

# Cathy Cassidy's

## Paper Crane Project

Japanese legend says that anyone who folds 1,000 paper cranes so pleases the gods that they are granted a wish . . .



### Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes

Sadako Sasaki was a Japanese girl who lived near Hiroshima, Japan. She was just two when the atom bomb was dropped on 6 August, 1945. At the age of 11, she was diagnosed with leukaemia as a result of radiation from the bomb. Sadako's best friend told her the legend of the paper cranes and Sadako decided to fold 1,000 paper cranes to make her wish to get well come true. Sadly, she had folded a total of just 644 cranes when she died aged 12 in 1955. Sadako's friends and classmates completed the 1,000 paper cranes and these were buried with her. A statue of Sadako now stands at Hiroshima, and at its foot is a plaque which reads: *'This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace on Earth.'*

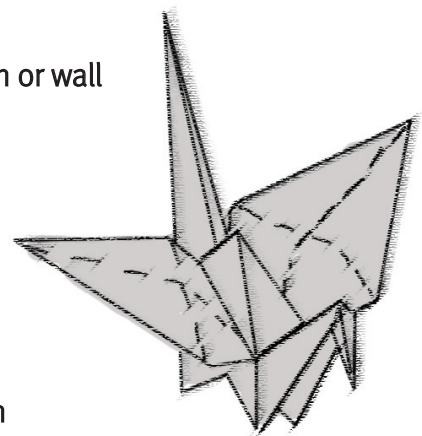
### *Make a Paper Crane:*

The paper crane is Japan's most powerful symbol of peace and hope. In the aftermath of the March 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami, folding paper cranes to send our prayers, thoughts and wishes to Japan seems very appropriate.

On the back of this worksheet you will find a step-by-step guide to making your paper crane. **You can also Google 'make a paper crane' to find helpful videos to take you through the process.** It's tricky at first, but with just a little practice you'll be an expert, and ready to spread the word!

### *Ideas for Teachers:*

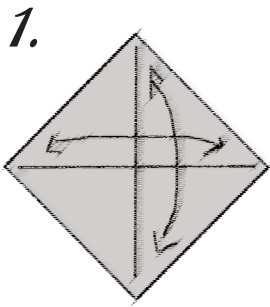
- String cranes together and make a paper crane hanging, curtain or wall
- Make cranes in rainbow colours, or with patterned paper
- What is the biggest/smallest crane your class can make?
- Cranes can make a great maths/measuring project
- Find out more about the story of Sadako
- Write poems/haikus inspired by the cranes
- Talk about prayers, wishes, positive thinking and symbolism
- Some children will wish to raise money too . . . discuss and plan



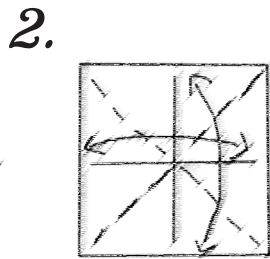
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# How to Make a Paper Crane

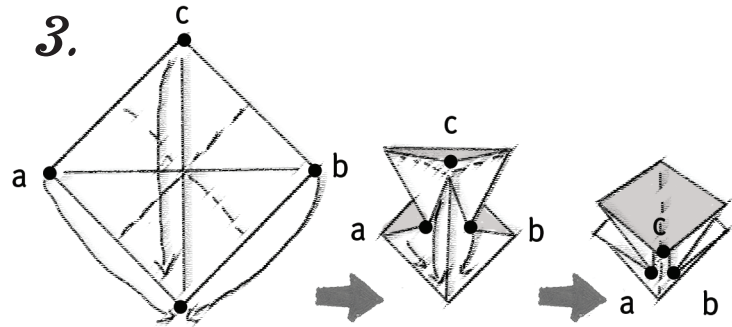
Begin with a large square piece of paper - one side coloured and the other plain.  
 In the diagrams, the shaded part represents the coloured side and the dotted lines the creases.  
 Remember, Google 'make a paper crane' to see a step-by-step video.



