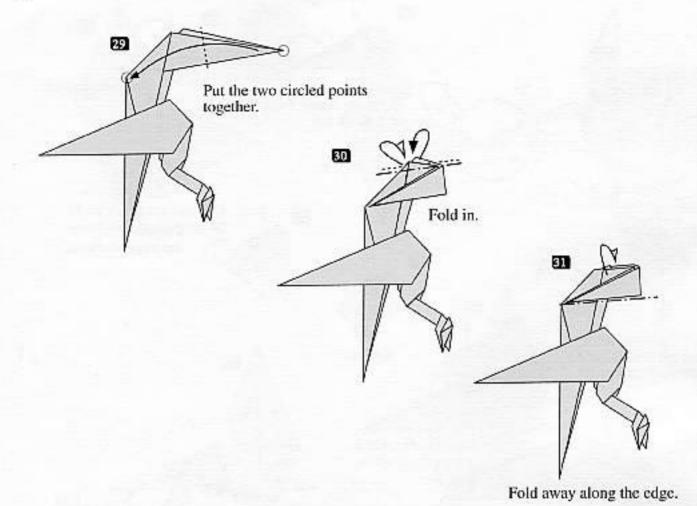


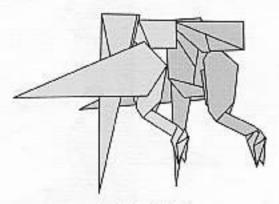


3.2 Arms Stretch. Start with the Bird Base. Fold in half. 4 Flatten. 3 6 Make a crease to divide the angle shown in half. Fold behind the layers. 8



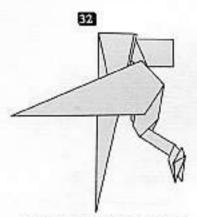






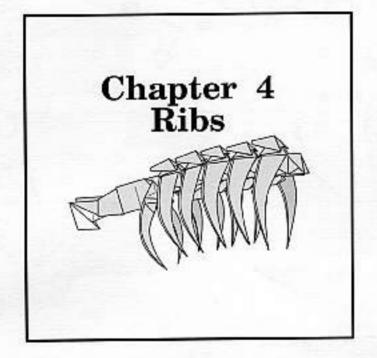
Make the left arm, reversing all maneuvers symmetrically. It is a little difficult.

Arms completed. Ribs with arms will get curves later when they are assembled.



The right arm completed.

