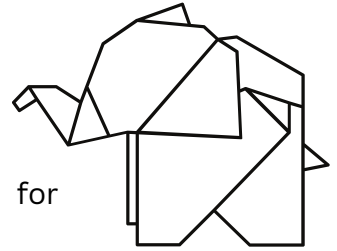


COMMON MISTAKES AND TIPS

SOME COMMON MISTAKES AND HOW TO FIX THEM

Helpful Paper Crafting Tips

- Take your time—rushing leads to messy folds and mistakes.
- Organize your workspace with all tools and papers within reach.
- Practice difficult folds on scrap paper before using your final sheet.
- Keep models flat and pressed under a book or board if needed for sharper creases and better shape.



PAPER TEARING

Paper too thin or folded too much.

Fix: Use gentle pressure or thicker paper for complex folds.

UNEVEN FOLDS

Edges not aligned before folding.

Fix: Align edges carefully before creasing; use a ruler or bone folder.

WEAK CREASES

Not pressing firmly.

Fix: Use fingernail, bone folder, or stylus to strengthen folds.

WRINKLED PAPER

Folding on uneven or dirty surface.

Fix: Work on a flat, clean surface.

MODEL WON'T HOLD SHAPE

Paper too soft or loose folds.

Fix: Re-crease folds firmly; use slightly thicker paper.

MISALIGNED LAYERS

Folding multiple layers at once without alignment.

Fix: Fold layers individually or adjust alignment as you go.

EDGES NOT SHARP

Rushing or not using a tool.

Fix: Press firmly with bone folder or fingernail.

FOLDS NOT LINING UP SYMMETRICALLY

Not measuring or marking folds.

Fix: Pre-crease lightly and double-check alignment before final folding.

CREASES TOO DEEP

Folding repeatedly in the same spot.

Fix: Fold gently the first time; reinforce only if necessary to avoid weakening paper.