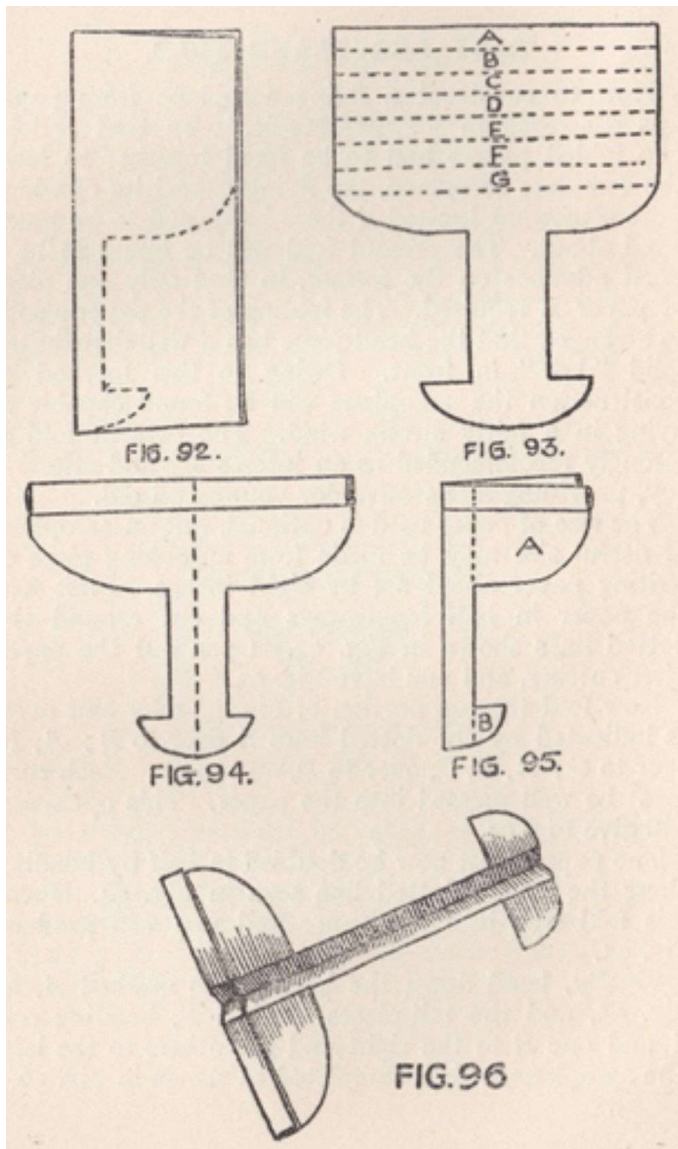




Maddie McDowell's Aeroplane Model

Early airplanes were biplanes, with double wings. This is the type Maddie's brother flew. Just like today, kids back then wanted to make paper models of these new flying machines. The early recorded paper airplane models were often titled "Aeroplane Folds," and they included a folding method to weight the leading edge of the wings.

Grab a piece of paper and create a weighted paper aeroplane following instructions from more than 100 years ago.



In 1923, C Arthur Pearson in London published the book "More Paper Magic" by Will Blyth. This diagram design was titled *Easy Aeroplane Fold*.

Take a sheet of writing paper and fold it as in Fig. 92. Cut the double thickness in the shape shown. Unfold the paper and fold the top edge over about half an inch several times as shown in Fig. 93. Fold the plane in half again as shown in Fig. 94. Crease back the wings and tail at lines A and B as shown in Fig. 95. By a judicious trimming of the wings and by bending the tail it can be made to loop the loop very gracefully.