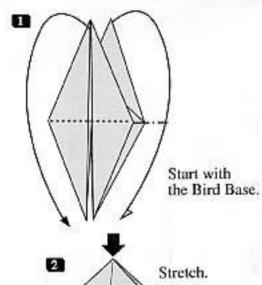


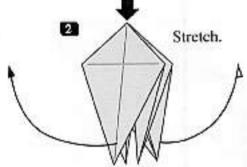


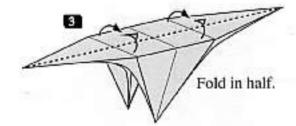
4 Ribs

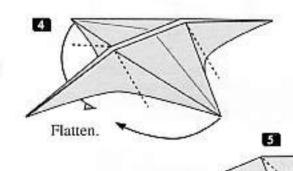
4.1 Ribs 1

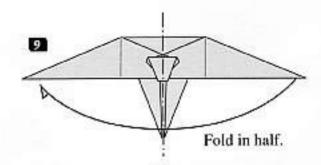


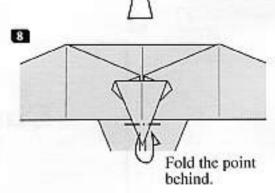


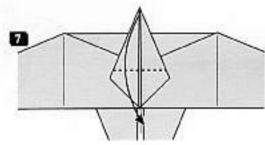


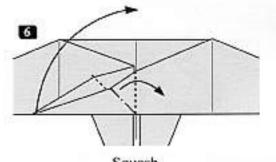




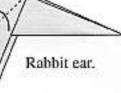


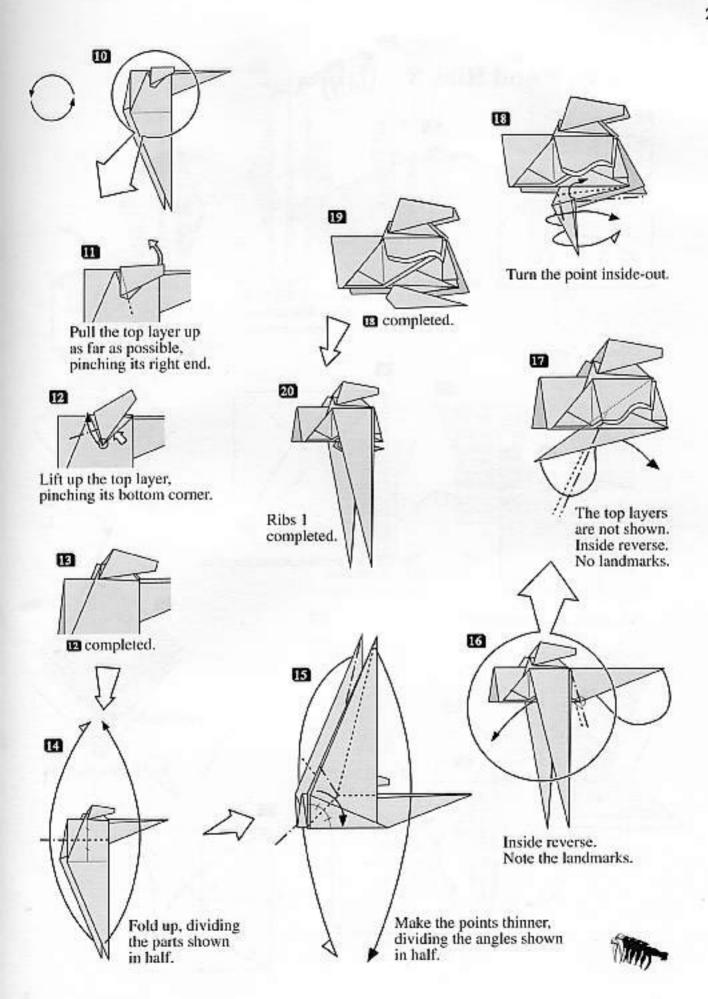






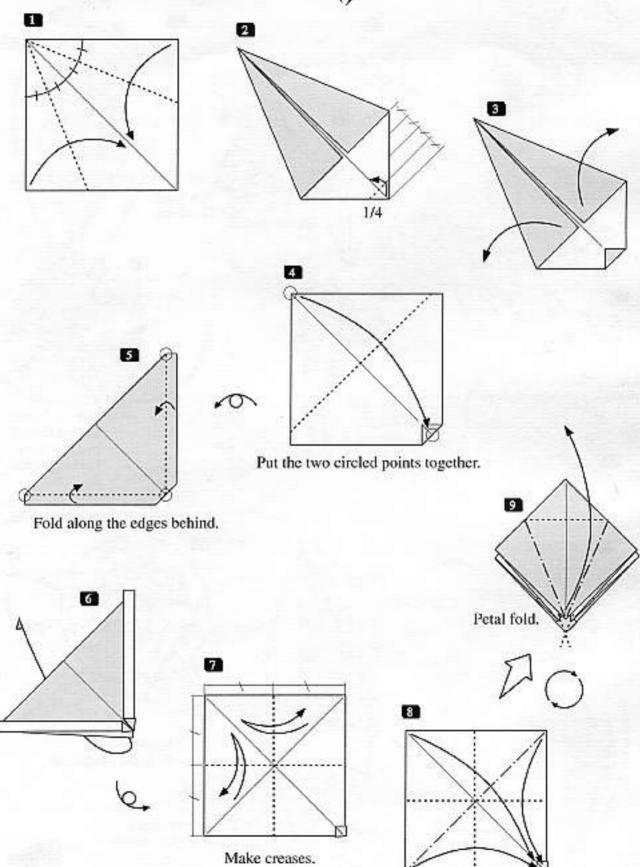


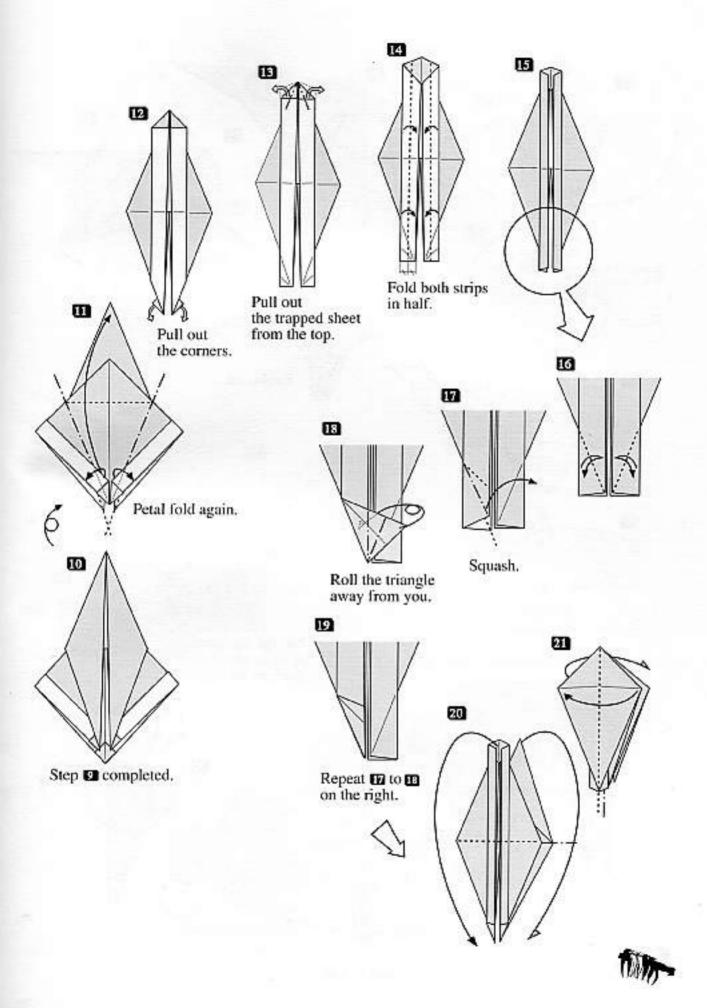


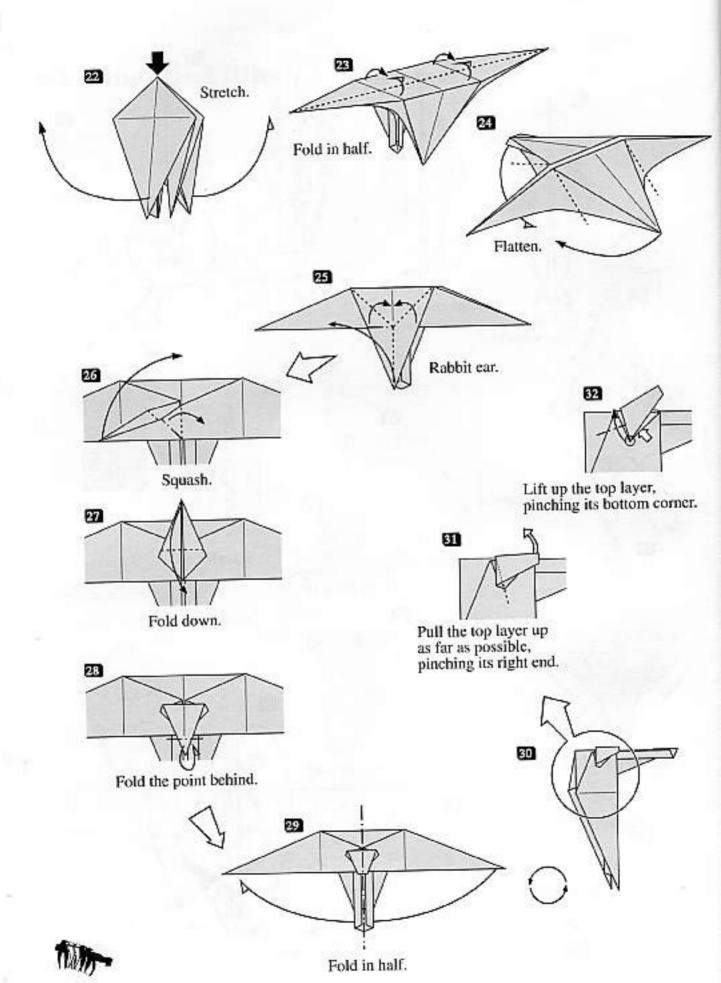


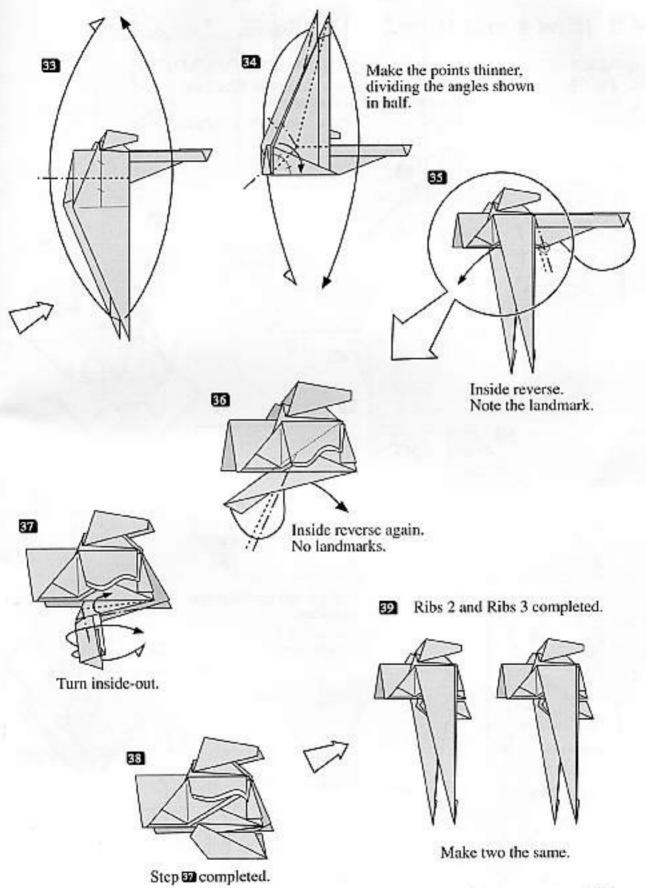
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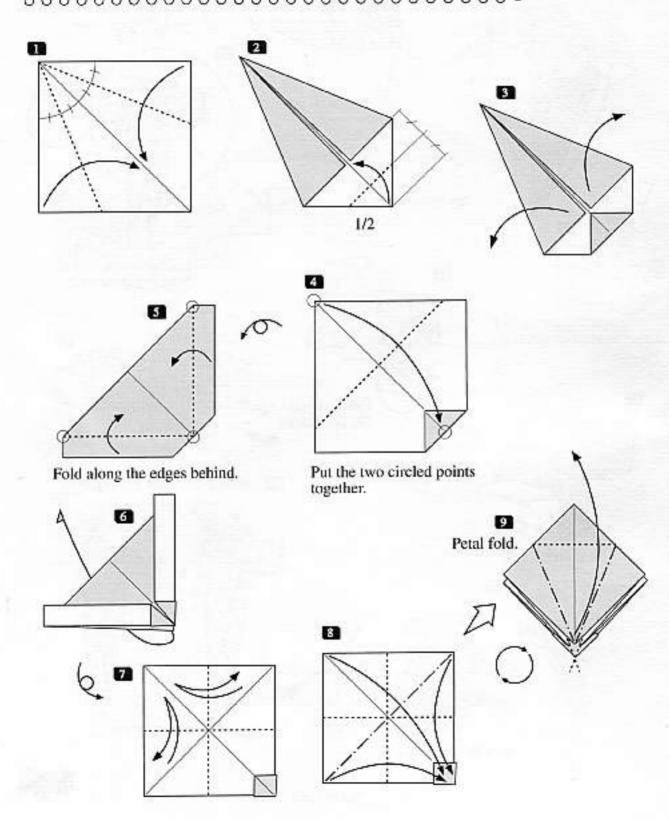


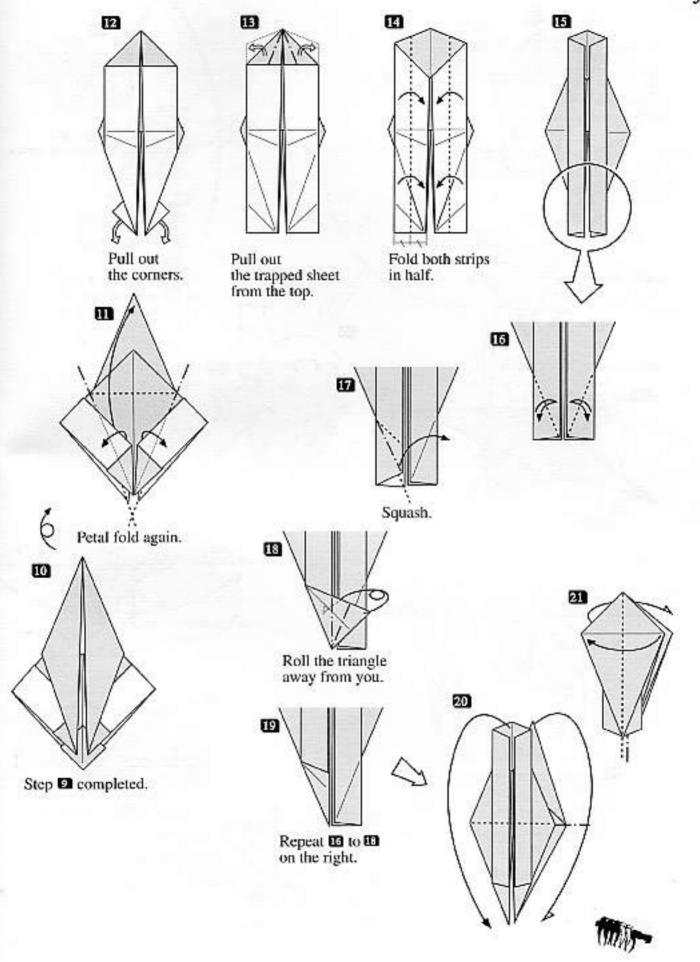


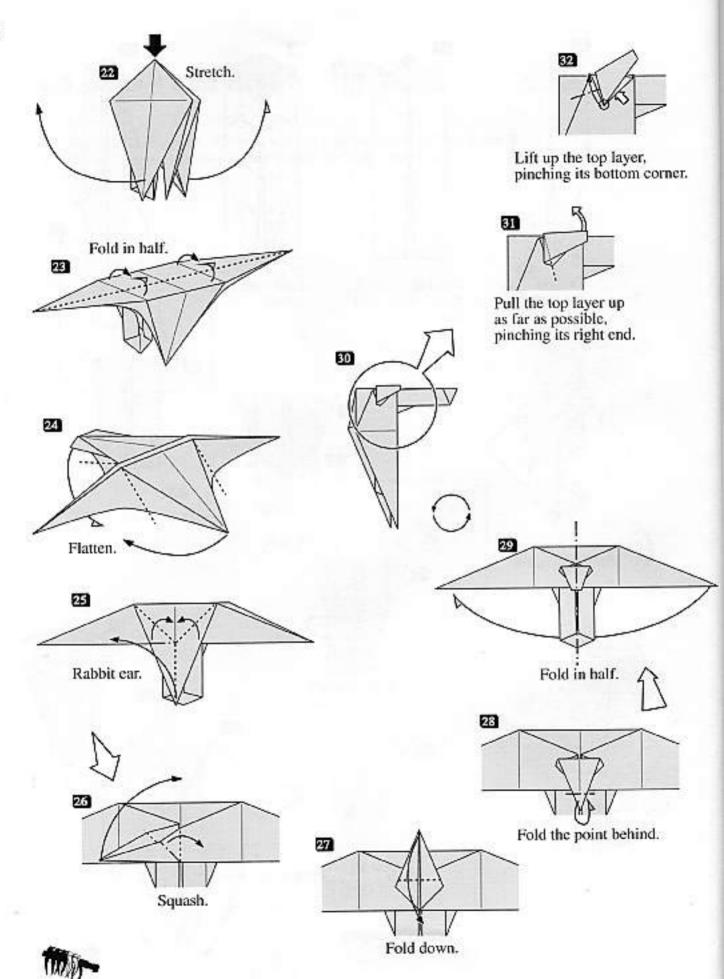
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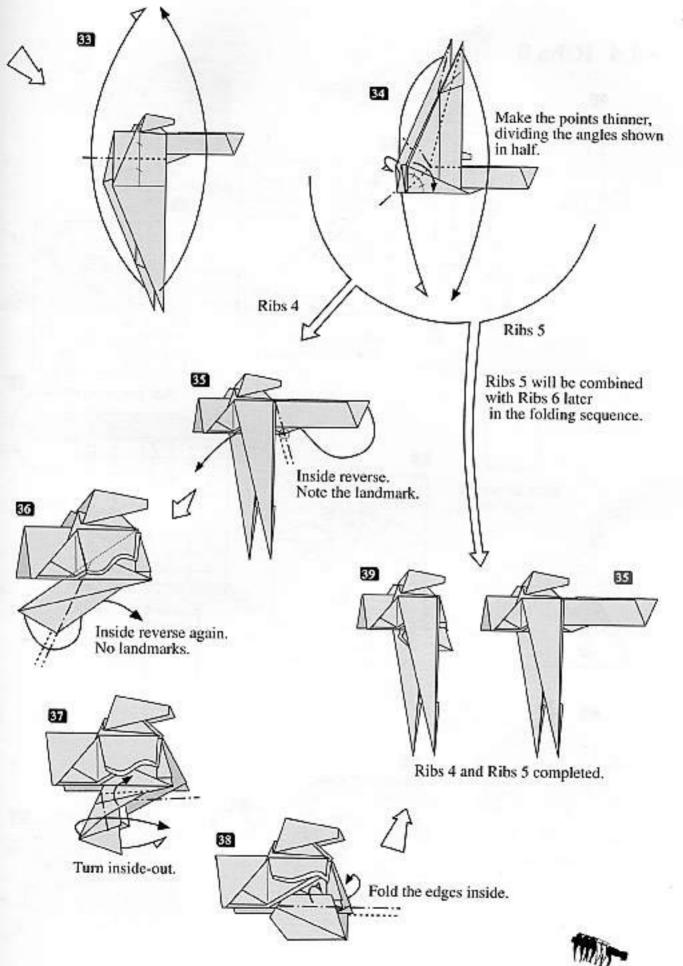


The folding sequence of Ribs 4 and 5 are almost same as Ribs 2 and 3 except the amount folded in and the finishing steps.



