Origami Dragon

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1. start with a square base
   make a petal fold. turn over.

2. precrease

3. squash fold

4. petal fold

5. fold the point down

6. fold top left layer to the right
   repeat 3-6 on left side
   precrease angle bisectors
   turn over.
8. precrease angle bisectors
9. mountain fold through circled point and unfold
10. precrease angle bisectors

11. lift bottom flap and squash fold it, making sure to bring the tip of the hidden triangular flap to the centre. This will become the back foot

12. precrease the tip of the triangle to the centre point

13. so it ends up looking like this

Repeat on the left side. Turn over

This is the weird bit

Precrease from the top, left and right corners to the circled points. This will cause the point to stand up at 90° squash it flat
14. rabbits ear the triangular flap. this will become the lower jaw.

15. valley fold in half

16. refold the precreases made in steps 8-10

17. fold the wings to the right, lining up the creases with the circled point

18. lift the wing slightly and pull out the flap from behind squash the wing flat again when finished

19. reverse fold the points of the feet so they stick out a bit. swivelling a little of the tail in the process

20. lift the top flap of the foot and extend the swivel fold to the tip of the toe. this minimizes the white side of the paper exposed at the base of the tail.

21. refold the precreases made way back in step 7.
22. Mountain fold the top layer to shape the belly and chest
23. Crimp the tail
24. Reverse fold the top point, leaving a bit of room where indicated to form the snout. Put some crimps, reverse folds and outside reverse folds in the tail as you see fit.

25. Fold and unfold the top layer then unfold to step 24
26. Crimp the head, reforming the valley as a mountain fold and vice versa while releasing the layer below and bringing it to the top.

27. Make two crimps in the wings.

28. Reverse fold to make a forearm. If your paper is not too small, you can do another reverse fold to make a hand, but the paper is pretty thick here. Reach in underneath the chin and pull out the rabbit eared triangular flap made in step 14. I have not found a neater way of doing this so just keep pulling and pinch the circled area to flatten.

Finished