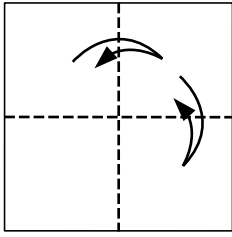
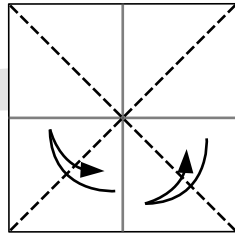


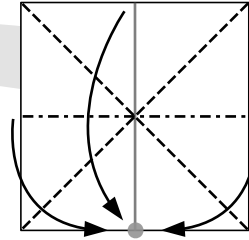
# ORIGAMI PUMPKIN



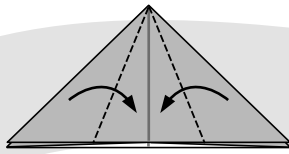
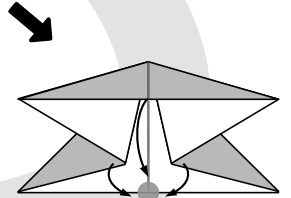
1. Fold in half, then unfold



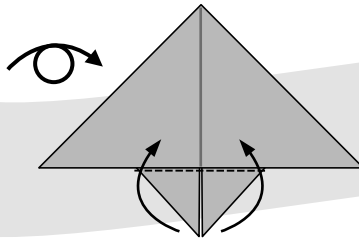
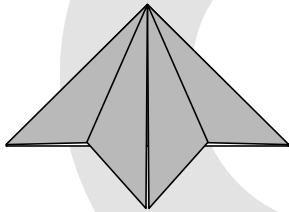
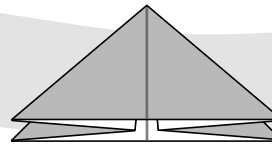
2. Fold in half along diagonals, then unfold



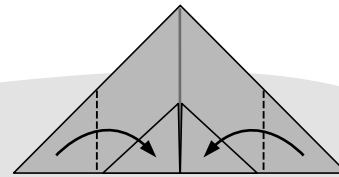
3. Using the creases made, bring the center of each side to the marked point at the bottom of the paper



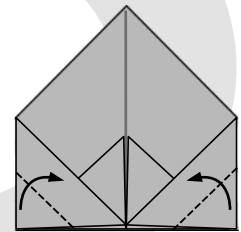
4. Fold top layers along center crease



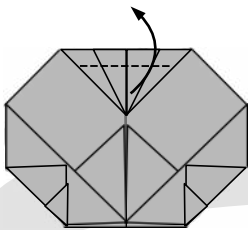
5. Flip over and fold ends that are sticking out upwards



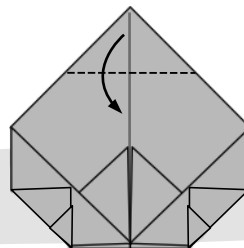
6. Fold bottom corners to the center



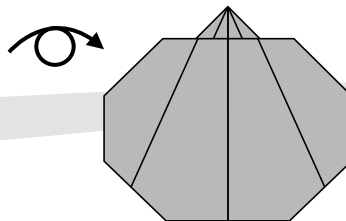
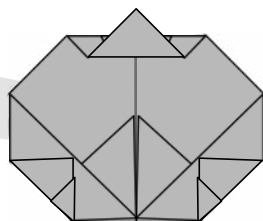
7. Fold bottom corners up until they meet the line



9. Fold top corner up so that it peeks over the top



8. Fold top corner down (no reference point)



Pumpkin Complete!

# Minori Harvest 2020

As part of this year's Minori Harvest, the Powell Street Festival Society presents this origami pumpkin prompt to celebrate the harvest season and the history of Japanese Canadian farmers in British Columbia.

Many of the first generation of Japanese in Canada, the *Issei*, came in the early 20th century. These immigrants came from fishing or farming backgrounds and settled along the coastline and Fraser Valley. Options for employment were limited for the Japanese. The provincial government did not allow the Japanese to have full citizenship rights, which prevented them from voting or working jobs in civil services, public health, and many other prominent occupations<sup>1</sup>.

Instead, Japanese settlers decided to work for themselves, purchasing what was considered unprofitable or difficult land to farm in the Fraser Valley, Mission and Abbotsford. The Japanese farmers in these areas set up a farming co-op, *Nokkai*, which provided a communal space for meetings and social gatherings. The *Nokkai* became an important part of life for the *Issei*, functioning as not just an agricultural business hub but also a community and learning center.

However, the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941, changed everything. Canada and the United States declared war on Japan, and soon after, all Japanese Canadians were declared enemy aliens, forced to relinquish all financial assets, and relocated to camps in Canada's interior. Farmers were told their land would be held in safekeeping until after the war, but less than a year later, all confiscated possessions and property were auctioned off by the Custodian for Enemy Alien Property. This included at least 90 farms (over 1,400 acres of land) and over 100 vehicles<sup>2</sup>. Even after the war ended, a ban was put in place denying Japanese Canadians the right to return to BC. Many years later, a few *Nisei*, second generation Japanese Canadians, chose to return and continue the tradition of farming.

This time of year, you will see in the fields an abundance of squash and pumpkins. To honor the dedicated farmers who transformed the Fraser Valley into the fertile land we know today, we share with you how to make your own origami pumpkin. You can use this new skill anywhere, anytime, with just a sheet of paper. Share the gift of origami with others, whether that be the physical gift of origami or sharing the folding process.

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