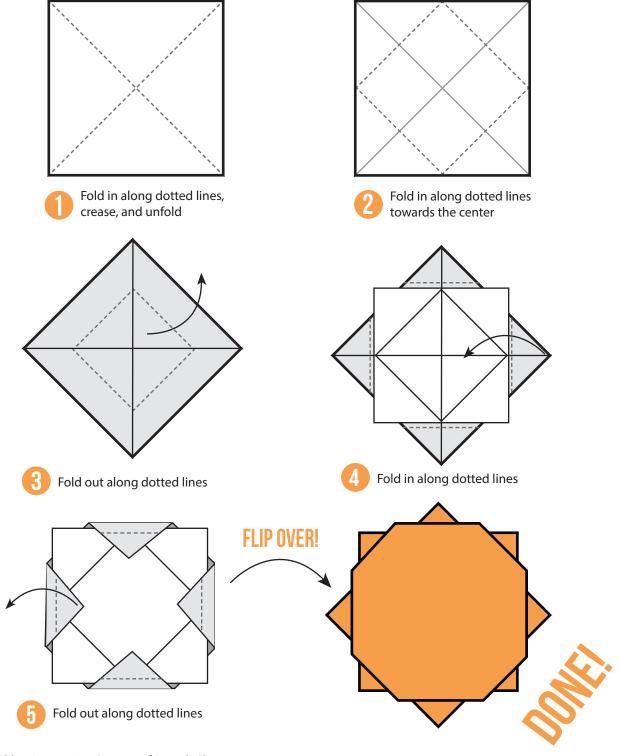
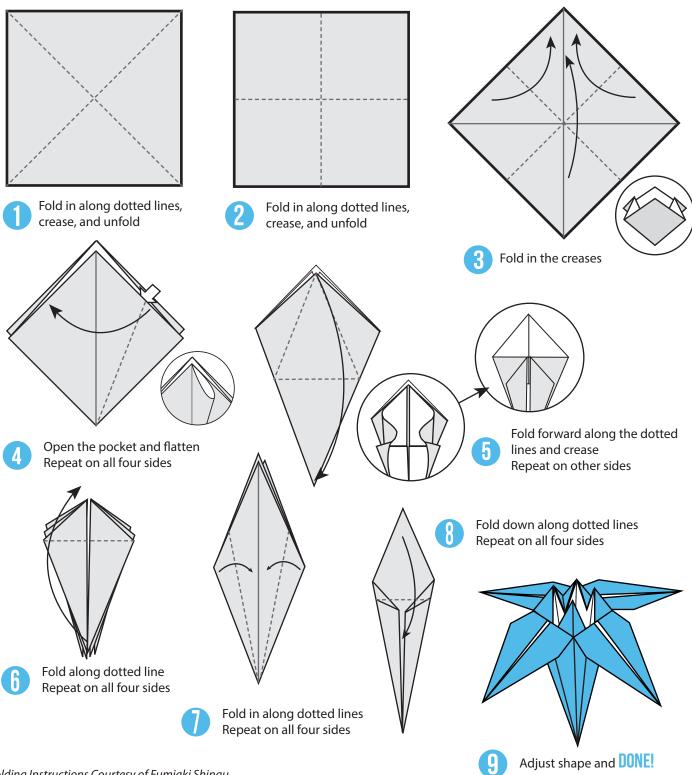


Every day, the sun radiates (sends out) an enormous amount of energy—called solar energy. It radiates more energy in one day than the world uses in one year. This energy comes from within the sun itself.





Biomass is any organic matter that can be used as an energy source. Wood, crops, and yard and animal waste are examples of biomass. People have used biomass longer than any other energy source. For thousands of years, people have burned wood to heat their homes and cook their food.





Wind is simply air in motion. It is caused by the uneven heating of the Earth's surface by radiant energy from the sun. Since the Earth's surface is made of very different types of land and water, it absorbs the sun's energy at different rates. The heavier, denser, cool air over the water flows in to take its place, creating wind. In the same way, the atmospheric winds that circle the Earth are created because the land near the Equator is heated more by the sun than land near the North and South Poles.

