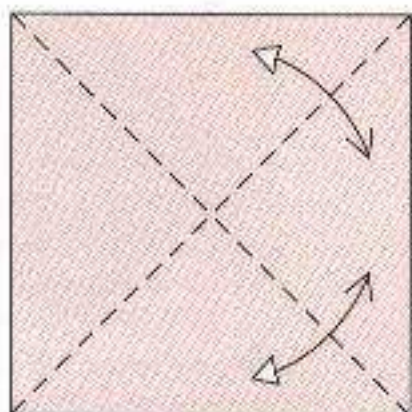


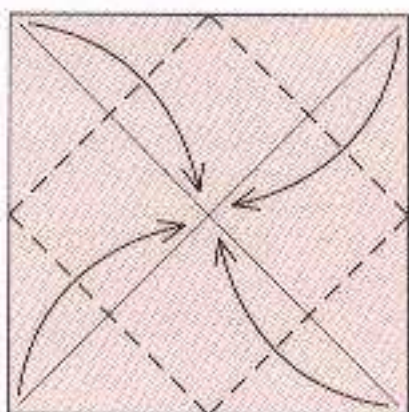
Cootie Catcher

Traditional design

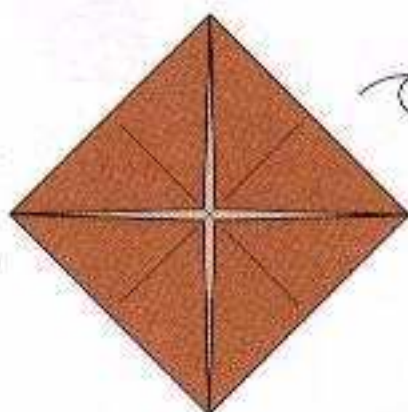
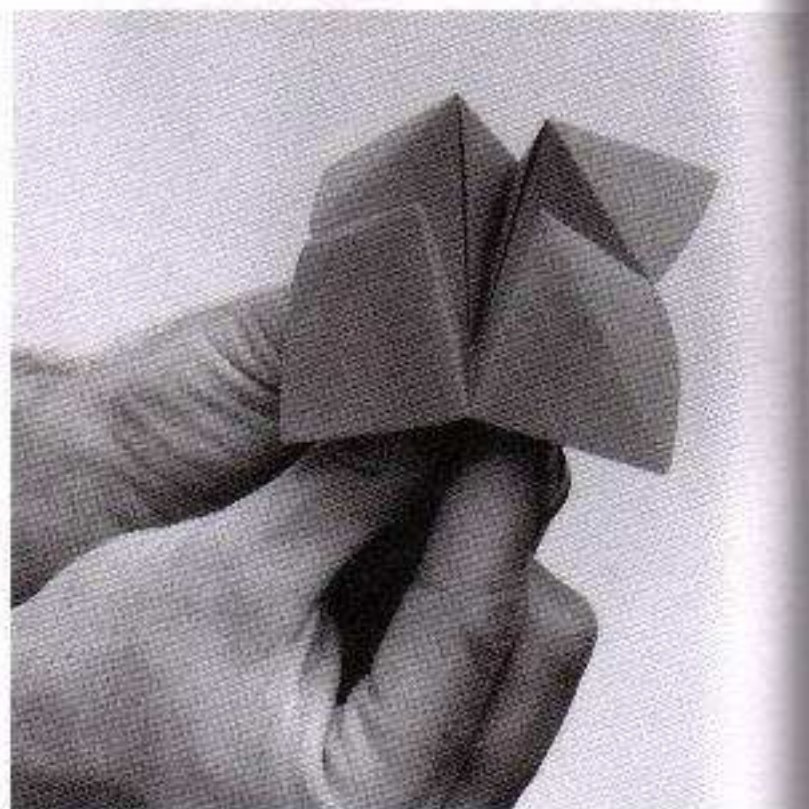
The Cootie Catcher is a favorite playground toy. Depending on how you hold it, two different pockets are exposed in the interior, a property that permits all sorts of tricks!



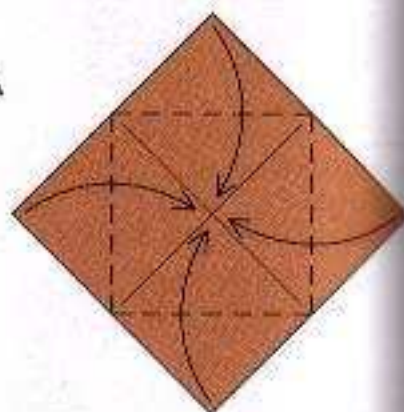
1. Begin with the white side up. Fold the paper in half along each diagonal and unfold.



