

HEARTBOMB

Our Heart Belongs to History

There is no question that preservationists put their heart into their work and communities.

HERE WE OFFER a simple at-home project to create an origami heart just in time for Valentine's Day—or any day! Did you know that the heartbomb may have been invented in Rockville in the 90s!?

Reinvigorated recently by young preservation groups across the country, heartbombing is the simple act of declaring your love for at-risk historic properties with a valentine of their own.

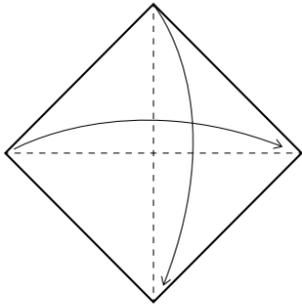
In 1993, when a likely buyer of the ca. 1895 Wire Hardware building had plans to gut the interior, Peerless Rockville, a regional preservation non-profit, brought a law suit to defend its right-of-first-refusal to purchase the building—ensuring its preservation. Soon after, the organization publically kickstarted an Emergency Repair Fund with a gigantic heart in the storefront window, declaring "Our Hearts Belong to Wire." To see photos, go to: presmd.org/wire.

Inspired by that creative advocacy, we encourage you to make an origami heart with our special edition phoenix origami paper. Download more patterns at: presmd.org/origami



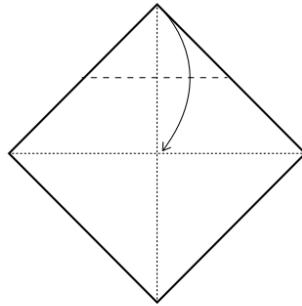
STEP 1

Cut out the patterned square along the dotted line. Fold twice diagonally and reopen flat oriented as a diamond.



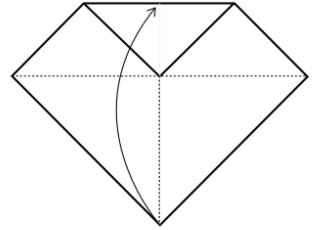
STEP 2

Fold top point of paper to meet the center point. It will look like a gem stone.



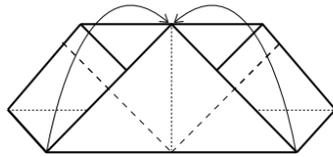
STEP 3

Write a secret message to your valentine inside now or just fold the bottom point to meet the top fold.



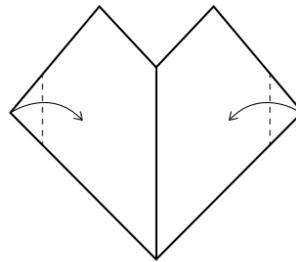
STEP 4

Bring up the bottom right side diagonally so the bottom meets the vertical center line. Repeat with the left side.



STEP 5

Turn paper over and fold down the top and side points. This will smooth out the edges of your heart.



STEP 6

Adorn your origami heart any way you like and please share your love by tagging us with #preservemd.