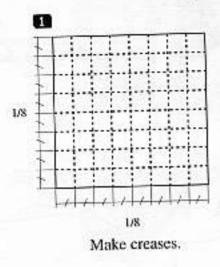


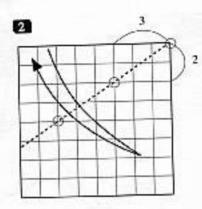


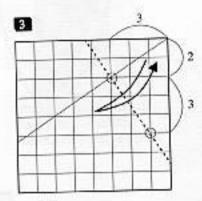


4.4 Ribs 6



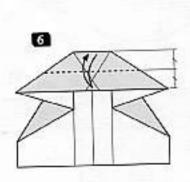


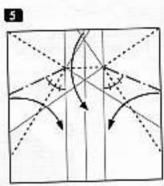




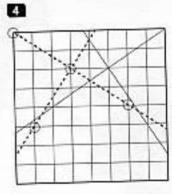
Make a crease. Note the landmarks.

Add one more crease.

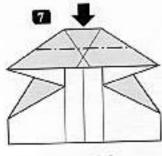




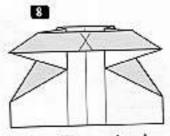
Assemble, using the pre-creases.

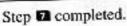


Repeat 1 to 11 on the left.

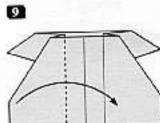


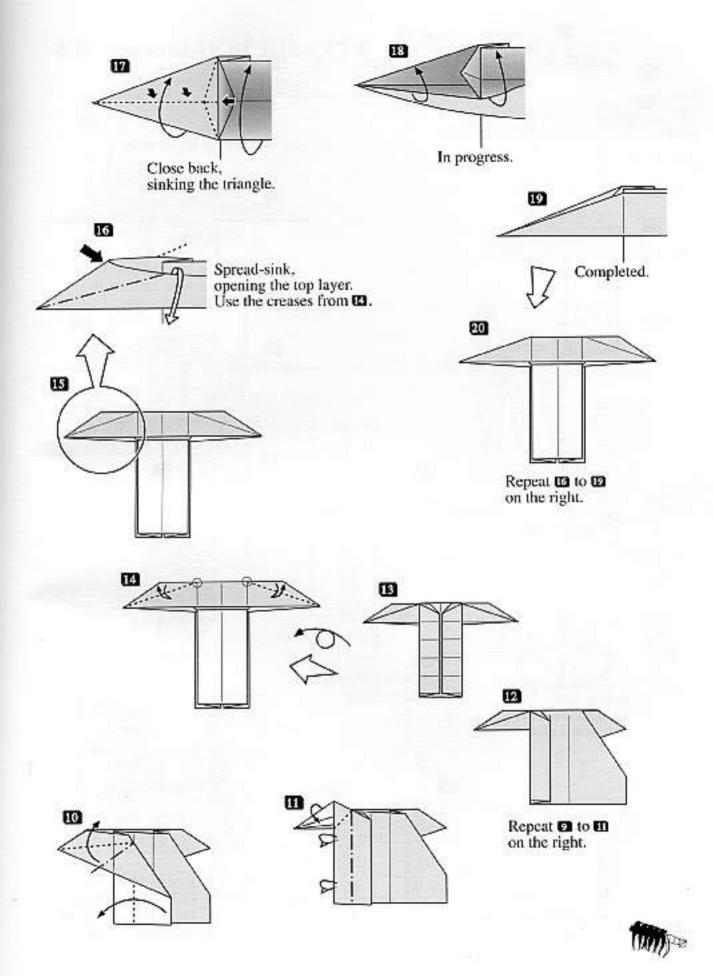


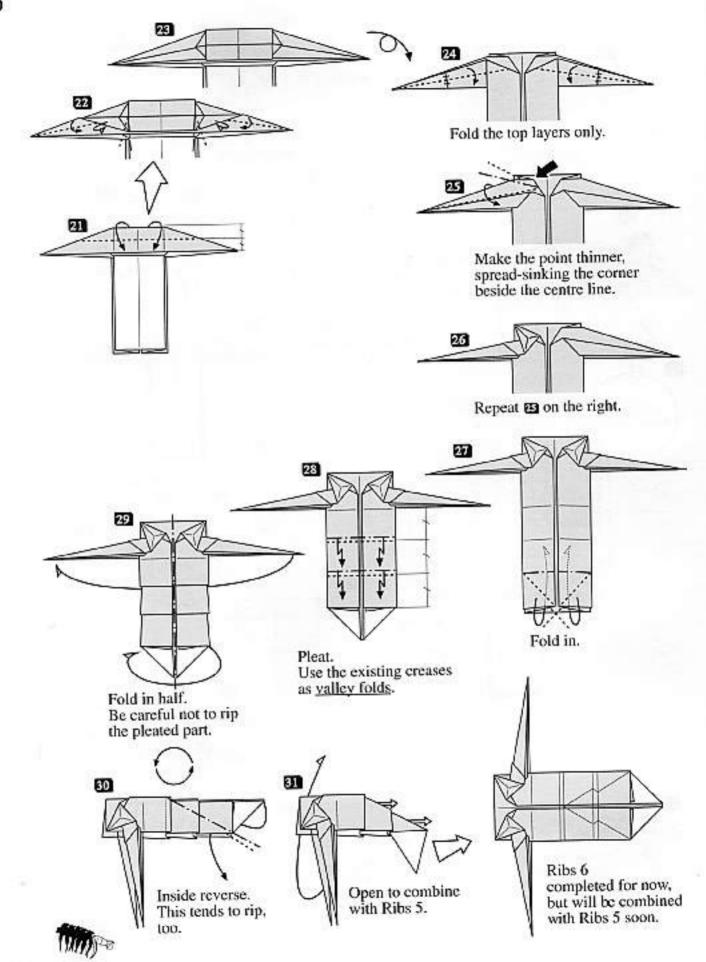






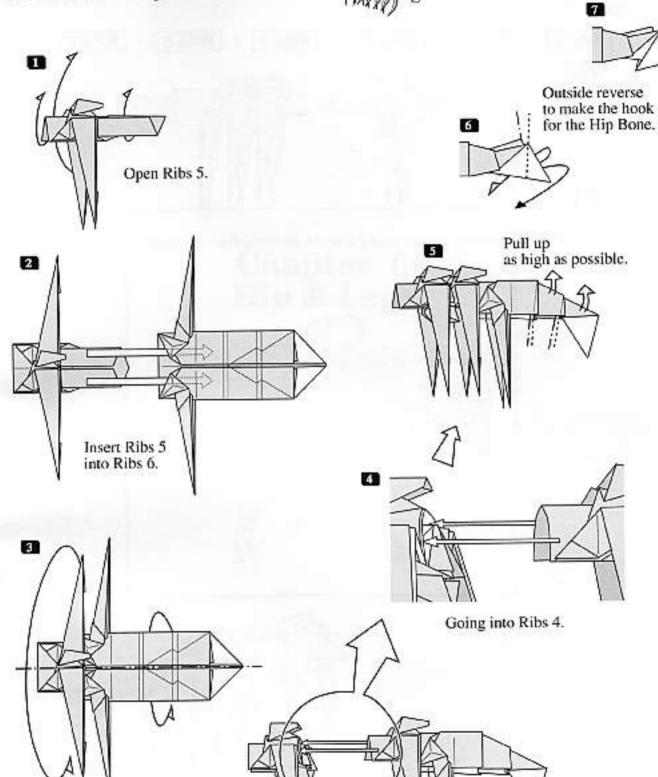






4.5 Assembly of Ribs 1 - 6

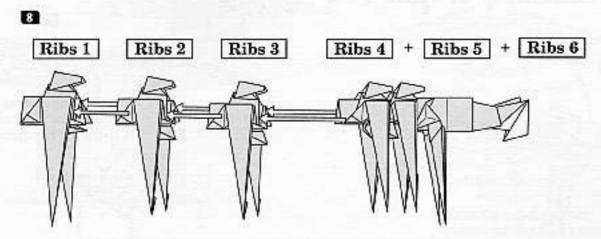




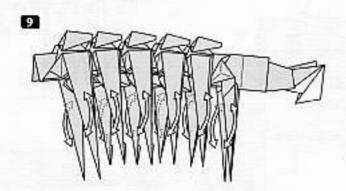
Do 2 to 1 of Ribs 6 again, keeping two parts together.



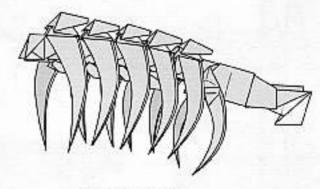
Ribs 6



As in
assemble the remaining parts by inserting from the back.

