# Make an Impossible Cylinder 



## Instructions

1) Cut out the shape above.
2) Fold a sharp crease along the dotted line.
3) Tape the left and right edges together.
4) Fold a sharp crease along the taped seam.
5) Gently squeeze together the creased sides so that the shape opens. Looking down on the cylinder, it should have the shape below.
6) Close one eye. Look down on the shape at a 45-degree angle so that the two creases line up with each other.
7) Then turn it around 180 degrees and look again.


To read about the mathematics behind this impossible cylinder, see "Sugihara's Impossible Cylinder" by David Richeson (Math Horizons, September 2016, 18-19).

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