

## Make a Paper Chair

### Foldable Chair: Origami Style

The foldable chair can be made just by folding a piece of square paper in special ways. This special method of paper folding is called *origami* and comes from Japanese artistic traditions.

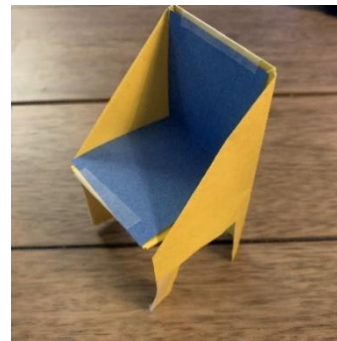
#### You will need:

- Colorful construction paper or (ideally) origami paper, in squares
- Tape or glue to help strengthen the finish product (optional)
- Scissors
- Additional paper, markers, or other art supplies to decorate (optional)



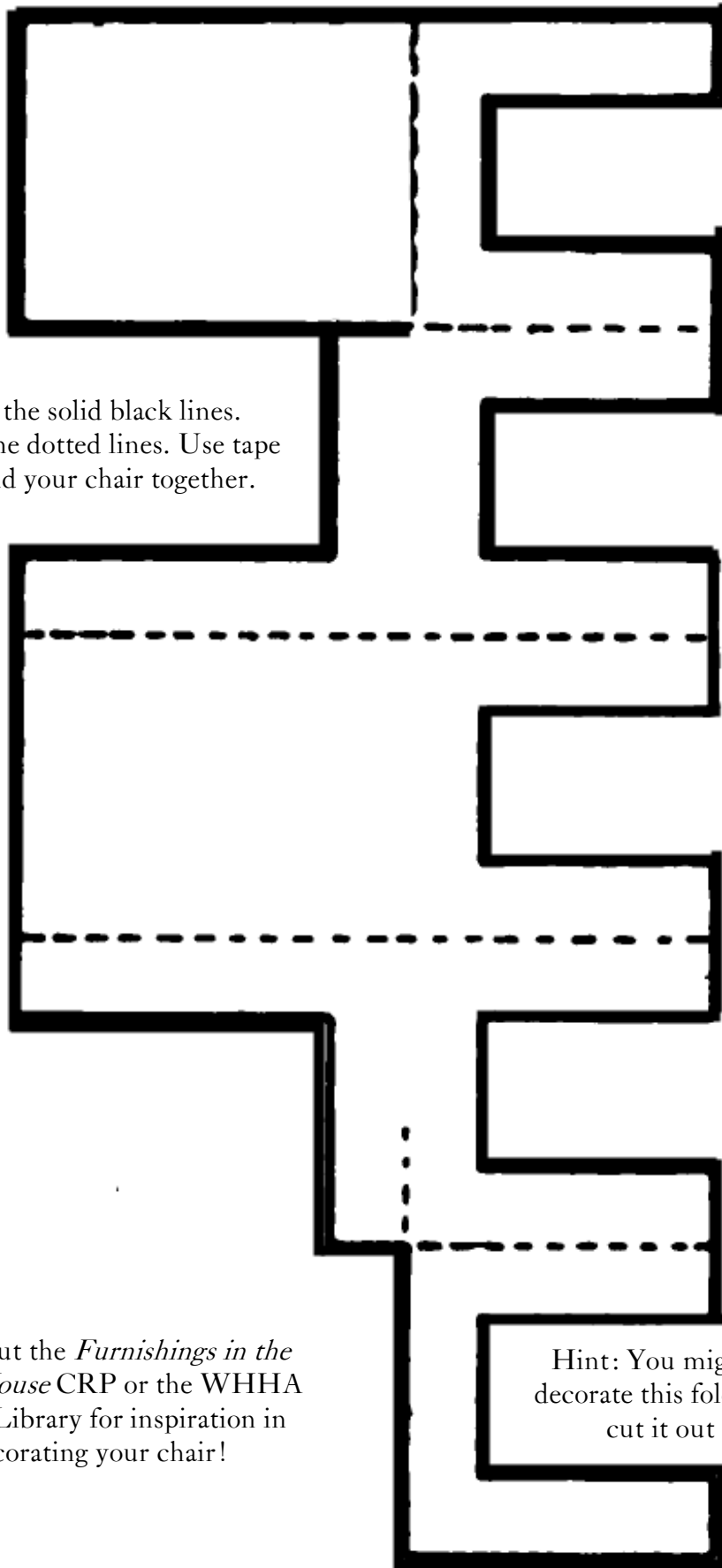
#### Instructions:

- Learn how to fold the basic chair pictured at right with these helpful guides:
  - [Step by Step Instructions](#)
  - [Video Instructions](#)
- Optional: Refine and decorate your chair!
  - Use additional paper, careful cuts, tape, glue, and other decorations to add accents and refine your chair into a more accurate paper model!
  - In the above examples, inspiration was drawn from the Bellangé suite of furniture featured in the Blue Room, made in France by Pierre-Antoine Bellangé for the Monroe White House.
  - Explore some of the images of chairs in the [WHHA Digital Library](#) and the [Furnishings of the White House Classroom Resource Packet](#) and find a style you'd like to imitate—or create your own!



If paper folding isn't how you'd like to make your chair, the next page of this activity has a simple cut-out foldable chair. Just cut on the solid lines, fold on the dotted lines, and tape/glue it together!

Share your finished foldable furniture with us at [@WhiteHouseHstry](#) or via email at [education@whha.org](mailto:education@whha.org)



CUT along the solid black lines.  
FOLD along the dotted lines. Use tape  
or glue to hold your chair together.

Check out the *Furnishings in the  
White House* CRP or the WHHA  
Digital Library for inspiration in  
decorating your chair!

Hint: You might want to color and  
decorate this foldable chair *before* you  
cut it out and assemble it!