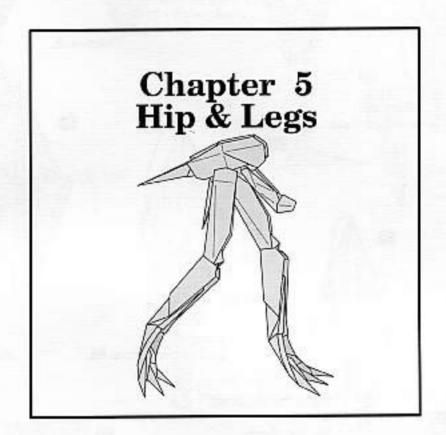


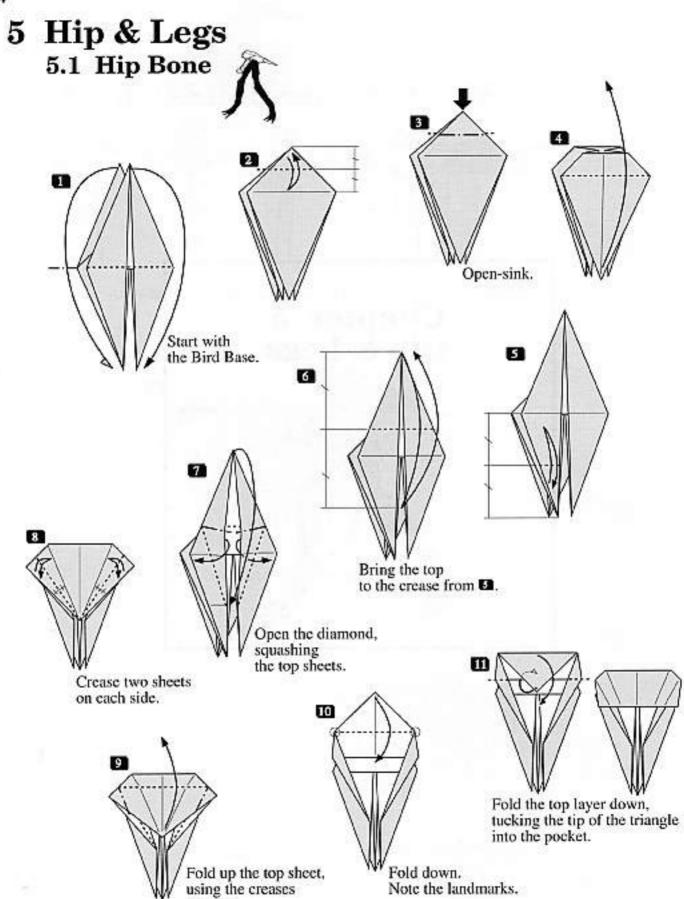
Give a nice curve to each rib.



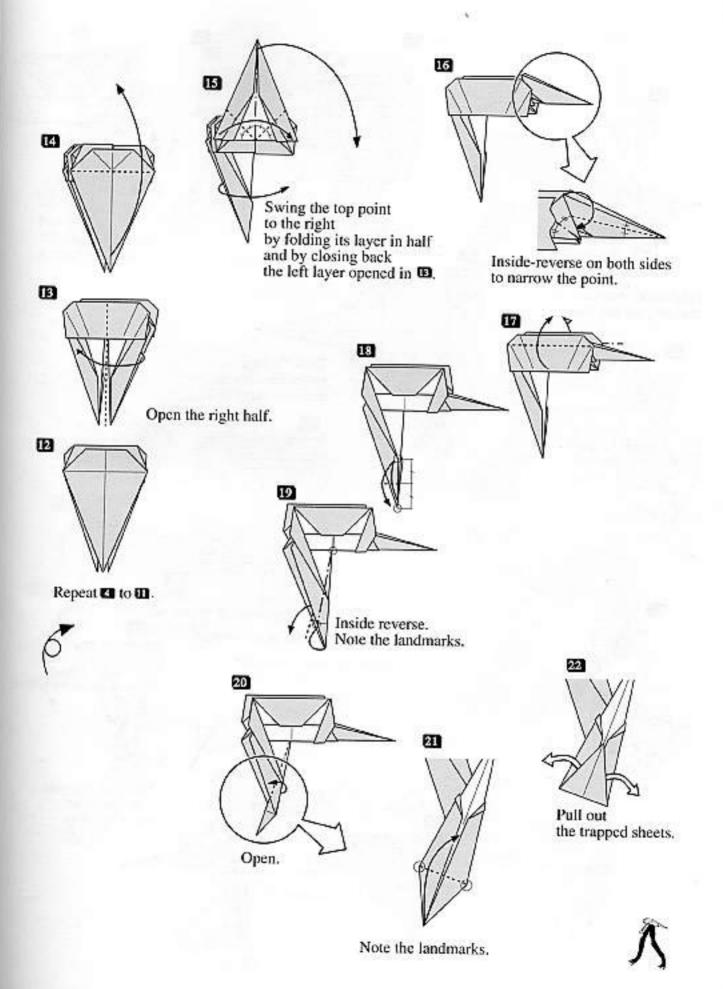
Ribs completed.

