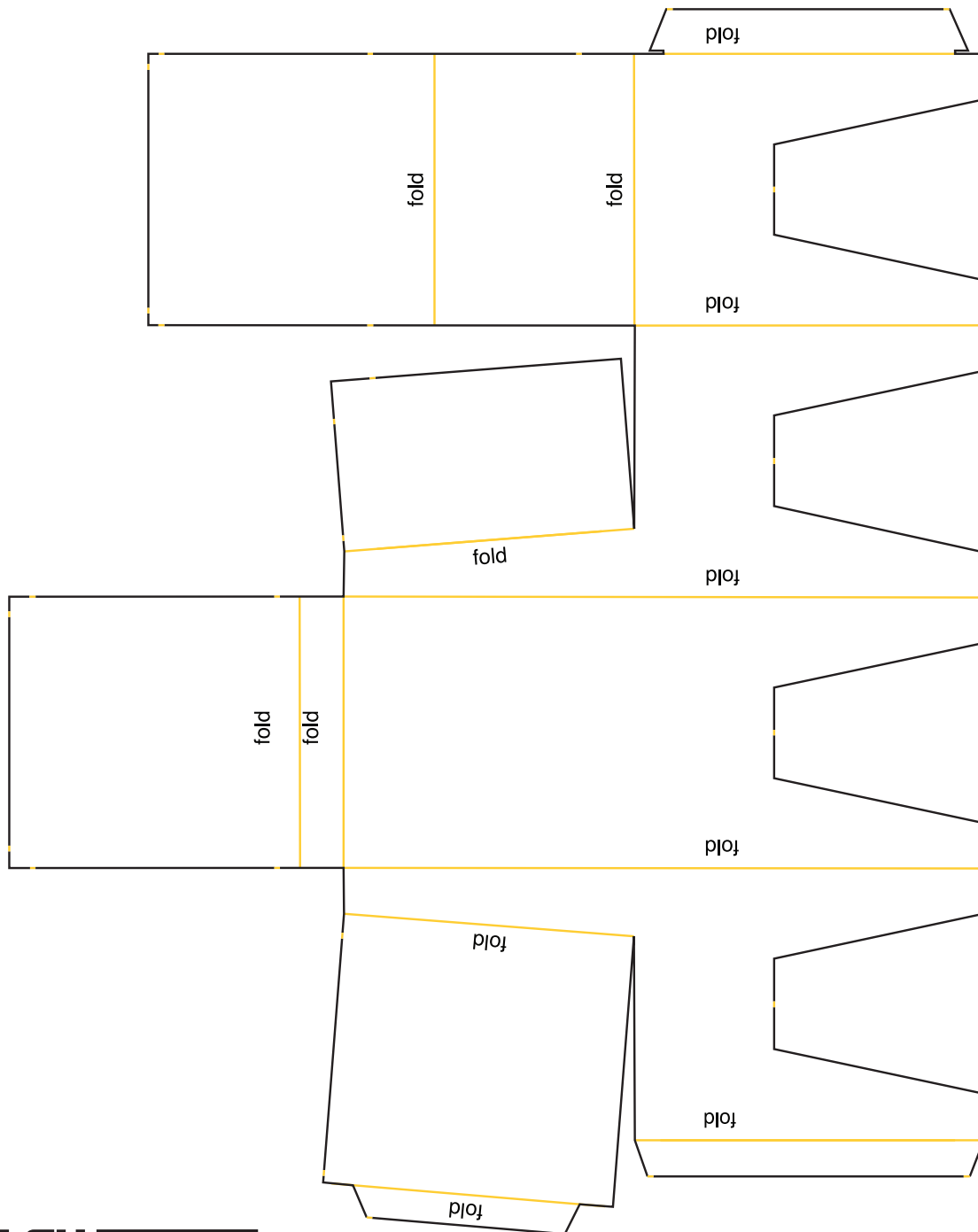


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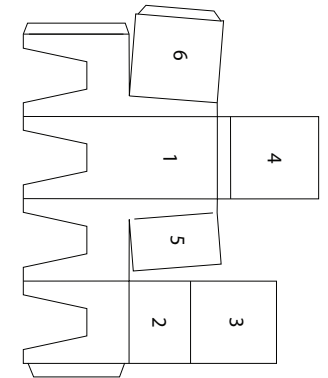


fold-a-chair

Chairs can be difficult to make and you often need several supplies that might not be kid friendly (or adult friendly!)

Eleanor Campbell Richards created this paper chair design so anyone could easily become a chair maker too. Eleanor Campbell Richards is an artist who looks at play and improvisation in her sculptural work. She is a Resident Artist at Penland School of Craft in Penland, North Carolina. Learn more about the artist at ellie-richards.com

WATCH NOW! SCAN FOR
FOLD-A-CHAIR DEMO VIDEO



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IMPROVISATION

Improvisation is the activity of making or doing something that you have not planned, using whatever you find. Color, cut out, and fold this chair and see what you come up with today!

How often do you think about chairs? Perhaps when we are tired or are ready to eat dinner we think of using a chair to sit on. But chairs are pretty cool—artists and designers create chairs for all sorts of different needs or places or to even make us think of different time periods in history. As a designer, you could make a chair look or feel however you would like.

DESIGNER

A designer is a person who plans the look or workings of something prior to it being made, by preparing drawings or plans.

INNOVATION

Innovation is often a new product, but it can also be a new way of doing something or even a new way of thinking.

TAPERED

To become smaller in size at one end.

MONOCHROMATIC

Containing or using only one color.

CLOSER LOOK

Let's look at this Postmodern Sheraton chair by designer Robert Charles Venturi (image B) and an original Sheraton chair (image A). The Sheraton chair was a popular chair in the 18th century. It has a rectangular shape, tapered legs, and could be customized with carvings. Robert Venturi made a modern version that looks like a cartoon version of a Sheraton chair—the chair looks both modern, but also has details from the past (image B).

What looks similar? What looks different?

What sort of characteristics would you use to describe each—use 4 adjectives.



A



B

chair challenge

On the front page is your opportunity to play designer. Eleanor Campbell Richards designed a chair that is a bit similar to those Sheraton chairs—it has tapered legs, it is rectangular, and best of all, you can customize it however you would like. Use collage, markers, or crayons to add details to the chair.

Some things to think about:

Will it be very colorful or monochromatic? What is it made of—will you draw wood grain or is it cheetah print? Will there be patterns on it? What kind? How will you use the chair for relaxing or is it a special chair for space travel?

When you are done coloring, carefully cut the chair out and fold where you are told to fold.

To make it look like a chair, watch a demo video by scanning the QR Code on the front.

When you are done, take a picture and tag #LSUMOA in it so we can see your chair creation!