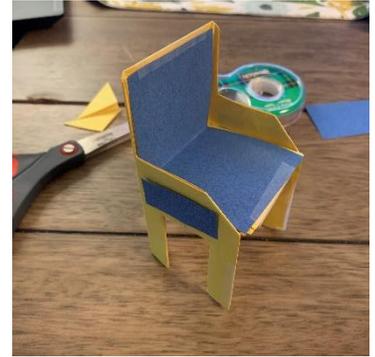


## Make a Paper Chair



### 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)



### 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.

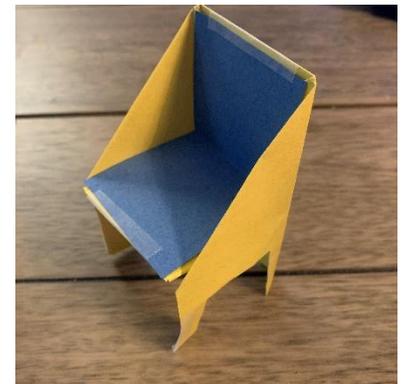
Learn how to fold the basic chair pictured at the left with these helpful guides:



#### [Step by Step Instructions](#)

#### [Video Instructions](#)

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!



### Optional: Refine and Decorate your Chair!

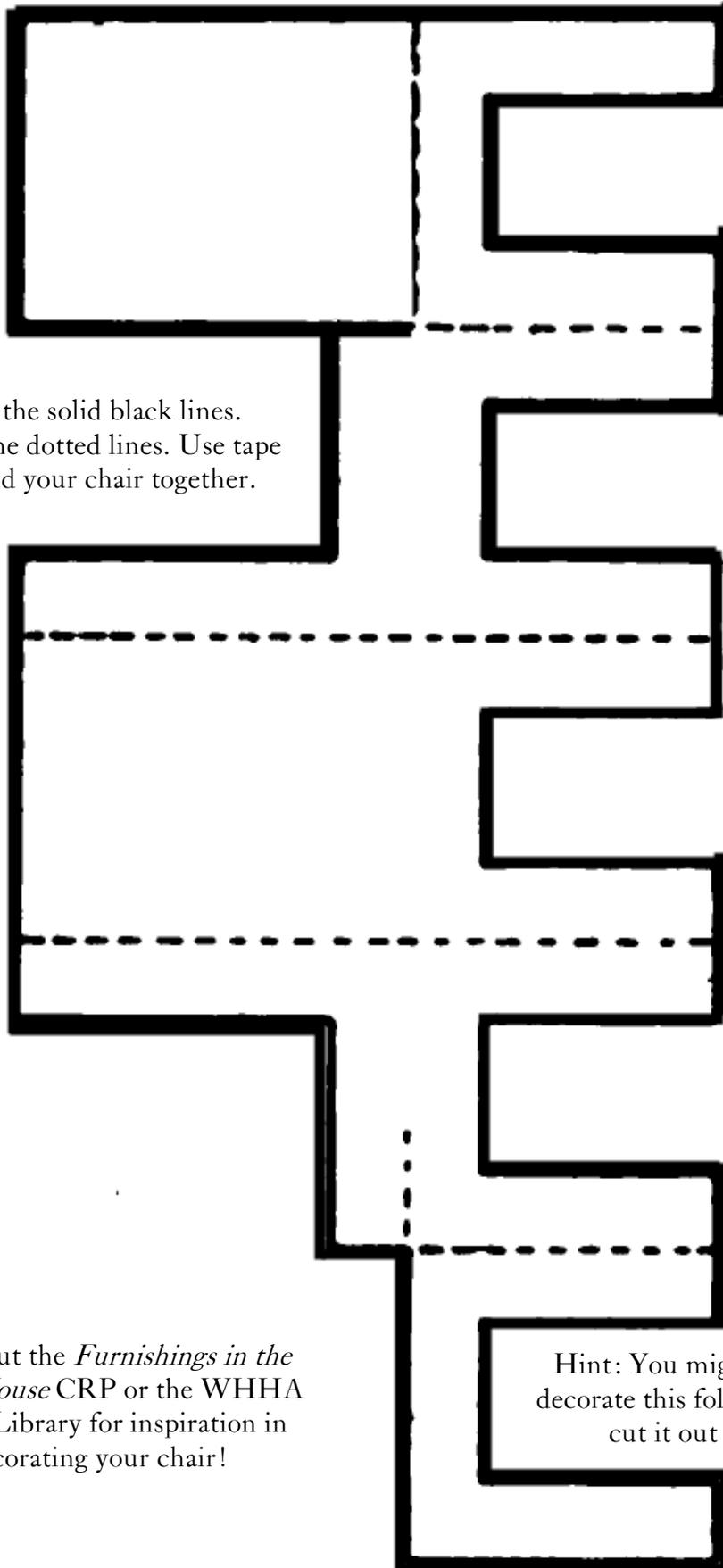
Explore some of the images of chairs in the [WHHA Digital Library](#) and the [Furnishings of the White House Classroom Resource Packet](#) and find a style you'd like to imitate – or create your own!

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.

Use additional paper, careful cuts, tape, glue, and other decoration to add accents and refine your chair into a more accurate paper model!

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

# PAPER CHAIR!



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!