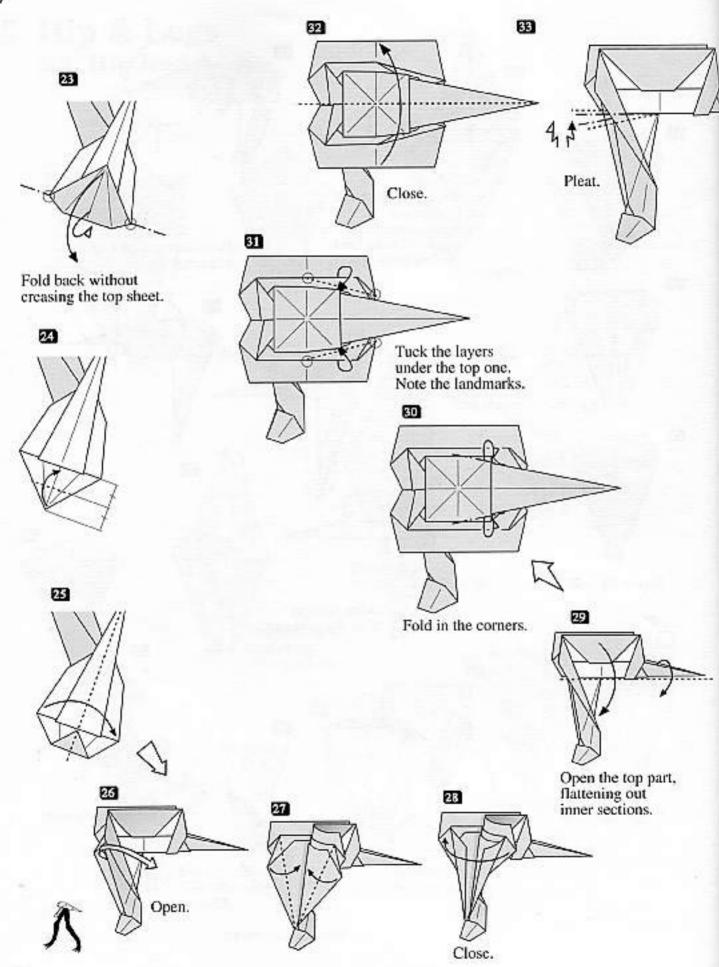


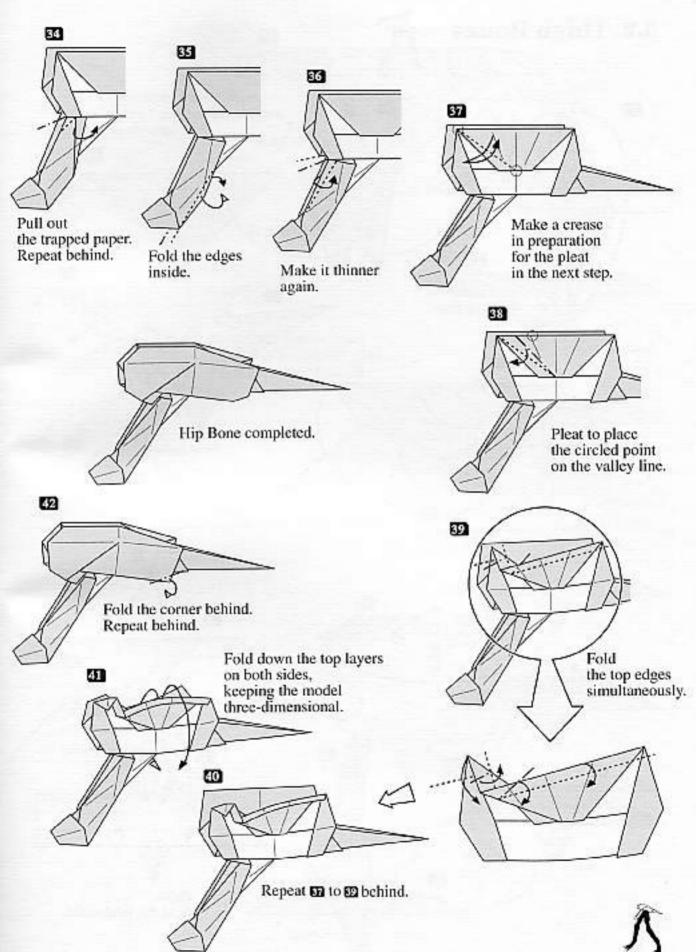




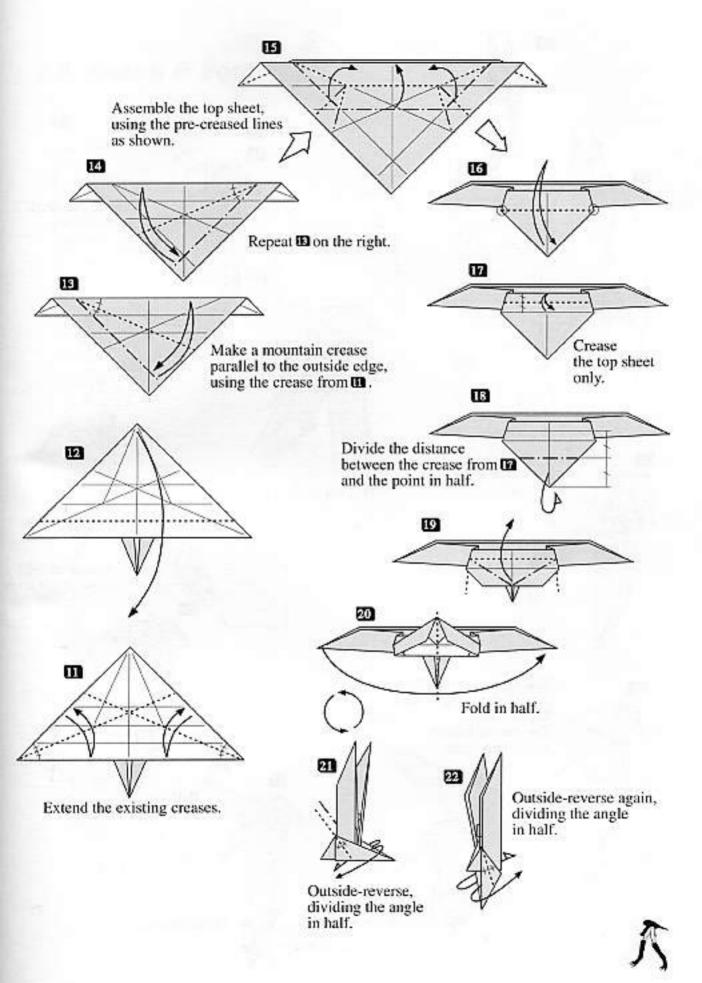
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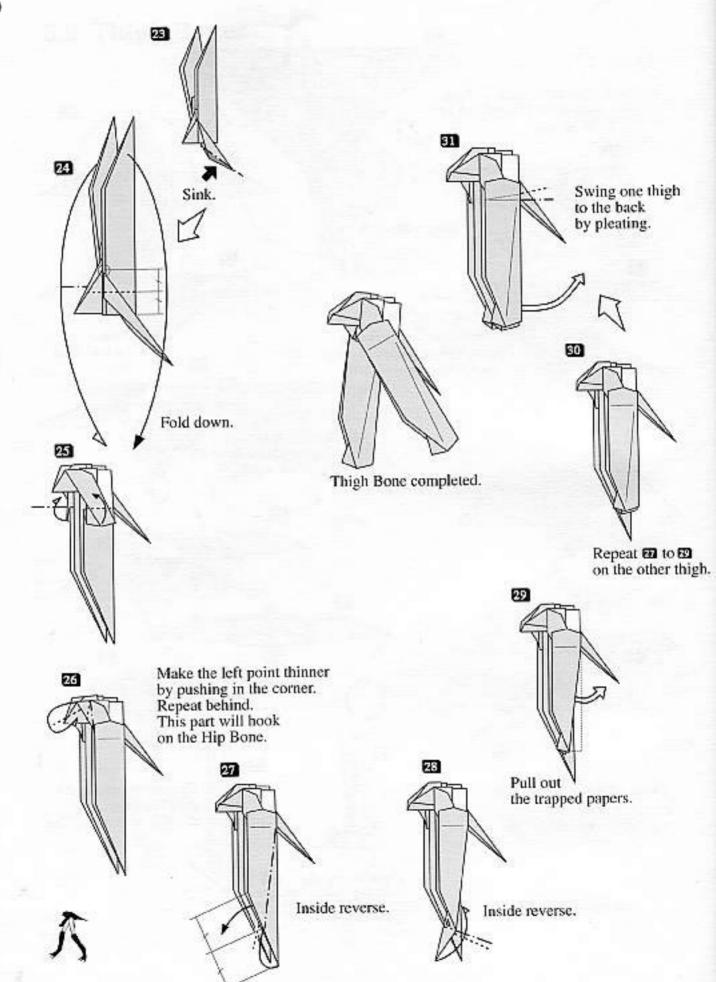






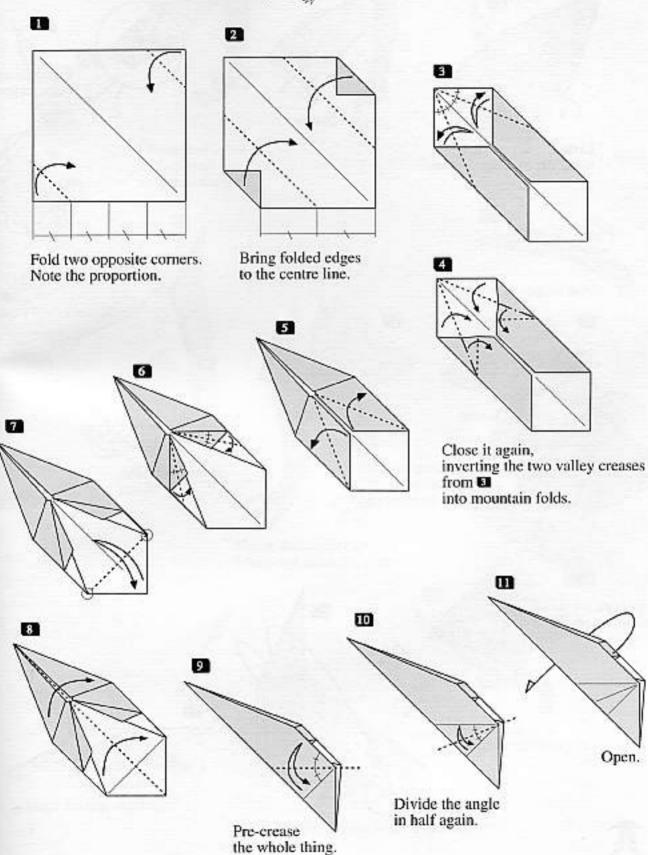
5.2 Thigh Bones Stretch. Start with the Bird Basc. 3 4 Fold in half. Flatten. Ш Open again. Sink. Pleat. Note the landmarks. Open.