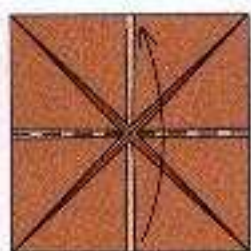
2. Fold the four corners in to the center of the square.



3. Turn the paper over.



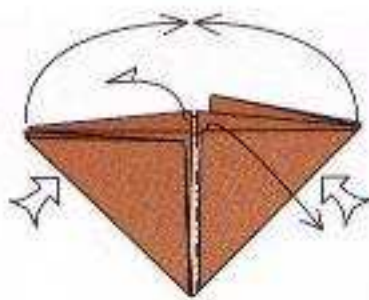
4. Fold the four corners in to the center again.



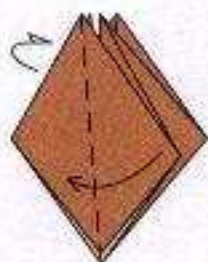
5. Fold the bottom edge up to meet the top edge.



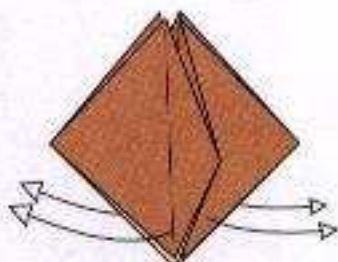
6. Fold the lower left corner up in front; fold the lower right corner behind.



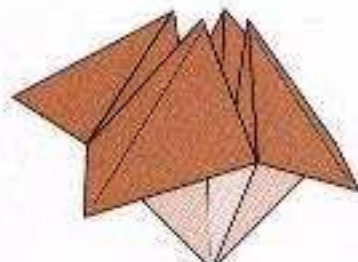
7. Open out the large pocket in the center top and squeeze the sides toward each other.



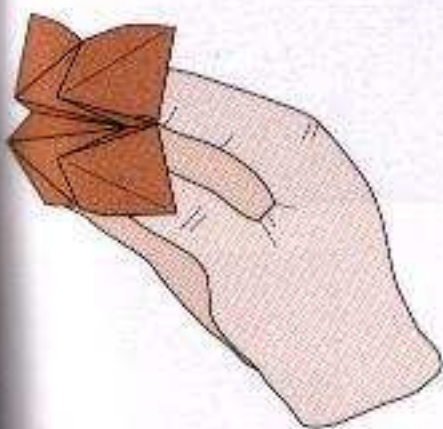
8. Adjust the position of the four flaps so that they all stand straight out from each other.



9. Pull out the four colored flaps.

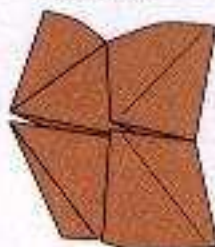


10. Finished Cootie Catcher.

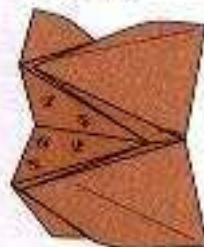


To use the Cootie Catcher, you put your fingers into the pockets underneath the colored flaps, putting one finger in each pocket (your ring finger and pinky can share a pocket). With a little practice, you can open the top of the Catcher in two different ways.

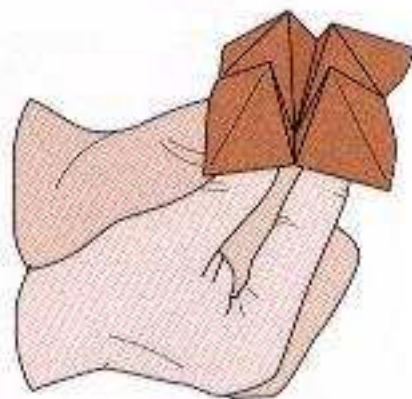
All clean!



Cooties!



Now, here's where the "Cootie" part comes in: Draw some bugs or other critters on the flaps that are visible one way but covered the other.



Another way of using the Cootie Catcher is as a "fortune teller." This uses the two-handed grip shown above. You have your subject guess a number, then count it off, alternating between the two positions; the subject then guesses a flap, which is lifted up to reveal a fortune underneath.