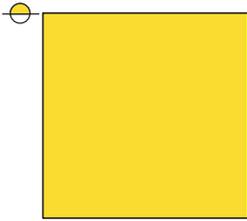


# "The Scarab"



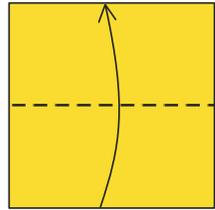
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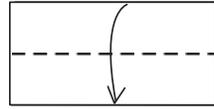
1. The Sun God Ra was out on a sunny day.

*Start Color side up.*



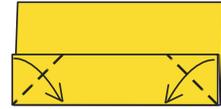
2. Suddenly a mist rose up and covered the sky.

*Valley fold the bottom edge to the top.*



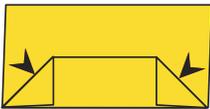
3. But Ra was strong and burned the mist away.

*Valley fold top flap to bottom.*



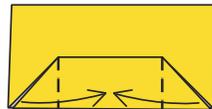
4. When the mist cleared, we saw a mysterious temple.

*Valley fold flap corners diagonally.*



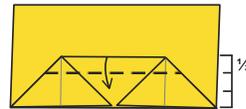
5. At the sides, we found the secret doors...

*Reverse fold.*



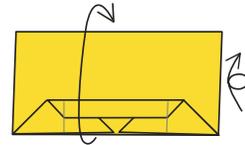
6. ...and opened them up.

*Valley fold the flaps in.*



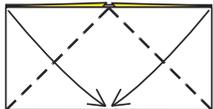
7. We walked down a narrow passage...

*Valley fold flap down 1/3.*



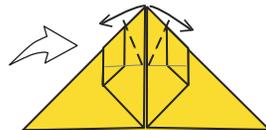
8. ...and climbed up into a big empty room.

*Turn over bottom to top.*



9. We pulled down the walls and a sleeping beetle appeared!

*Valley fold top corners to center.*



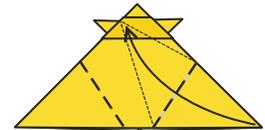
10. As it woke up, it stretched out its antennas.

*Valley fold top points out.*



11. The beetle struggled to turn itself over.

*Turn over.*



12. It flexed its wings up to touch its antennas...

*Valley fold the bottom corners up.*



13. ...and then it tucked its wings in close to its body...

*Tuck the wing tips into the pockets.*



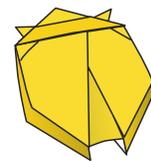
14. ...and then tucked them even closer to its sides.

*Mountain fold the side corners along the layer below, tucking in between the layers.*



15. The Scarab took a deep breath and was alive again!

*Open up the sides and shape the body.*



- Finished model is 1/2 the paper size -

## The Scarab

Scarabs are associated with the Egyptian god, Khepri. Scarabs were popular amulets in ancient Egypt.

Khepri was a creator god and solar deity, the aspect of Ra which constitutes the dawning sun. He was represented as a scarab or dung beetle, or as a man with a beetle head.

It was Khepri that pushed the sun across the sky. The scarab beetle became the symbol for rebirth. Each day the sun disappeared, always to rise again and be reborn the following day.