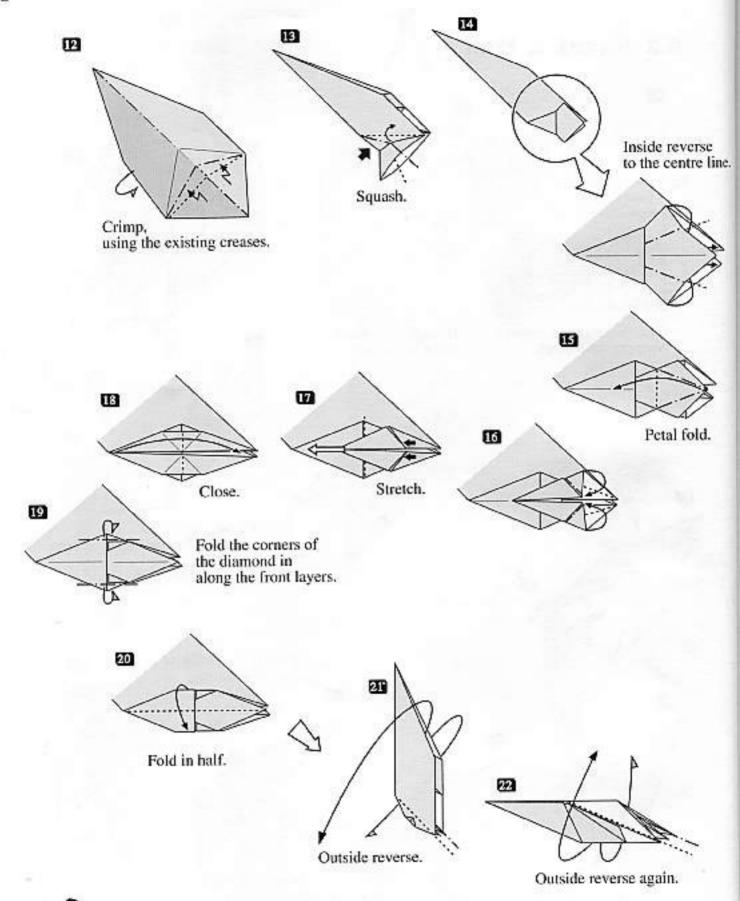


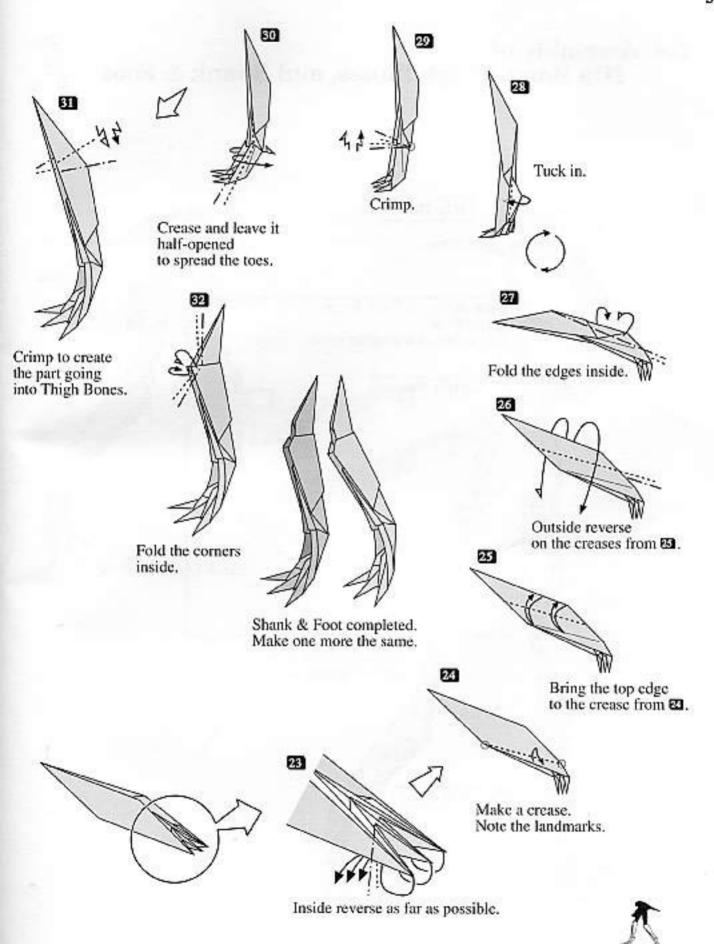


5.3 Shank & Foot



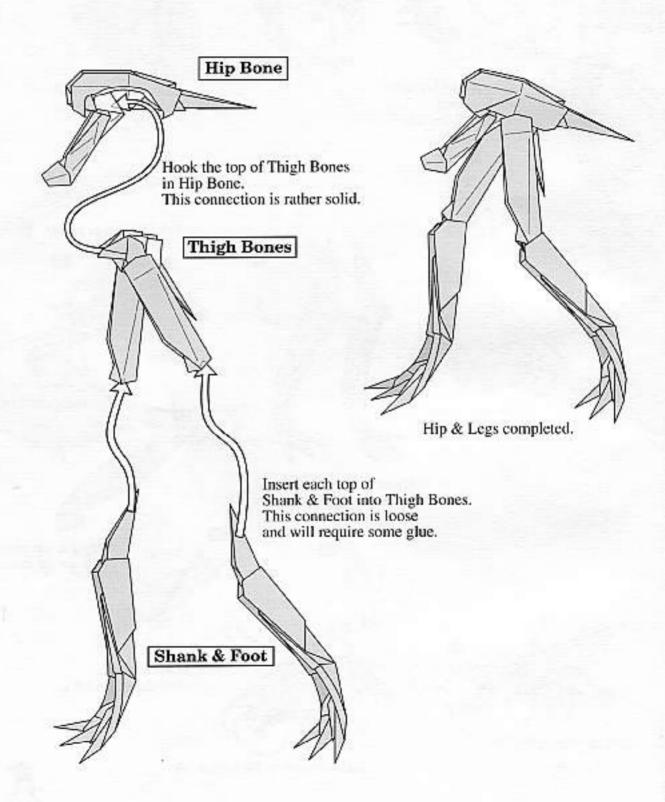






5.4 Assembly of Hip Bone, Thigh Bones, and Shank & Foot

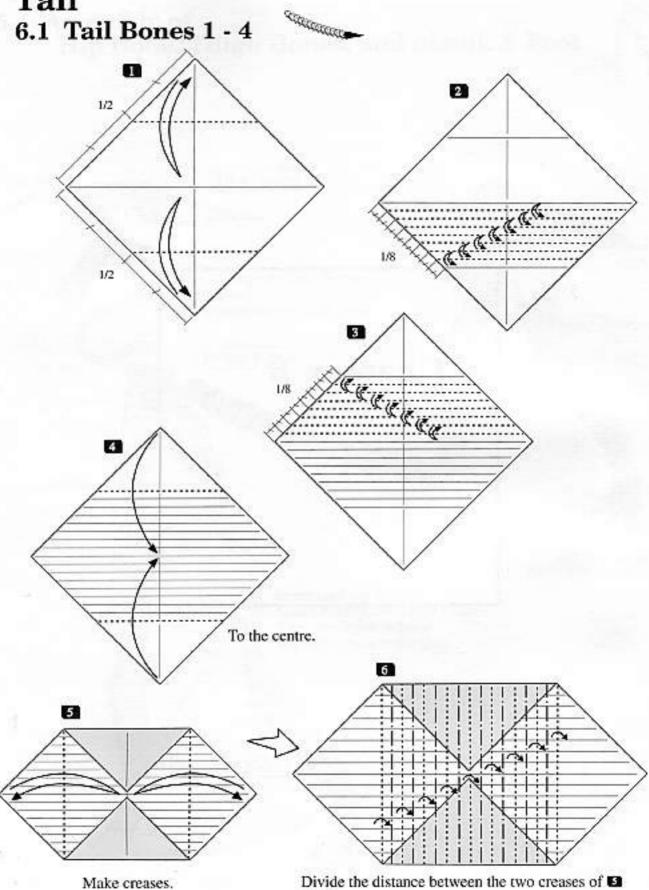




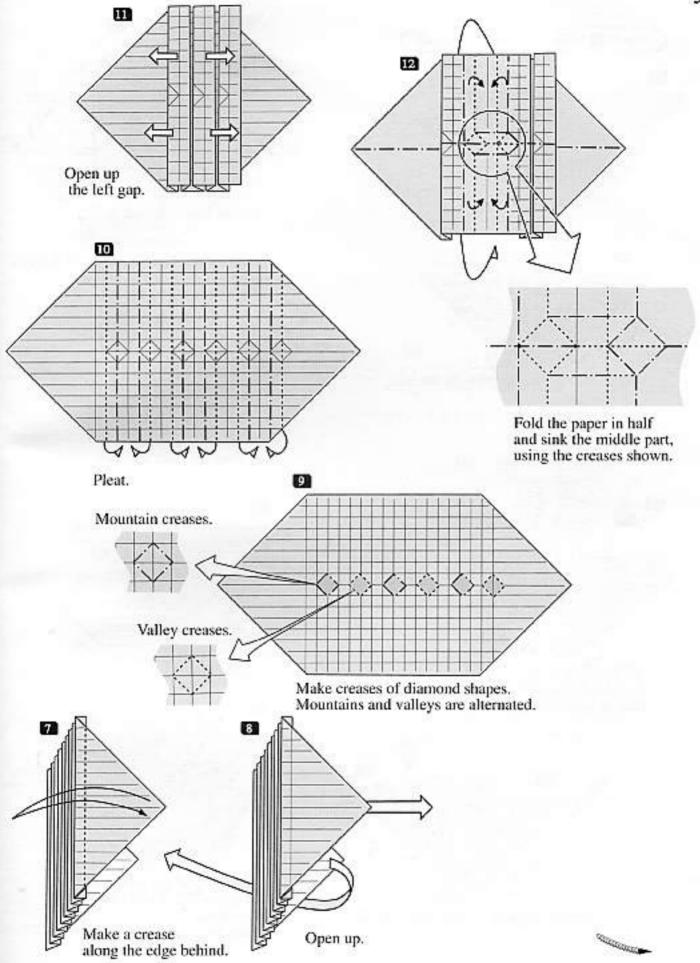


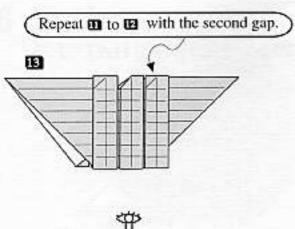
Tail 6

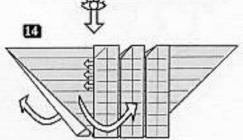
6.1 Tail Bones 1 - 4



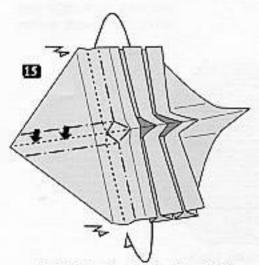
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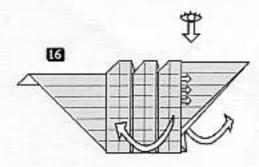


Open up to unfold the pleat on the left.

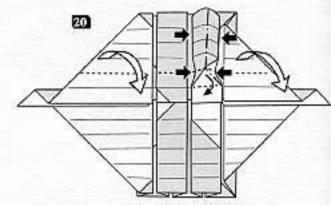


Fold in half, sinking the middle part.

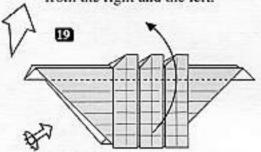
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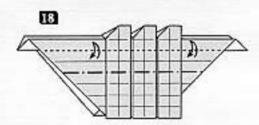
Unfold the pleat on the right as well.



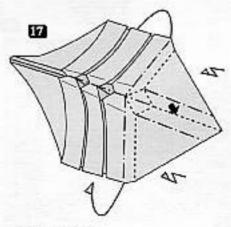
Make the top layer stand up 90 degrees, while pinching one of the tubes from the right and the left.



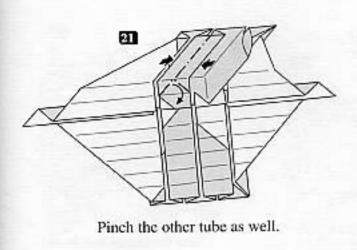
Fold the front layer up.

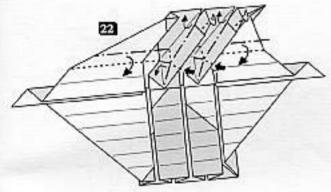


Reinforce the creases.

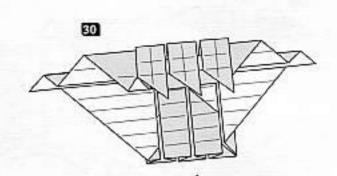


Fold in half, sinking the middle part, again.

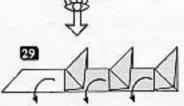




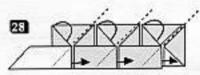
Pleat the standing layer, pinching the tubes from front and back now.



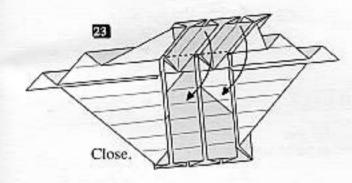
See the model from above again.



Lay down the standing layer.

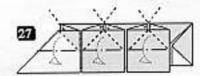


Three inside-reverse-folds.

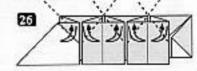


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Make the top layer stand on the line in the middle.

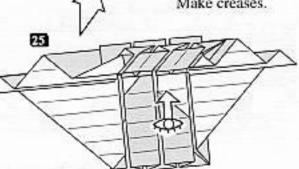


Fold in.

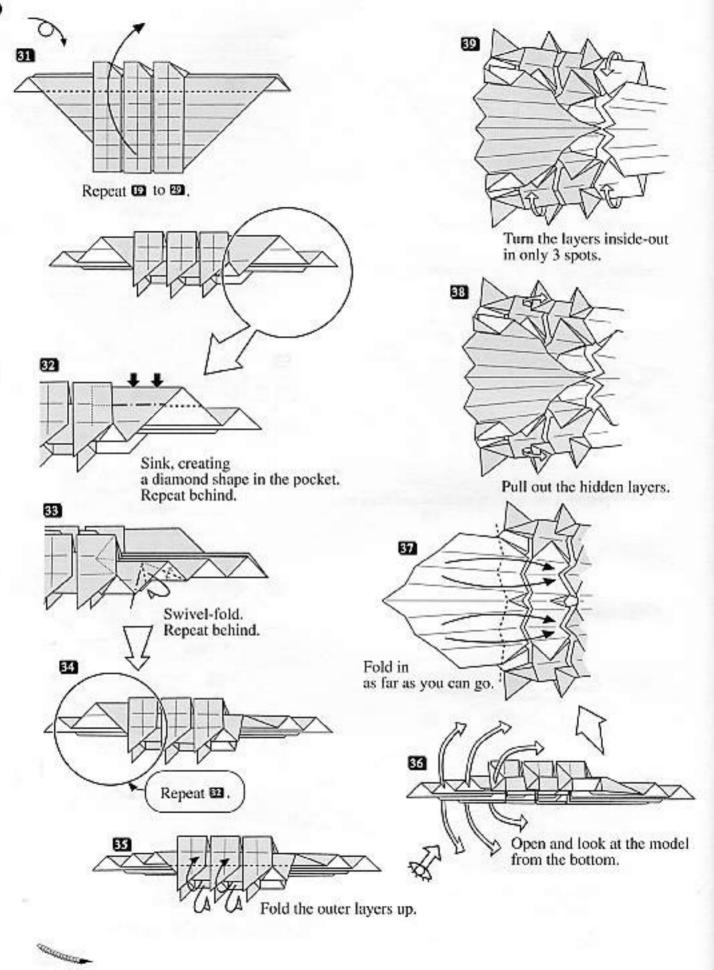


Make creases.

