



# orchid-gami

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## *Cypripedium arietinum* Ram's Head Lady's Slipper



The rare Ram's Head Lady's Slipper grows in the Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence region of North America, extending from Saskatchewan to the northern

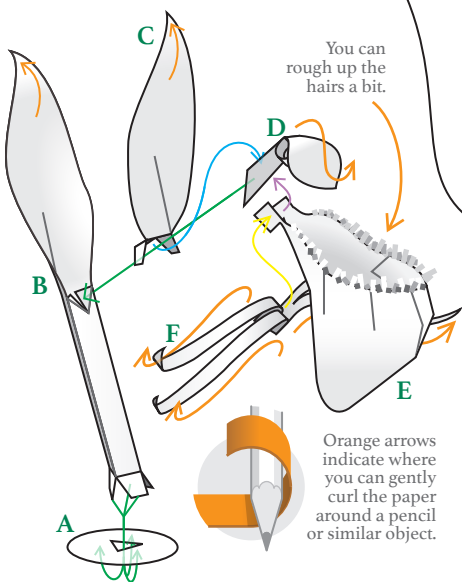
United States. Unlike our other native lady's slippers, the Ram's Head has lateral sepals that are free, not fused.

This primitive condition indicates the Ram's Head has a long history in the geological past and may be our oldest lady's slipper orchid. The pouch is covered with white hairs and maroon streaks that form a net-like pattern, and its conical shape resembles a charging ram with its head down. Small bees are attracted by the sweet, vanilla fragrance to explore the flower, pollinating it in the process. After pollination, the upper sepal lowers over the opening of the pouch to exclude other visitors, and the flower quickly fades. All energy is now directed to producing thousands of dust-like seeds that will be dispersed by the wind but must find a suitable fungus if they are to germinate and grow.

To learn more about the Ram's Head Lady's Slipper, scan the QR code with your phone or visit the species page on *Go Orchids* at [goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org](http://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org)



Paper is fragile so be gentle when you push out the shapes. Construct the separate pieces before assembling them together.

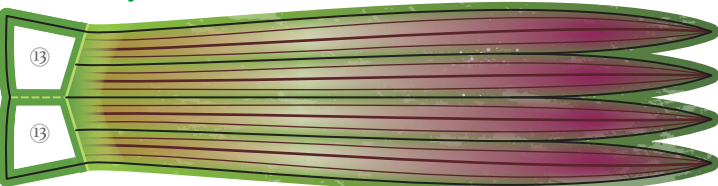


Orange arrows indicate where you can gently curl the paper around a pencil or similar object.

