Antarctic Krill

A Traditional Origami Model Diagrammed by Mary Ellen Palmeri

1. Arrange your square as a diamond and fold in half top to bottom
2. (a) Cut a thin strip along one edge - cut thru both layers and be sure to begin from the open end and stop before the fold, then (b) unfold bottom to top
3. Fold the 2 uncut edges almost to the center crease; leave a visible space between them
   **TIP:** Begin these folds at the narrow pointed end for best results.
4. Bring folded edges once more towards center crease, thus narrowing the sides; (Again - begin at the pointed end)
5. Now fold the 2 smaller edges in towards the center
6a. **Begin Pleet Folds**
   First, valley fold long side over to the left; crease is close to the widest area of the model
   **TIP:** When folding pleats be sure to keep center crease lined up with itself; put lined paper under model to help keep center in line.
6b. Leave a small space same flap right and fold back to the crease well
7. One pleat is done; repeat 6a & b to make 3 more pleat-folds. Flatten each as much as possible.
8. Fold entire model in half lengthwise, keeping pleats in place as you fold
9. Holding model in both hands gently but firmly pull out and down on each pleat to create a slightly curved back section
10. Fold up the antenna on each side at desired angle
11. Completed Antarctic Krill!