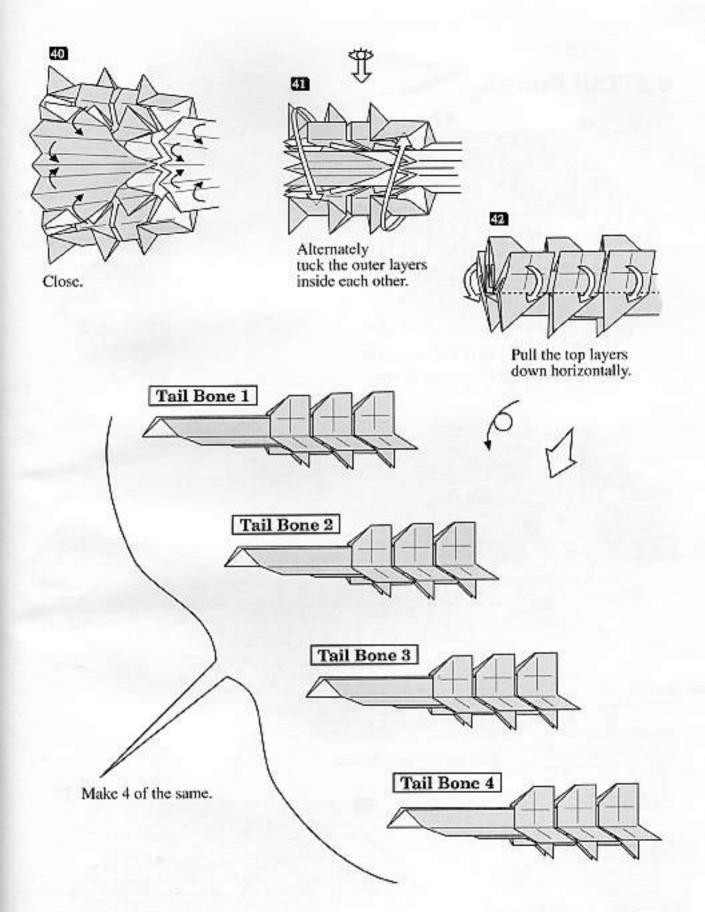
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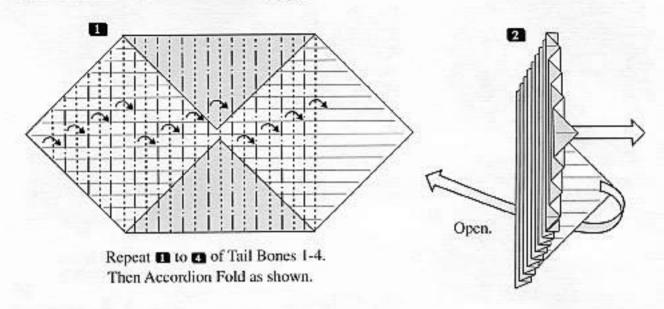
See the model from the side.

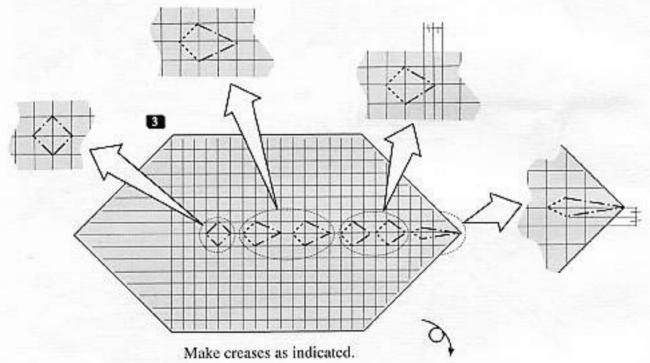


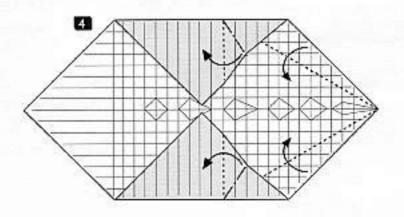
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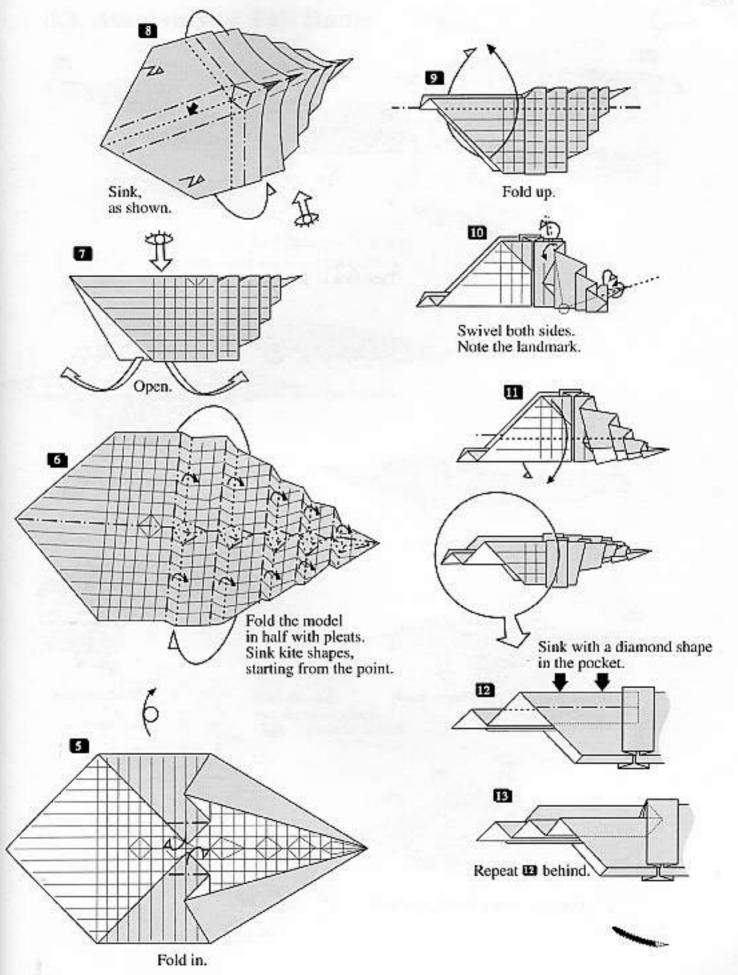


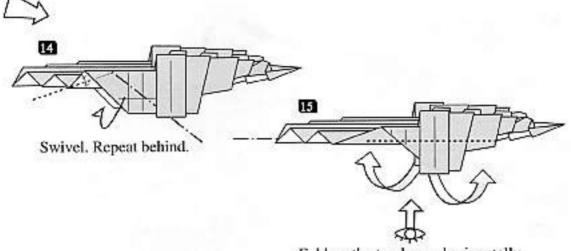
6.2 Tail Bone 5



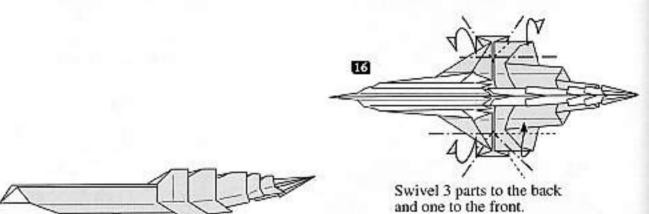




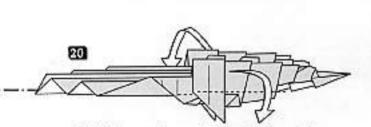




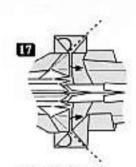
Fold up the top layers horizontally. Then look at the model from the bottom.



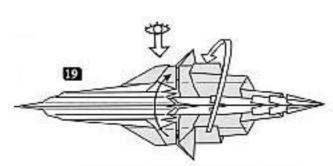
Tail Bone 5 completed.



Fold down the top layers horizontally.



Inside reverse.

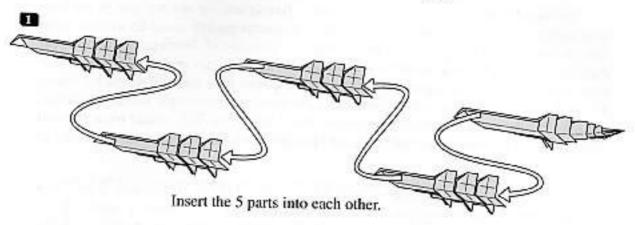


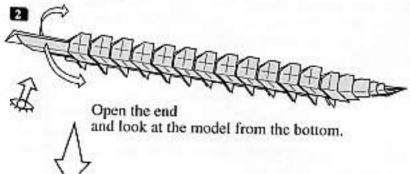
Lock the model, folding it in half.

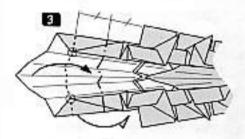


Pull out the hidden layers.

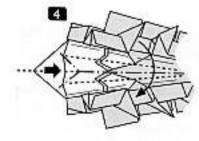
6.3 Assembly of Tail Bones



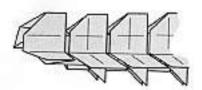




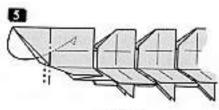
Pleat.



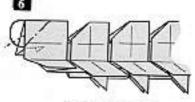
Sink the end in a diamond shape. Close the model in half.



Completed.



Fold in.



Inside reverse.

Tyrannosaurus rex

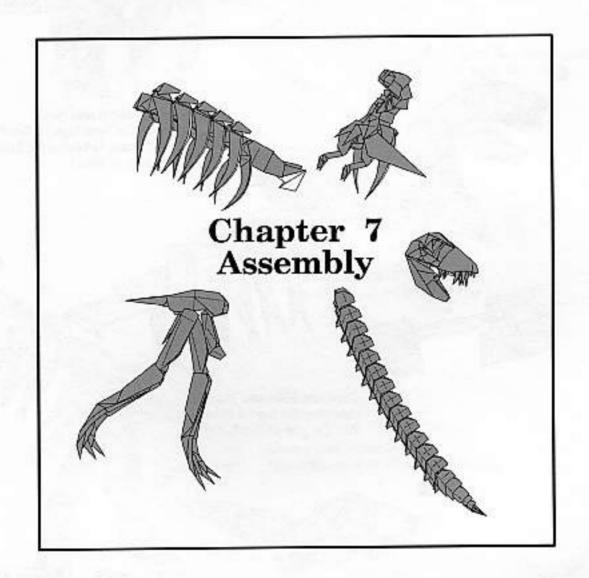
Perhaps the most familiar of all dinosaurs, *Tyrannosaurus rex* was one of the final meat eating carnosaurs to develop in the late Cretaceous period, some 65 million years ago. *Tyrannosaurus* represented in many ways the pinnacle of development in dinosaur predators. The huge head, powerful neck and jaws, and gigantic teeth of *Tyrannosaurus* represented more killing force and raw predatory power than was possessed by any of his predecessors. Forward facing eye sockets allowed for stereoscopic vision which was not possible for early predators whose eyes faced sideways. This would have allowed *Tyrannosaurus* to more accurately appraise his opponent's movements and the timing of his own attack.

Tyrannosaurus walked on its hind legs and stood about 18 feet tall. It has been suggested by some researchers that Tyrannosaurus may have walked with a more horizontal posture than has been traditionally thought and some fossil records showing Tyrannosaurus rex tracks without the appearance of a dragging tail appear to support this theory. Tyrannosaurus rex was approximately 50 feet in total length and weighed around 5 tons and in contrast to its otherwise massive proportions possessed two short forearms approximately 30 inches long which may have been used to prevent slipping forward when it arose from a resting position. It was recently discovered that a significant skeletal feature of Tyrannosaurus is the presence of only the first two fingers on each hand. This distinction has proved useful in distinguishing between skeletal remains of Tyrannosaurus and some of its similar relatives which have an additional bone (the third metacarpal) not present in Tyrannosaurus.

