

Origami Cranes

Origami is the art of folding objects out of paper to create both two-dimensional and three-dimensional subjects. It is thought that origami was invented by the Japanese about 1000 years ago. The word *origami* (from Japanese *oru* [“to fold”] and *kami* [“paper”]) is used to describe the art form. The origami crane symbolizes honor, good fortune, loyalty, and longevity. These formidable characteristics give the crane such special meaning and why the Japanese believed that anyone with the patience and commitment to fold 1,000 origami cranes would be given good fortune and granted a wish.

National Core Visual Art Standards:

Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding

Enduring Understanding: People develop ideas and understandings of society, culture, and history through their interactions with and analysis of art.

Essential Question(s): How does art help us understand the lives of people of different times, places, and cultures? How is art used to impact the views of a society? How does art preserve aspects of life?

This project works well for ages 8-18

Consider setting up an origami center for fast finishers or as a brain break activity. Instructions and tutorial links are on the back.

Cross Curriculum ideas:

The Peace Crane Project The Project **builds friendships**, strengthens **hand-eye coordination** and **writing skills**, teaches **geography**, exposes students to **new languages** and **cultures**, and **EMPOWERS YOUTH to make a difference** in their community, country, and world. FREE!

<https://peacecraneproject.org>

Paper Cranes and the Children’s Peace Monument. Connect History and Geography

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/english/158105.html>

The 9/11 Memorial and Museum Project

<https://www.911memorial.org/learn/youth-and-families/activities-home/paper-cranes>



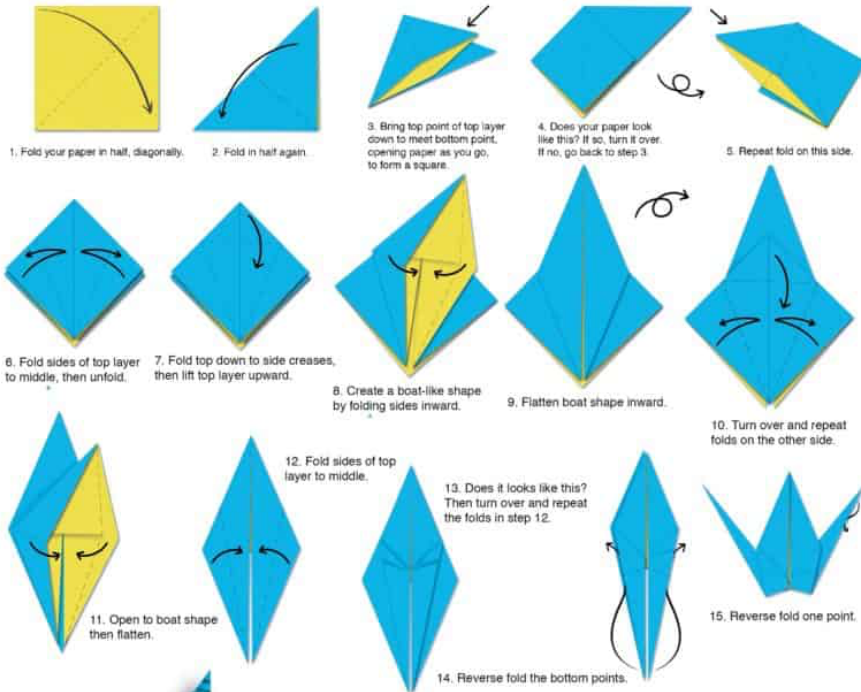
HOW TO FOLD A PEACE CRANE

To participate in The Peace Crane Project you will need a square piece of paper, plus markers, pens, paint, or pencils.

Blue represents the front side of the paper. Yellow represents the back. Your paper may look different.



Scan the QR code to access a digital copy of these resources.



Write your words of peace on your Peace Crane. Draw a picture of peace on your Peace Crane. Then share it with the world!

To join the Peace Crane Exchange list, sign up at PeaceCraneproject.org

Video Tutorials: Students respond well to video tutorials because they can watch and stop as needed. I am including links to video tutorials for the crane, a magic book, a heart and a butterfly.

https://youtu.be/bd9UIOveEYA?si=E5lAnSxgDg-P_iO4 Origami Crane

<https://youtu.be/3T2Uc3gIMDY?si=p556BF0Wqeh1vupf> Origami Butterfly bookmark

<https://youtube.com/shorts/ERtB0CHNTdl?si=SO2OXqRSObcPCYFX> origami heart

<https://youtu.be/VNYC8j0CFI0?si=Z37YPYdAHileMrT> star book and cascading book

Materials: You can easily by beautiful origami paper from Amazon, Michels, & Hobby Lobby **OR**

You can use copy paper, scrap paper, newspaper, gift wrap paper, recycle candy paper.....

Scissors or a paper slicer to cut even squares.

The books require stick glue