Color Changing Bidirectional Tube

This pattern has been studied extensively with intial studies by S. Guest, S. Pellegrino, and B. Kresling. The color changing version was shown by origami artists Tomoko Fuse and Robert Lang.

Variations of the pattern has also been used in origami-based engineering applications by researchers at BYU. To learn more, visit cmr.byu.edu or look at the citations below.

Cut out, fold, wrap into a tube and tape or glue tabs to far side.

For better results, prescore the folds by running over them with a blunt object such as a ballpoint pen.

Mountain Folds

Valley Folds

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