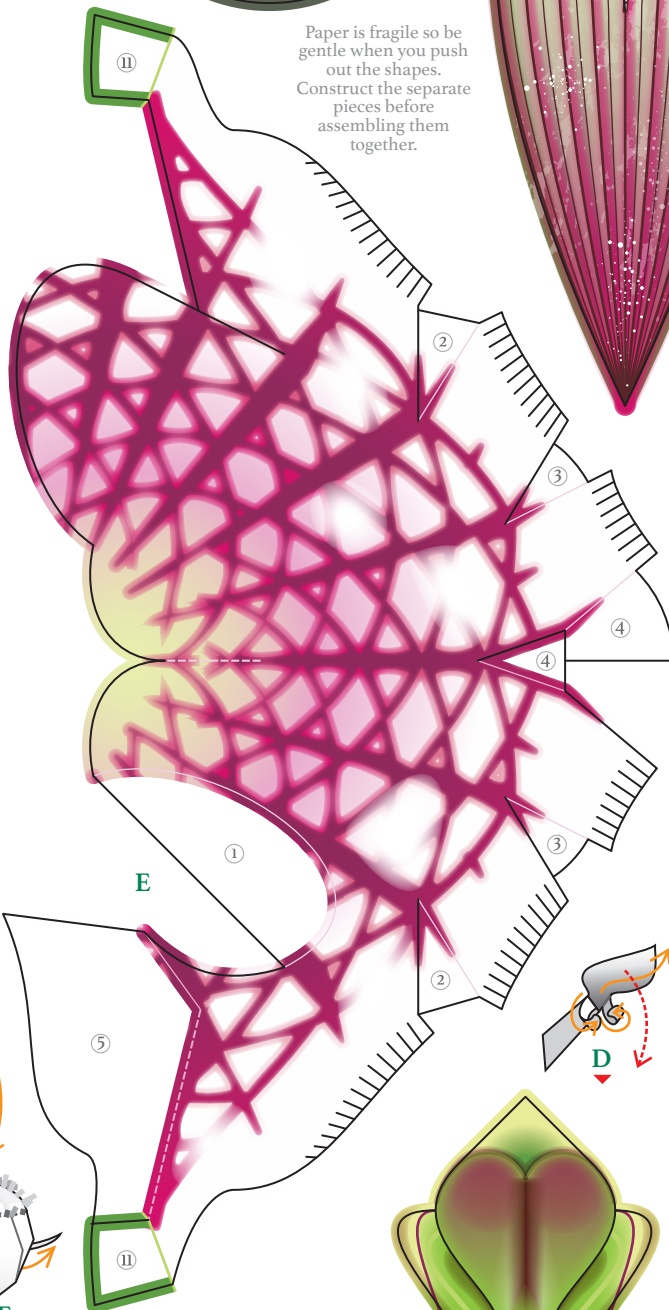


Model Difficulty

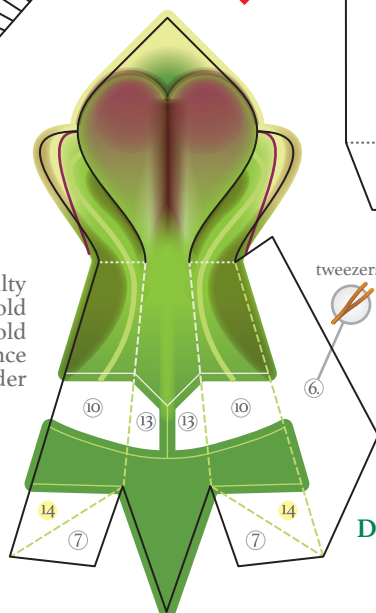
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..... Valley-fold  
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The goal of the **North American Orchid Conservation Center** (NAOCC), established by the **Smithsonian Institution** and the **United States Botanic Garden**, is to assure the survival of native orchids in the U.S. and Canada. To learn more about NAOCC and what you can do for orchid conservation, visit:



[www.northamericanorchidcenter.org](http://www.northamericanorchidcenter.org)

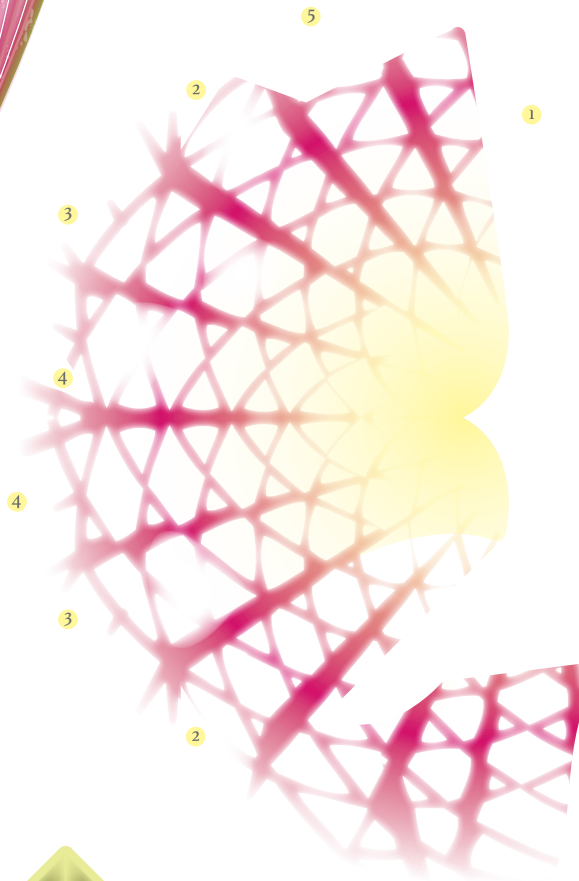
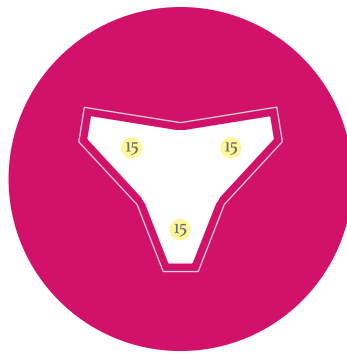


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This is what the paper Ram's Head Lady's Slipper will look like when built.