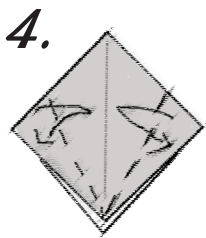
1. Start with a square piece of paper, coloured side up. Fold diagonally in half and open. Then fold in half the other way.



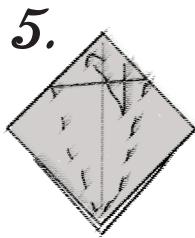
2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold in half, crease well and open. Fold again in the other direction.



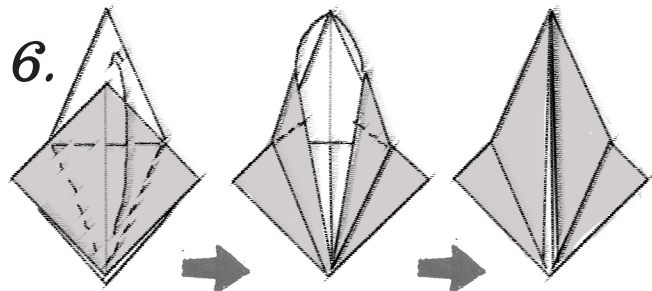
3. Using the creases you have made, bring corners **a** and **b** together and corner **c** down to the bottom corner. Then flatten



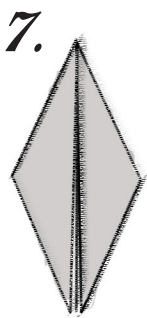
4. Fold the top triangular flaps into the centre to make a kite shape and unfold.



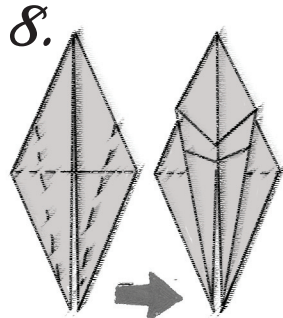
5. Fold the top downwards, crease well and unfold.



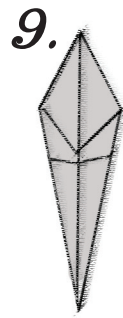
6. Take the bottom corner of the upper layer and pull it up, so that it forms a canoe shape. Press down firmly so that the sides of this canoe shape flatten to make a diamond shape.



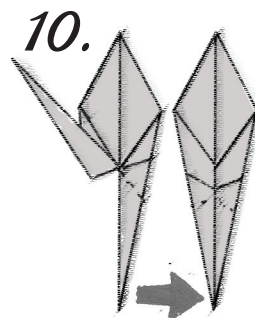
7. Turn the crane over and repeat **Steps 4-6** on the other side.



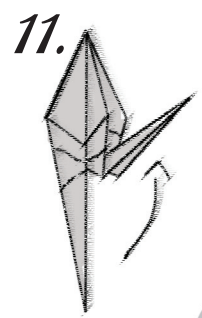
8. Fold the top flaps into the centre.



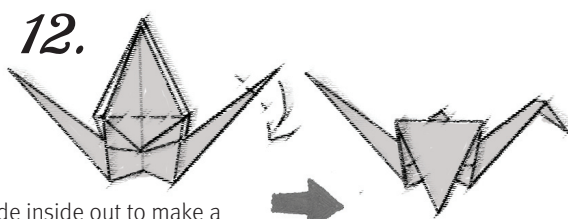
9. Repeat on the other side.



10. Fold both 'legs' up, crease very well and unfold.

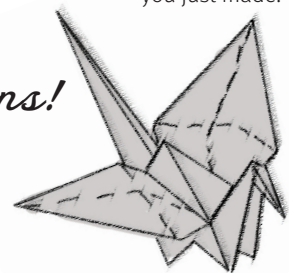


11. Fold the 'legs' inside out along the crease you just made.



12. Fold one side inside out to make a head, then fold down the wings.

*Congratulations!*  
 Your finished paper crane!



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