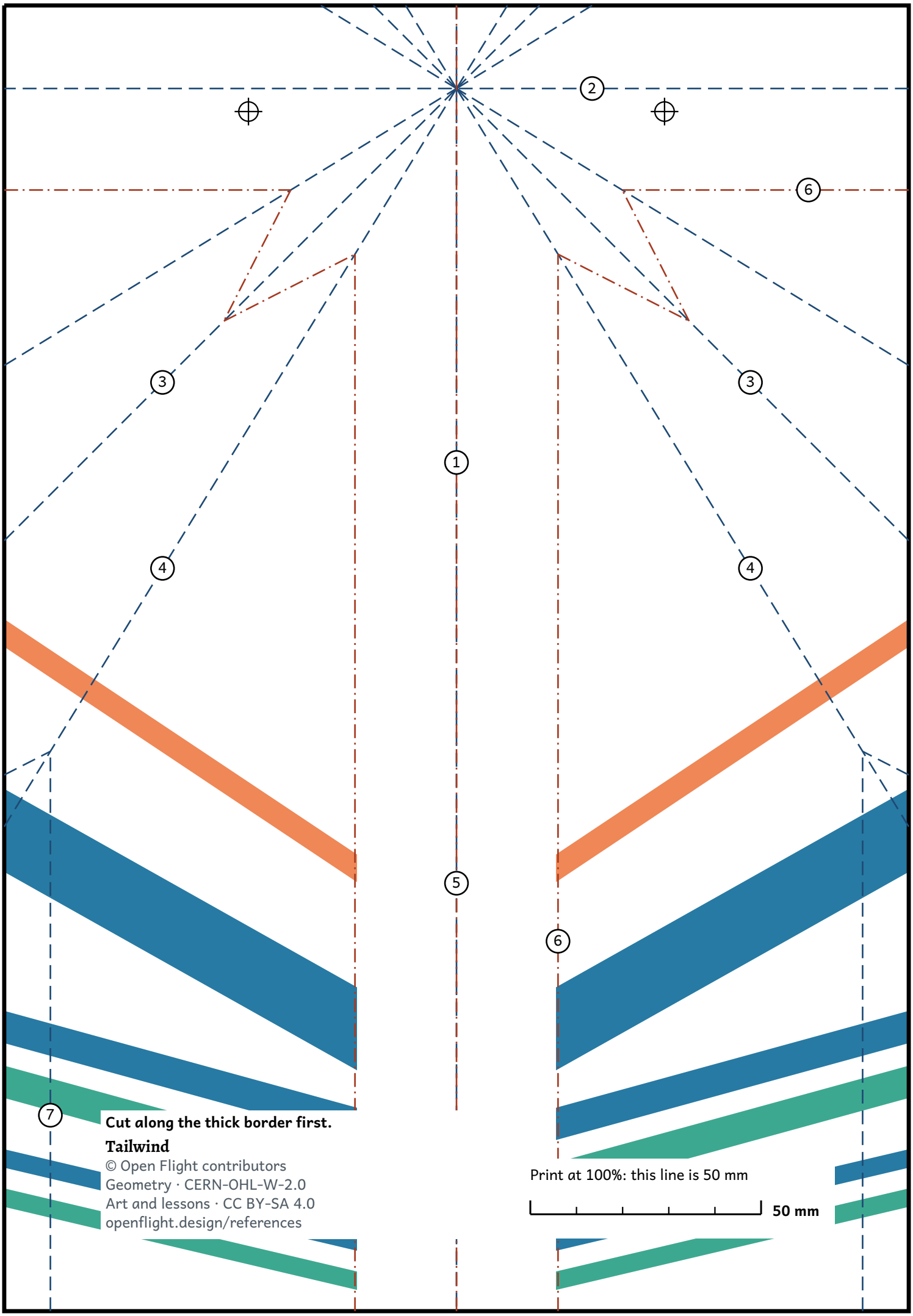


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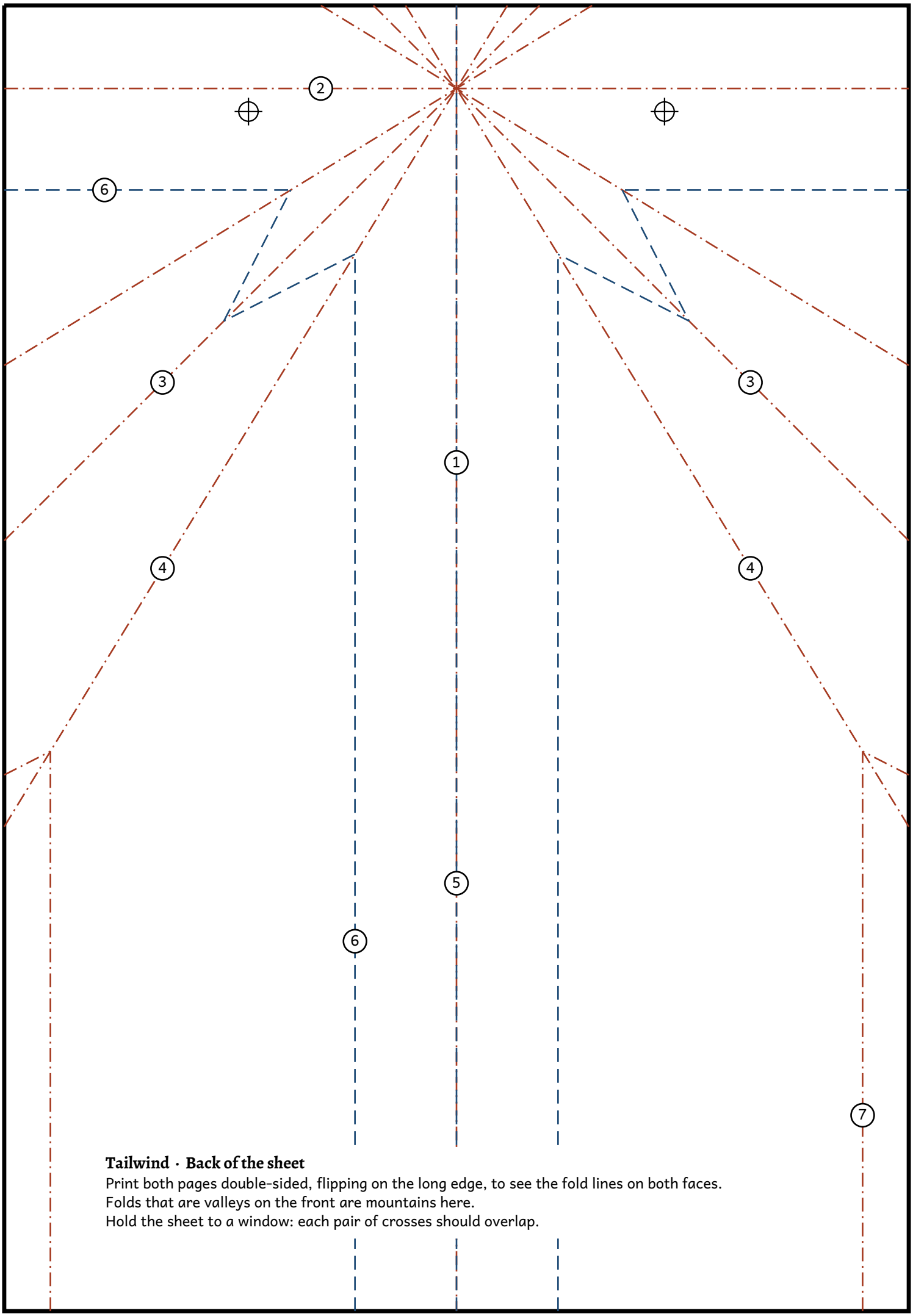
Tailwind

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Print at 100%: this line is 50 mm

50 mm



Tailwind · Back of the sheet

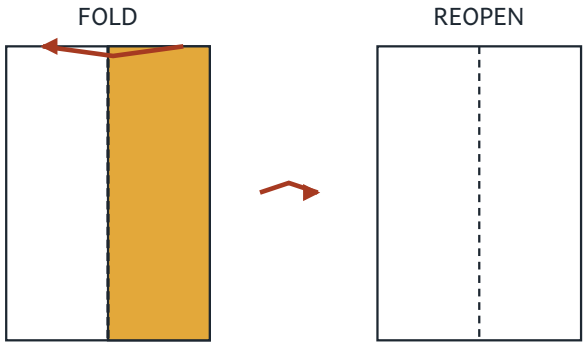
Print both pages double-sided, flipping on the long edge, to see the fold lines on both faces.
Folds that are valleys on the front are mountains here.
Hold the sheet to a window: each pair of crosses should overlap.

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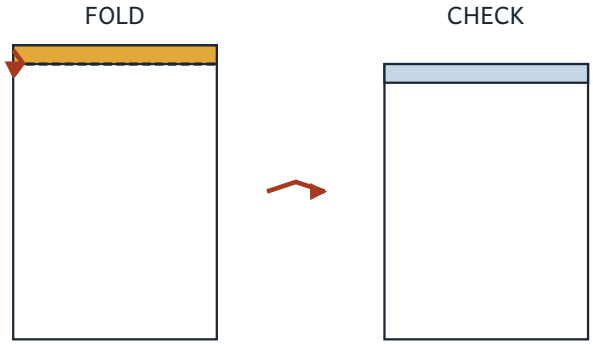
Use the airplane template. For two printed faces, print the template and its reverse from the separate airplane PDF, flipping on the long edge. Cut along the thick border, then fold. Any print scale works because the lines meet the border you cut.

