Begin with a square sheet of paper.

Fold in half diagonally.

You should end up with something that looks like this:

Fold each corner into the centre.

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Fold in half again. Your paper has now been divided into quarters.
Flip your paper over.

Fold each corner into the centre.

You should end up with something that looks like this:

Fold your chatterbox in half horizontally.

Fold your chatterbox in half vertically.
Unfold the creases you made in steps 8 and 9.

To open your chatterbox, simply slide your fingers into the pockets in each corner.

Success! Your origami chatterbox is now finished!

Depending on what you’d like to use your chatterbox for, almost anything could be written – or drawn – on it. In the above example, colours are written on the outside of the chatterbox and numbers on the inside.
Throughout history, chatterboxes have also been known as fortune tellers, cootie catchers, salt cellars, whirligbirds and pincers. These alternative names sometimes reveal other potential uses of chatterboxes. The image on the left shows one used literally as a set of pincers; the image on the right shows another ready to be used as a salt cellar. Facing down, the open pockets act as containers, perhaps to hold small quantities of food or even office supplies!

Traditionally, the possible ‘fortunes’ of the player would be written underneath the inside flaps (e.g. “You will be rich” or “You will marry an ugly person”), but in the example given, instructions are written under the numbered flaps for the player to follow instead.

A fun party game sending players off on dares, chatterboxes can also be used as learning resources, containing maths questions or science quizzes, and so on and so forth.