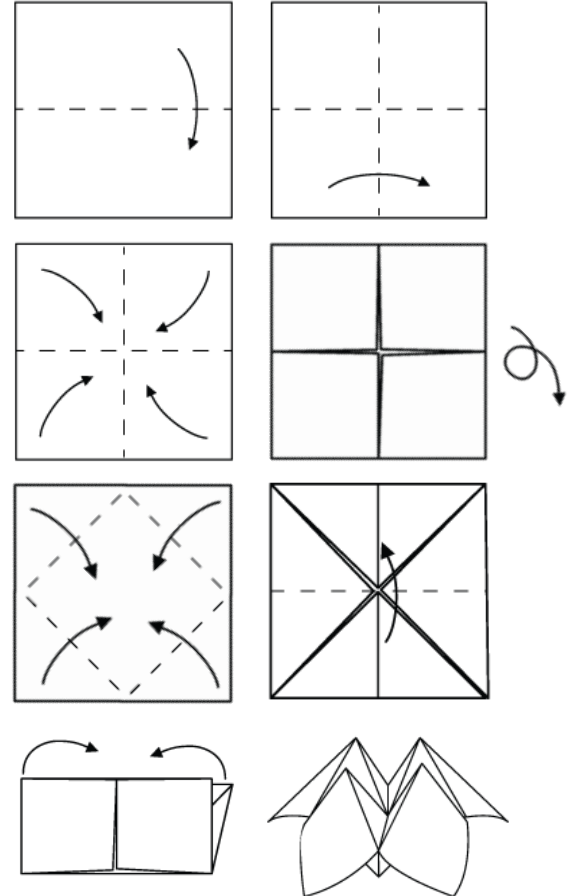# How to Fold and Play a Cootie Catcher

To fold:

1. Color the outermost squares on the Cootie Catcher using the suggested colors: blue, brown, yellow, and purple. Color the other triangle shapes with other colors if desired.

2. Cut out the Cootie Catcher.

3. With the designs facing up, fold the square in half from top to bottom. Then unfold.

4. Then fold the square in half the other way from side to side. Then unfold.

5. Turn over the paper square. With the designs facing down, fold each corner of the square to the center.

6. Flip the folded square over – the questions will be facing up.

7. With the questions facing up, fold each corner of the square to the center.

8. Fold the paper square in half.

9. Put your thumbs and pointer fingers under each flap on each side of the Cootie Catcher. Bring your fingers together (so they're touching through the paper) to shape the final Cootie Catcher.

To play:

1. Gather players and choose one person to operate or control the Cootie Catcher.

2. Have the player(s) choose one of the colors from the top four squares. The operator will spell the color while opening and closing the Cootie Catcher side-to-side for each letter.

3. Then the players(s) pick a number between 1 and 10. The operator will count to the number while opening and closing the Cootie Catcher side-to-side for each number.

   a. *Optional* – Instead of choosing a number, players can choose a word inside, and the operator can spell the word while opening and closing the Cootie Catcher side-to-side for each letter.

4. Have the players pick a word on the inside of the Cootie Catcher. The operator will open the flap for that word and read the question or task for the players to answer or complete.

5. Rotate play until each person has been the player and the operator.

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