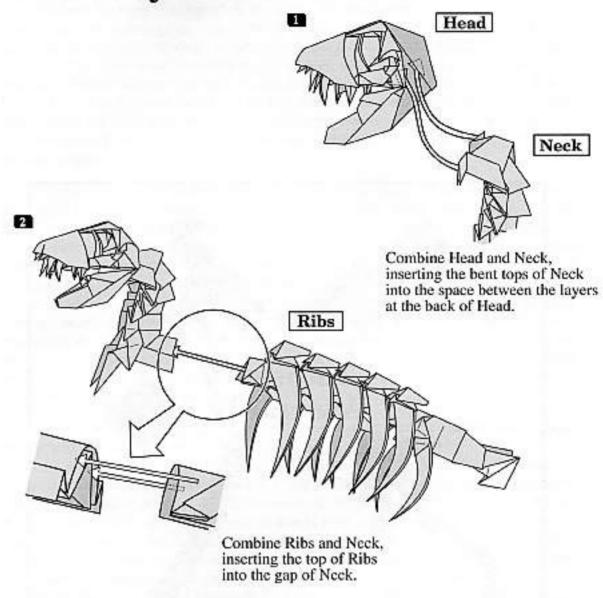
Although often characterized as a slow moving, lumbering creature who stalked rather than pursued its prey, some recent theories postulate that *Tyrannosaurus* was instead a graceful and slender limbed giant, capable of swift thrusts, feints and darting movements which would have made it a successful hunter against slower but more heavily armoured opponents like *Triceratops* or *Ankylosaurus*. However, as a hunter it is more than likely that *Tyrannosaurus* would have primarily pursued the slower and more vulnerable juvenile dinosaurs of various species rather than risking a potentially lethal encounter with dangerous adults. In this *Tyrannosaurus* would not be unlike contemporary predators like the lion. It is also probable given the physiology of *Tyrannosaurus* that it would have only been capable of relatively short dashes at high speeds.

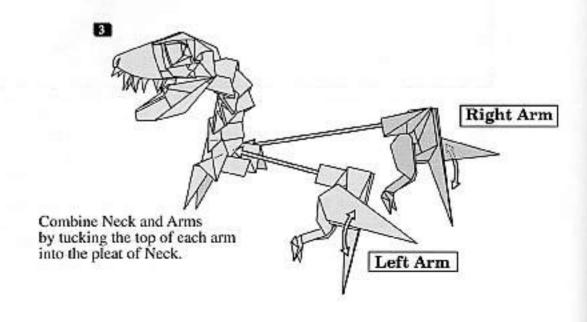
Tyrannosaurus finds have been almost exclusively in North America (with the exception of a somewhat questionable find in Asia). Locations where Tyrannosaurus skeletons have been found include Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota in the United States, and Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada. Two almost complete skeletons were found in 1990, one in South Dakota and the other in Montana. Information from research on these two finds is unavailable to date but it is hoped that they will yield still more clues to help answer some of the many unanswered questions about Tyrannosaurus.

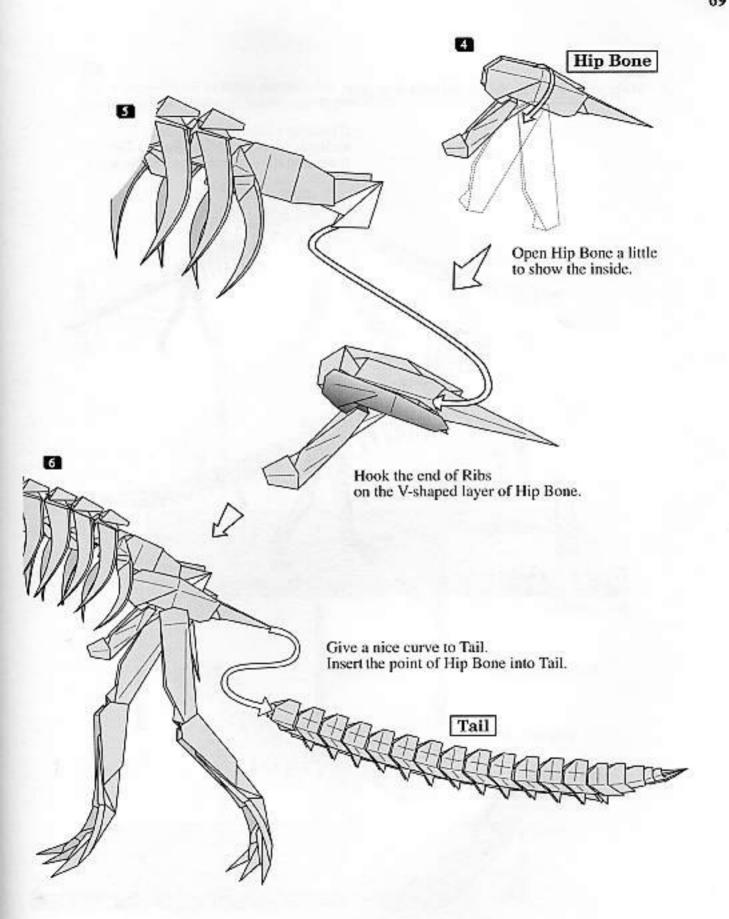
Although it may never be possible to answer all the questions with certainty there is no question that *Tyrannosaurus rex* was a dramatic and extraordinary creature. Though the species perished along with others of its kind the "Tyrant King of the Lizards" has earned an enduring place in the minds and imaginations of people everywhere.



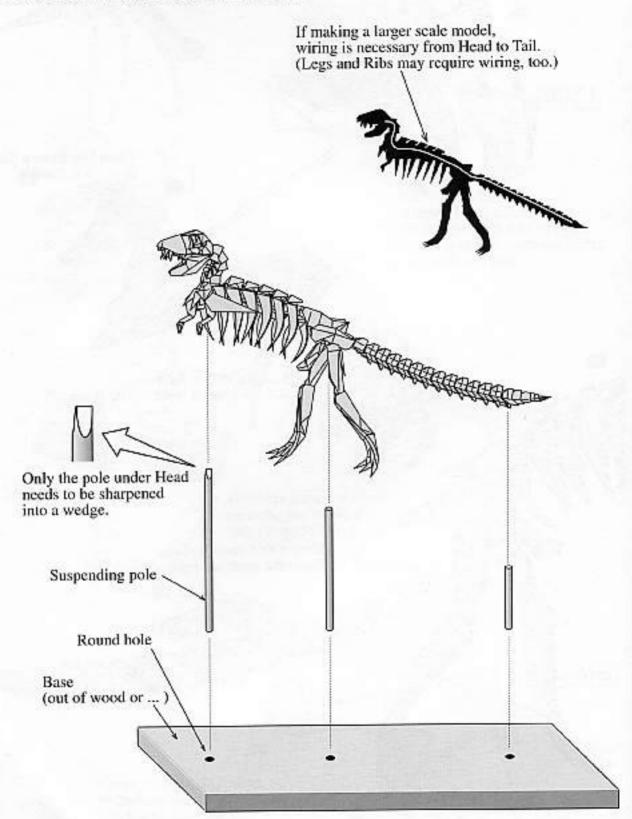
7 Assembly of the sections



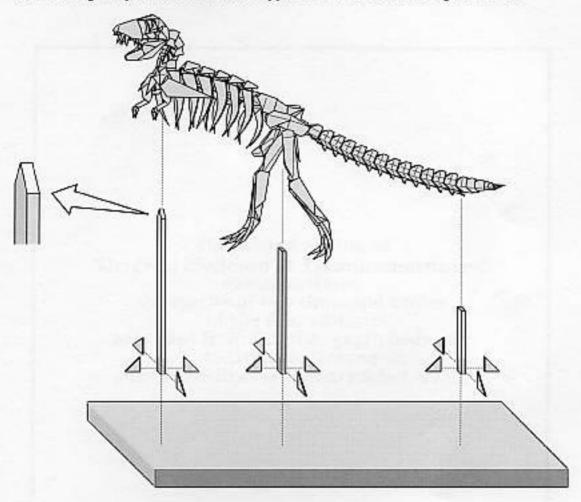


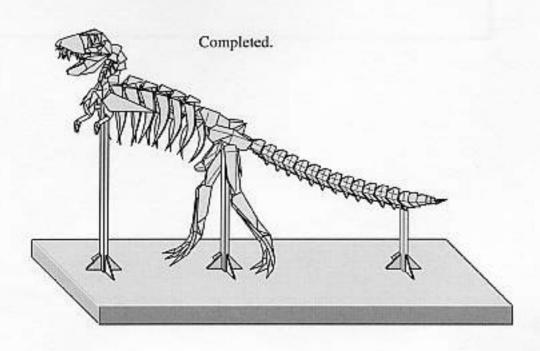


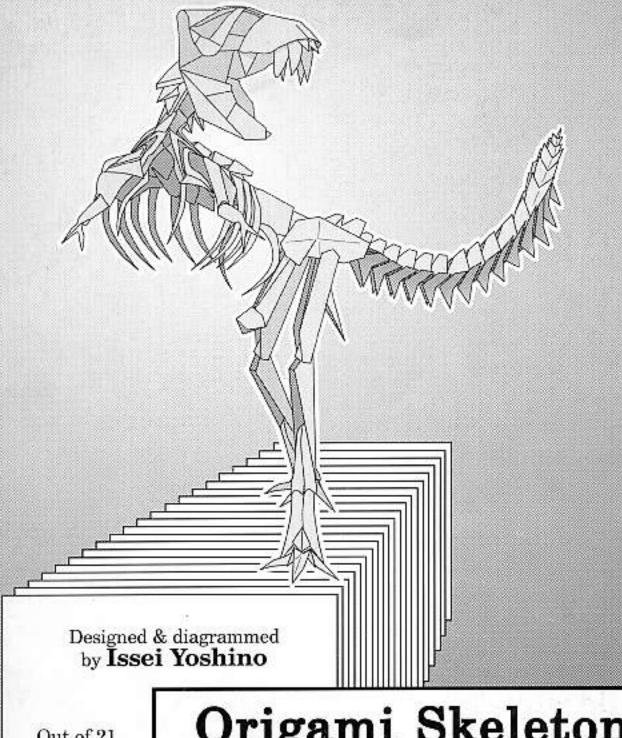
Make a stand and fix the model on it with glue.



If it is too difficult to make round holes use rectangular pieces of wood and support them with small triangular boards.







Out of 21 equally sized square sheets of paper.

Origami Skeleton of Tyrannosaurus rex

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