

# Marshall County Museum

## It's Symbolic!

### Read:

How much do you know about Indiana symbols? Symbols are things that remind us of other things. For instance, the Indiana state bird is a cardinal. The cardinal reminds us that the pretty red bird lives in many places in Indiana all year long. Here's an activity to help you learn and remember some other symbols that make our state special.



### Do:

Follow the instructions below. Use the next page to make a game to play with a friend, or even by yourself!

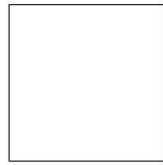
#### How to make a Symbols Finger Game.

1. Cut along the outer edge of the big square on the next page.
2. Place the colored side down. Fold diagonally. Reopen and fold opposite corners so creases form an X.
3. Fold each corner towards the center of the square.
4. Flip over and repeat step 2.
5. Fold square in half vertically.
6. Fold square in half horizontally.
7. Slide your thumbs and index fingers of each hand under into the 'pockets' under the names of the symbols and push the four points toward the center.

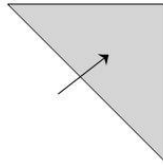
Now that you have constructed your Symbols Finger game, start playing!

1. Hold the four corners of the paper by sliding your index fingers and thumbs into the 'pockets' under the names of the symbols.
2. Ask your partner to select one of the symbols.
3. Spell out the symbol's name while alternately opening and closing the finger game vertically and horizontally. (Make it look like it's talking!)
4. As you say the final letter, hold the game in the open position. Ask your partner to select one of the four numbers that are showing. Lift the flap to reveal what's beneath.

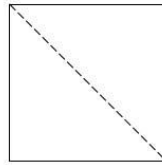
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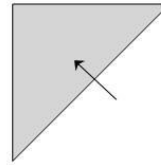
Take a square of paper.



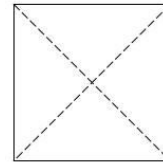
Fold it over like this.



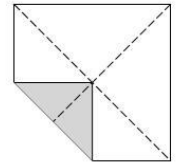
Unfold it.



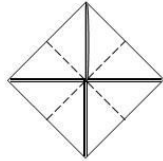
Now fold it the other way.



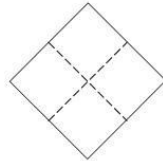
Unfold it and your paper should look like this.



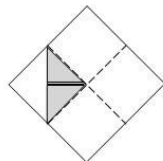
Fold all 4 corners to the center of the square so the points just touch it.



Your paper should look like this.



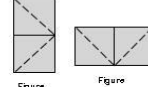
Flip your paper over so the folds you just made are turned down.



Fold the corners to the center again.



Your paper should look like this.



Fold it sideways like Figure 1 then unfold it. Now fold it up like Figure 2.



Put your fingers under the 4 open corners.



Here is how it looks finished and open.