1 Find the centre



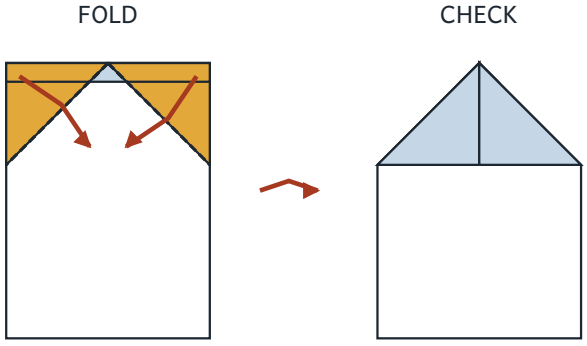
Cut out the sheet along the thick border. Print side up. Put the short edge at the top. Bring the two long edges together, press the middle crease, then open the sheet again.

2 Weight the front edge



Fold the top edge down to the 36 mm mark. This makes an 18 mm band across the sheet.

3 Fold the hemmed corners



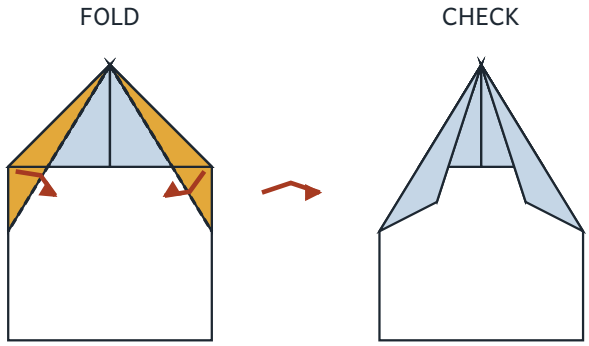
Using the new front edge, fold both corners to the centre. Smooth each thick diagonal outwards from the tip.

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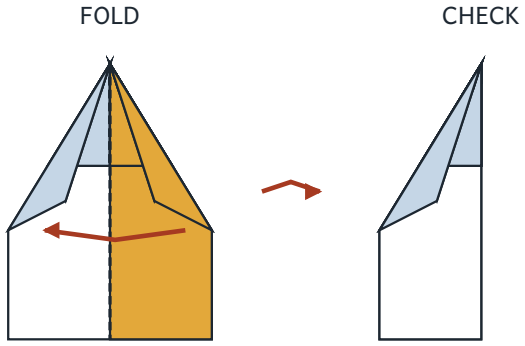
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4 Shape the swept shoulders



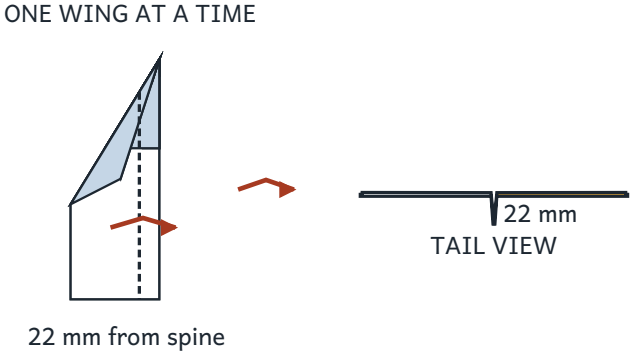
Fold each sloping shoulder inward on line 4. The crease runs from the nose to a mark 160 mm down each side from the new front. The folded edges stay apart.

5 Close the body



Keep the folded details face up. Fold the right half away from you, behind the left, along the centre line. The folded details will be on the outside.

6 Fold one wing, then match its twin



Hold the closed body with the centre edge on your right. Fold only the upper wing outward on the line 22 mm from that edge. Turn the model over and fold the other wing to match. From behind, the wings make a T with the body hanging below.

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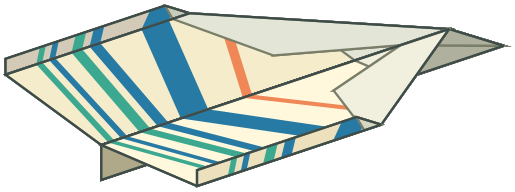
7 Raise the wing tips

Match the height of both tips



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Lift each wingtip about 10 mm above the body fold. Turn up the outer 10 mm of each long side until both tips stand upright. Sight from the tail and match the heights.



Flight notebook

Hold the body near the front. Launch gently and level into clear space. Make one copy with flat tips and one with 10 mm tips. Give each five level launches. Record any left or right landings before changing another fold.

Launch	Where did it land? What changed?
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	



Twin pairs at the tail

Fold 4 · Fold the shoulders inward to angle back the paper wing. Look for the pairs of stripes toward the wing tips. The bands suggest the paired engines.

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