

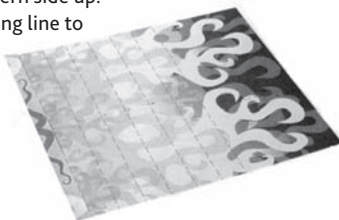
If only we learned this when we were kids. But it's never too late.

Fold the Perfect Airplane

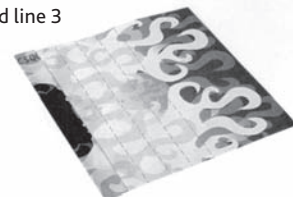
Ken Blackburn holds the Guinness World Record for paper airplane time aloft (27.6 seconds). How did he do it? Proper technique and a great design. "Square planes are best for long-lasting flights," explains Blackburn. The pattern on the right is from his newly revised *World Record Paper Airplane Book*.

You can tear the page out—we printed the pattern on both sides—but a photocopy on heavier paper will fly better.

1 Start with the scrolling pattern side up. Fold along line to line 2.



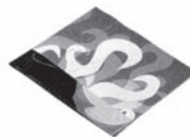
2 Fold along line 2 to line 3, and line 3 to line 4.



3 Fold along lines 4 to 8.



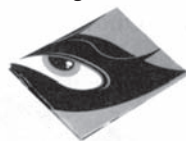
4 Flip plane over and fold in half along centerline, fold 9.



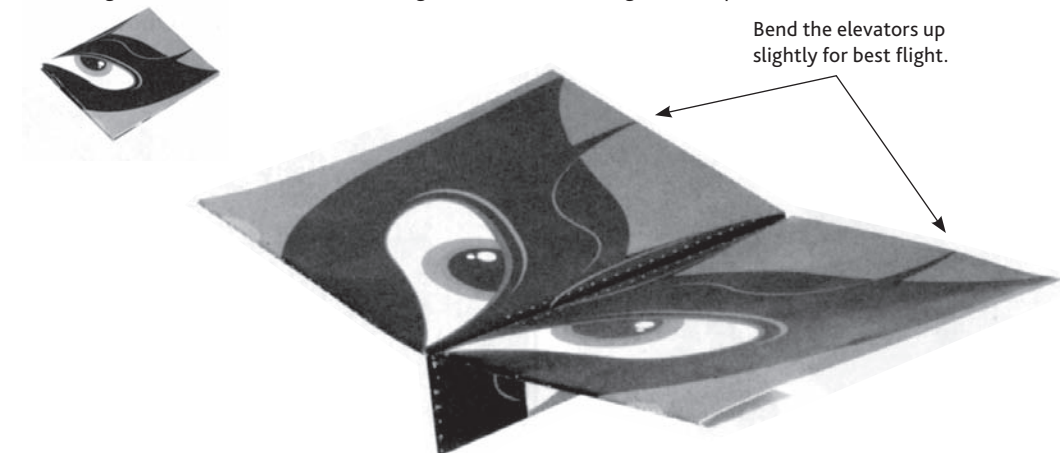
5 Fold one wing up along line 10.



6 Flip plane over. Fold wing down along line 11.



7 Fly! Make sure the wingtips lie above the airplane's body. The wings and body together should form a slight "Y" shape.



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To fly your own, go to spiritmag.com and hit "Paper Airplane."



IT'S HIP TO FLY SQUARE: "This kind of plane is best for long-lasting flights," says paper champ Blackburn.



KNOW WHEN TO FOLD 'EM: Please don't throw this at the flight attendants. Their aim may be better than yours.