Origami Basics

Most origami paper has two sides. One is white and one is colored. Folding diagrams often show one side of the paper colored so they are easier to read.

Some times creases are shown as lines.

Other times, the lines are given different dash patterns depending on which way the fold goes. A valley fold (usually a dashed line) is folded down, like a valley. A mountain fold (a dashed and dotted line) goes up, like a mountain.

Valley Fold

Mountain Fold

Some origami books define a lot of other folds, like inside reverse folds or squash folds. There aren't any in my Sonobe module however, and usually you can figure them out from the diagrams if you know these two basic folds.