Origami Dolphins

Help WDCS create an origami petition for captive dolphins in Europe!

We will be collecting all the origami pieces that you send, and aim to present them to the European Parliament in Brussels in 2012. Together we'll let the EU know you want to see an end to keeping dolphins in captivity. Here's how to do it…
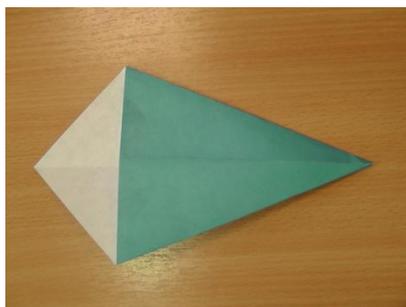
What you'll need:
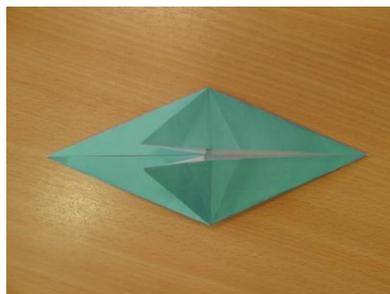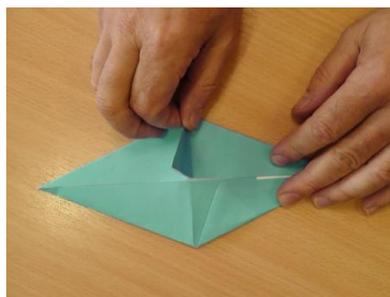Square piece of paper (approx. 20x20cm)
Scissors
Marker pen

1. Take your paper and place it with a point at the bottom so that it looks like a diamond (coloured side down if using origami paper).

2. Fold the paper in half from top to bottom. Crease well and unfold again.

3. Fold the top and bottom sides in from the right so that they meet the crease. Then crease your new folds well. Your origami should now look like a kite.
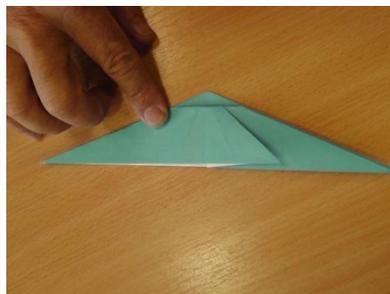

4. Fold the top and bottom sides in from the left so that they too meet the crease.
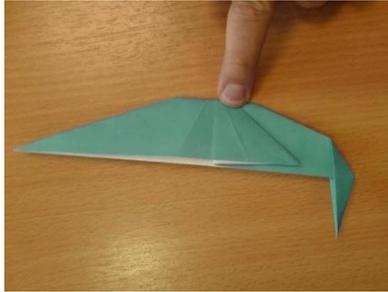

5. Unfold the paper slightly and 'pinch' out a fin from both the top and the bottom.
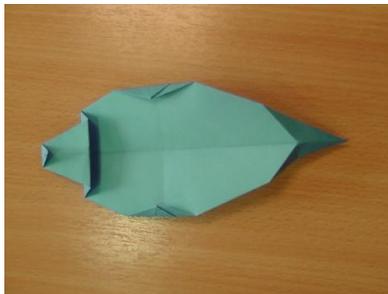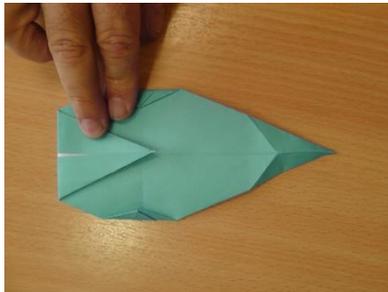

6. Fold your paper in half and position it so that it looks like a wide triangle. Then fold the tips in so that your 'triangle' now has a flat top.
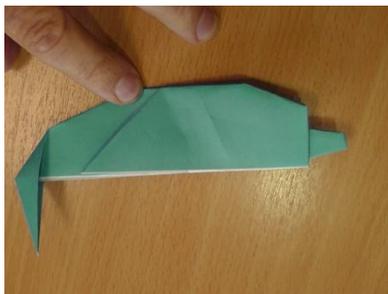
7. Fold one end down to begin to create a tail.

8. Open your origami out again and fold the 'head' end in, out and in again (as shown in the next two pictures) to create the beak.

9. Fold your origami in half again. You're now almost there!

10. Take your scissors (ask an adult to help if necessary) and carefully cut the tail end to create the flukes. Don't cut too far! Fold these out to create your dolphin's tail.

11. Get your pen and clearly write '**NO DOLPHIN CAPTIVITY IN EUROPE**' on one side of your dolphin.

12. On the other side please write your **NAME**, **AGE**, and the **CITY** and **COUNTRY** you live in.

13. Send your completed dolphin to WDCS at:

THEY SHOULD BE FREE
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WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!