

Basketball Game

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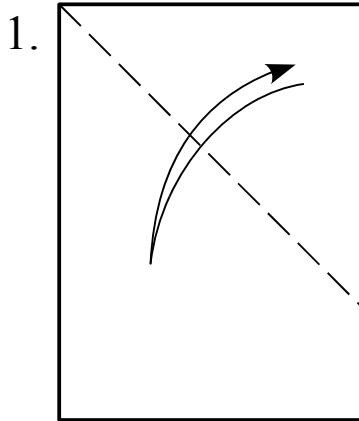
Recommended Paper: Copy paper (U.S. Letter or A4 or other rectangle somewhere in the vicinity of 3:4) for the basketball hoop and about one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of that for the ball.

Be sure to have a table or some other place to stand the finished basketball hoop. At a pinch, the chalk tray of a blackboard will do.

Fold

Storyline

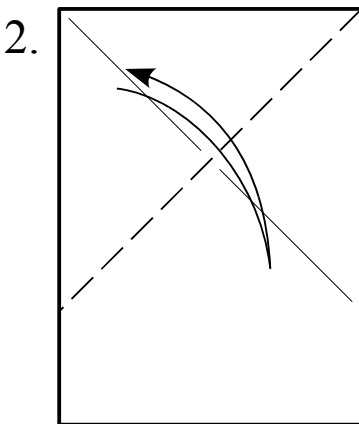
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A friend of mine came over to play basketball the other day.

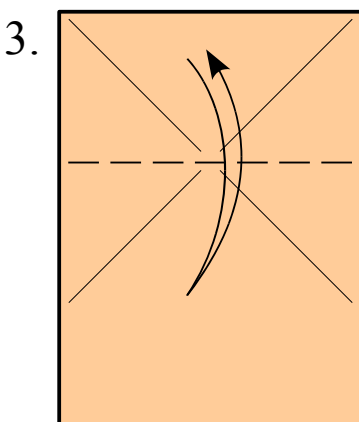
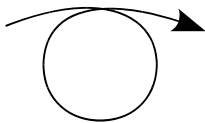
Fold and unfold a diagonal.

“Sounds fun!” But I needed to stretch first. So I stretched to the left and...



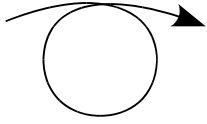
...I stretched to the right but...

Fold and unfold a second diagonal.

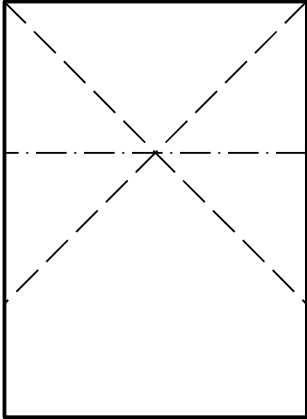


...when I tried to touch my toes, I couldn't quite reach them.

Fold the 'X' from the diagonals in half.



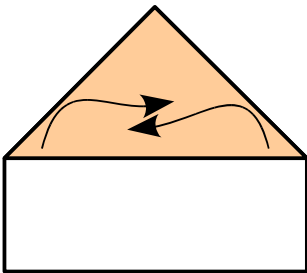
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I tried again and still didn't quite make it.

Collapse like a waterbomb base.

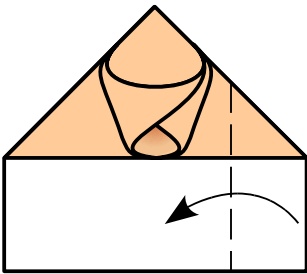
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That was rather embarrassing, so when my friend crossed her arms, I wanted to forestall her comment, so I cut my warm-up short and said, "Let's go!"

Bend the sharp corners around to point at each other and slide one point inside the other so form the hoop. (If it doesn't stay put, slide them further together and/or check that the folded edges of the corners are in contact with each other.)

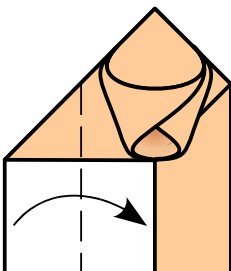
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I headed out to the basketball court...

Fold one side to the middle, lining up the bottom edge with itself. Behind the hoop, the paper comes together at the middle for a landmark, but absolute precision for the distance is not vital. The hoop becomes round.

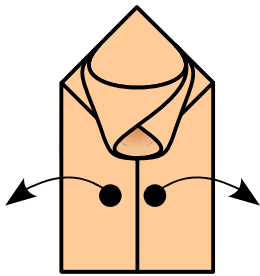
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...closely followed by my friend.

Fold the other side to the middle in the same manner as the previous step.

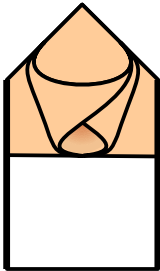
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We squared off...

Unfold the sides to perpendicular.

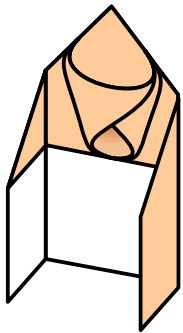
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...in front of the basketball hoop.

Stand the basketball hoop on the table.

10.



But what happened next when we tipped off, we never could have repeated if we tried. We both hit the ball and it went straight into the basket!

Wad up the other, smaller piece of paper into a ball and toss it into the basketball hoop.