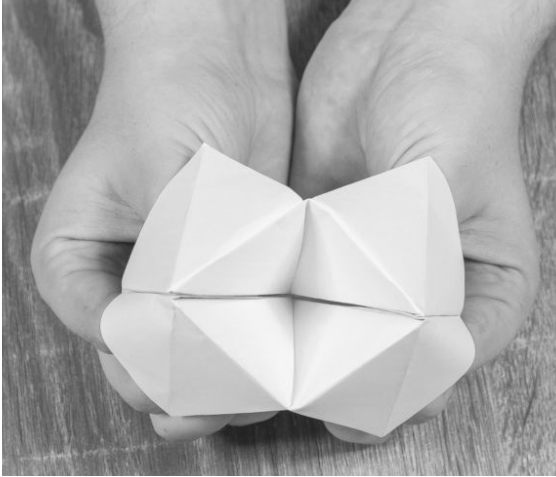


# Make a Chatterbox



## What is it?

Prior to the advent of computer games and activities, children in the 20th Century (and prior!) had fun making these paper contraptions. This design was introduced to children in the U.S. in 1928, through an origami book.

In the 1950s, the folded paper object became popular as “fortune tellers,” when questions were written on the outside of the paper and answers could be found by unfolding the corner.

## Folding Instructions for the Chatterbox:

1. Start off with a square piece of paper.
2. Fold the square in half, both ways.
3. Fold each corner to the middle.
4. Flip it over and do the same thing on the other side.
5. Fold in half and unfold. Then do the same thing the other way to further crease the folds.

You can now put your thumb and forefinger inside the square pockets to move the chatterbox!

## Using the Chatterbox:

1. Ask someone to pick a word that’s written on one of the square pockets.
2. Open and close the chatterbox by spelling or counting it out.
3. Ask them to choose one of the number or colours that’s written inside. Repeat step 2 one or two times.
4. Ask them to choose one of the options written inside.
5. Open it to reveal the hidden message inside!

You can write yes, no, maybe, spooky or funny messages, or even dares inside. It’s completely up to you! If you want to use it as a fortune teller, ask it a question before playing the game, and make sure the answers inside will work for that question.