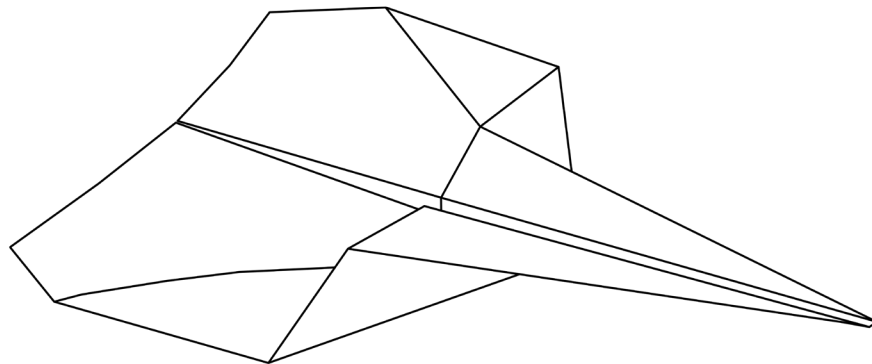


Training wheels off, let's put it all on the line - It's belly slider time

The F-111 had swing-wings that set iconic silhouettes in the sky. These wings allow a pilot to optimise the angle of the wing to the speed being flown, configuring in flight for both lower speeds (straight wing) and super or transonic speeds (delta wing).

Centenary snippet

In 2006, Flight Lieutenant Luke Warner and Flying Officer Peter Komar were forced to perform a wheels up landing at RAAF Base Amberley after their left wheel detached at takeoff. Thanks to their world class training, ground observation and support, the team successfully performed a spectacular belly slide landing on the runway and were able to walk away safely.



*"These guys laid it all on the line. Their skill and courage was as spectacular as their sub sonic belly slide."
- THE PAPER PILOTS*

MISSION - ACCURACY

This paper plane is a straight shooter - the one you want when there is only a small runway to aim for. Have a few flyovers, trial runs, 'reccys' (reconnaissance) whatever you need to prepare. You have one go at this landing, shoot for the brake assist cable with your tailhook, make it stick.

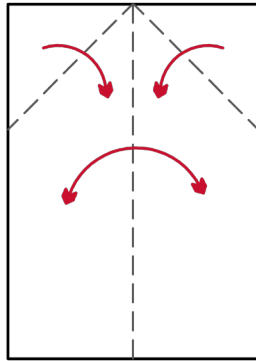
To 'QualiFLY' as a Paper Pilot you need to master your approach. It's a combination of speed, agility and timing. If you can land this one cleanly on the tarmac, welcome to the fold.



INSTRUCTIONS

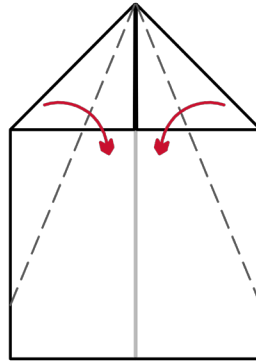
Follow the steps to fold the **F111**

— — **VALLEY FOLD**



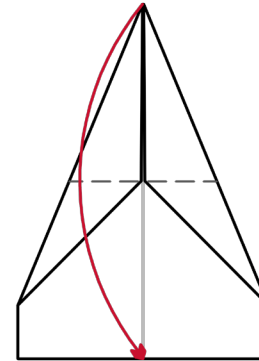
STEP 1

First, fold and unfold a centre crease. Then, fold the top corners in along the centre crease to create a 'house shape'.



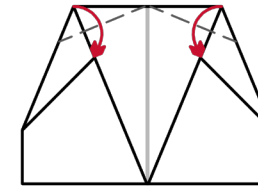
STEP 2

Fold again into the centre as shown using the centre crease as a guide.



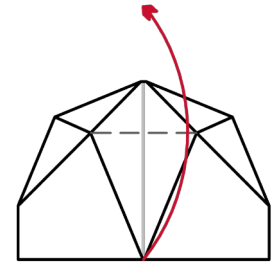
STEP 3

Fold the nose of the plane down to tail of the plane using the centre crease as a guide.



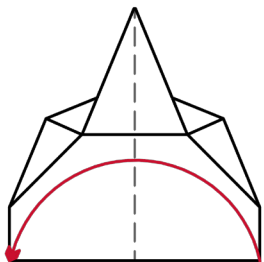
STEP 4

Take the top corners and fold as shown to meet the intersection point of prior folds.



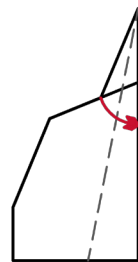
STEP 5

Fold the nose up keeping the centre crease aligned.



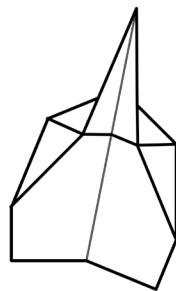
STEP 6

Fold the plane in half along the centre crease. Check at this point your folds are symmetrical.



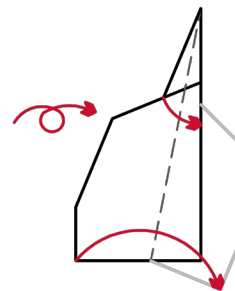
STEP 7

Fold the first wing as shown.



STEP 8

Flip the plane over.



STEP 9

Line up the fold of this second wing to match the wing previously folded.



TEST FLIGHTS

Check you have a 'Y Shape' or dyhedral angle in your plane before launch. Observe if any minor elevator or rudder tweaks needed, trim accordingly.

FLYING TIPS

Hold the plane at the thickest point behind the nose and launch straight.



Always check for clear airspace before throwing.