

Mondays at the Museum

(at home!)



ORANGE REGIONAL MUSEUM

This week we are looking at the **Mount Canobolas planarian**. We are learning more about the plants and animals on Mount Canobolas in our exhibition *Regenerate*.

Below is a picture of a Mount Canobolas planarian.



Planarians are a special type of worm. They are bright yellow, and travel along a slime trail like snails and slugs. They live in leaf litter, and come out to find food like slaters and other small insects after wet weather.

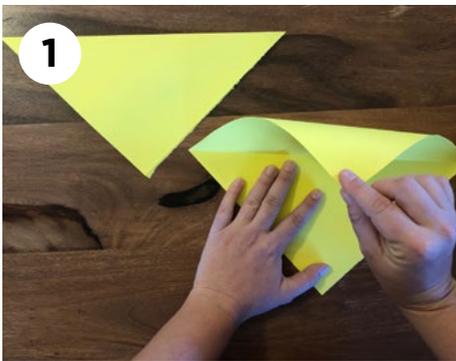
Image: Mount Canobolas Planarian and lichen (Boris Hlavica/DPIE)

Mount Canobolas Planarian

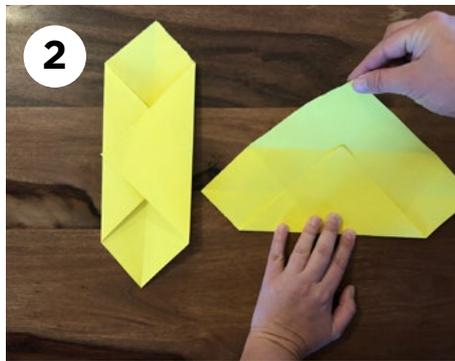
This week we are going to make our own origami Mount Canobolas planarian.

What you'll need:	Substitute
A bright yellow square piece of paper (ideally 14cm x 14cm)	Use pencils or markers to colour your planarian once you finish the origami
Marker or pencil	

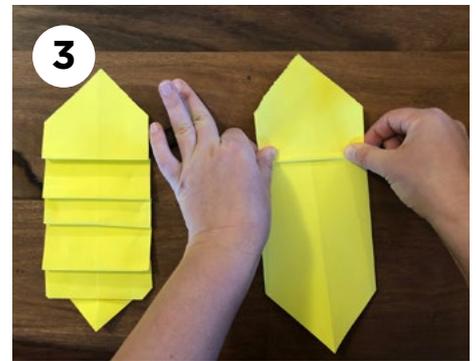
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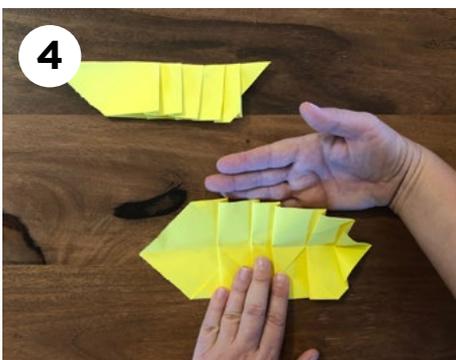
Fold your square piece of paper in half, with one corner meeting the opposite corner.



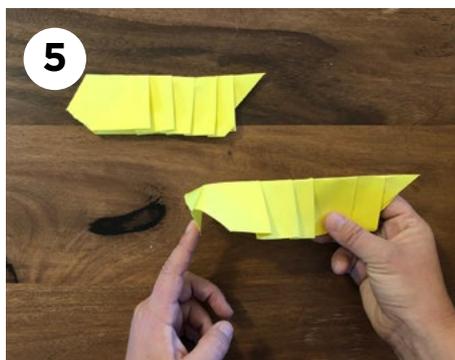
Open the square back up and fold the bottom third up, and then the top third down, so the top and bottom corners overlap in the centre.



Turn your paper over so the folded corners are facing the table. Make about 5 fan folds from the top of your paper to the bottom of your



Turn your paper over and fold in half along the centre fold.



Tuck the triangle corner on the left in and under the fold of your paper.



If you like, give your planarian some eyes.

Extra Time:

1. Planarians like to live in fallen leaves on the forest floor. Can you create the perfect home for your planarian?
You can collect some leaves from your garden, or make some out of scrap paper.
2. Take a walk with your family at Mount Canobolas after it rains. Keep your eyes peeled on the path. Can you see a planarian in the fallen leaves?
Remember to stick to the path and do not disturb any creatures you may find.
3. The Mount Canobolas planarian has not yet been given a scientific name. Can you think of some ideas for a scientific name?