Balancing $ Eagle

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Tired of trying to balance your check book? Try this model instead. It’s much easier to balance and more fun too!

1. Begin face up. Valley-fold and unfold in half.

2. Make valley pinches at the sides.

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4. Valley-fold the top and bottom edges to the crease marks you just made.

5. Valley-fold and unfold.

6. Unfold the top edge.

7. Valley-fold to where the creases meet.

8. Valley-fold.
Valley-fold the wings together, while making a fish base out of the body.

Valley-fold and unfold.

Sink.
18. Spread out the tail feathers.

19. Valley-fold the wings up.

20. Valley-fold the wings to the side so that the angle between them is 90°. Make the wings go even further out with petal folds.

21. Make two valley-folds on the tail. Rabbit-ear the tip of the head so that it sticks out.

22. Mountain-fold the tail feathers.

23. Pull out the trapped paper.

24. Turn the model over.
Reverse-fold the wings.

Make the end of the wing lock nicely by inserting the lower layer into the upper layer.

Valley-fold and unfold.

Narrow the rear with mountains. Bend the beak even more down. On the wings make a skyline of mountains and valleys (i.e. make lots of them).

The eagle has soared into existence. If done correctly the pyramid on the dollar bill should end up on the right wing and the eagle should end up on the left wing.

Now try to balance the eagle on the pyramid. Repositioning the beak is often necessary to find the center of balance.