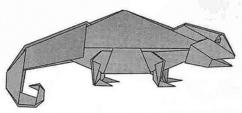
Chameleon

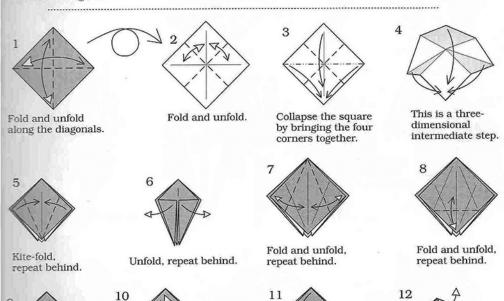
The chameleon is a lizard native to the rain forests of Africa and Madagascar. Some have been found as far as Southern Asia and Europe. There are over 100 different kinds of chameleons.

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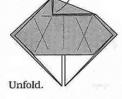


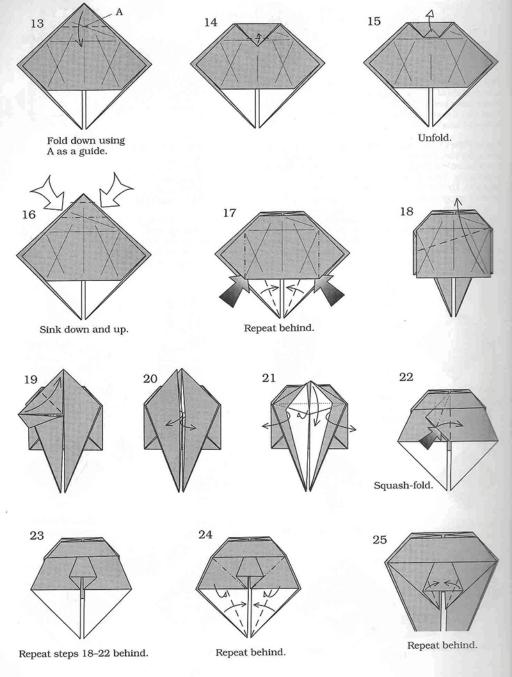
Among the chameleon's distinguishing features are its slim profile, bulging eyes, and grasping tail. The chameleon's body is flat from side to side, looking as if it had been mashed out of shape. The chameleon's eyes have the unique ability to roll about separately. Therefore the chameleon may view a twig on its left and a crawling insect on its right. Unlike other lizards, the chameleon uses its tail and its feet to grasp the twig or branch supporting it. When not in use the tail curls into a spiral behind the chameleon.

As a slow moving lizard, the chameleon feeds by snaring insects with its tongue. The chameleon's tongue is as long as its body, ends in a sticky knoblike tip, and is controlled by the chameleon's powerful throat muscles. Chameleons also have the ability to change their skin color in response to changes in temperature, light, and emotion. This ability has given us the term "chameleon" to describe any skill in imitation or disguise.



Fold and unfold.





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