



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLDING A PAPER CRANE

Please refer to the illustrations as you fold. For best result, use a finger nail to make your folds as flat as possible and line-up all edges the best you can.

Fold your paper square in half diagonally to create a triangle **(1)**.

Take the bottom left hand point and fold your triangle in half again **(2)**. Open up the top triangle **(3)** and fold downwards **(4)**. Turn your paper over and repeat step 4 so that you are left with a square **(5)**.

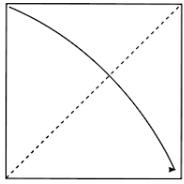
Fold in the two sides so that they touch the middle crease. And then unfold **(6)**. The next step is a bit tricky and so might take a bit of practise. Take the bottom point (of the top sheet only) and lift up **(7)**. At the same time, fold in the left and right points and push inwards **(8)** using the creases made in step 6. Your paper should now look like the illustration in **(9)**. Turn the paper over and fold in your edges again as you did in step 6 **(10)**. Lift the bottom point again and push in your sides like you did in the last stages **(11)**.

You should now be left with a long diamond shape **(12)**. Fold in both sides of the top layer. Your paper should now look like **(13)**. Turn it over. Now fold in the sides again which will leave you with a very long kite shape. Take the bottom point of the left side and fold upwards, through the middle, to about half way up the diamond **(14)**. This gives you the cranes tail.

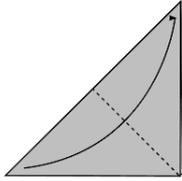
Take the bottom point of the right side now and fold that up through the middle to the same distance **(15)**. Using the top part of the right hand point, fold downwards, through the middle **(16)**, to create the cranes head and beak **(17)**. Fold down the wings and your crane is complete!

If you would like to send your paper cranes to Sadako Sasaki's memorial in Hiroshima's Peace Park, please read the instructions at <http://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/shimin/heiwa/crane.html>

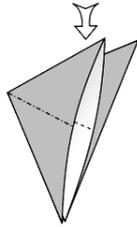
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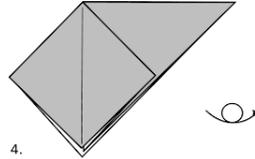
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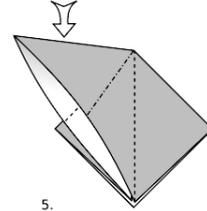
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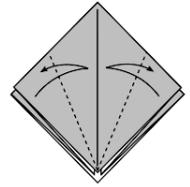
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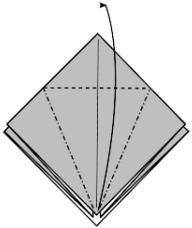
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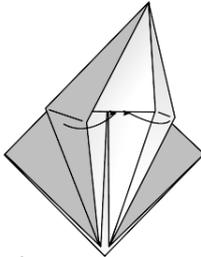
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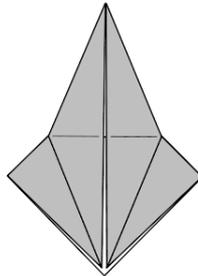
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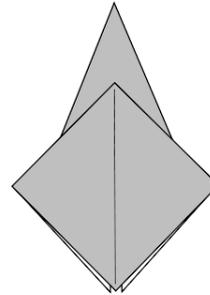
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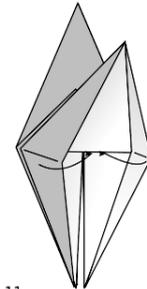
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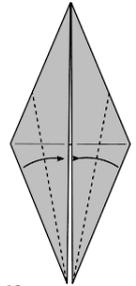
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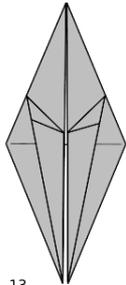
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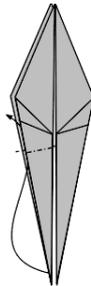
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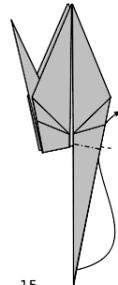
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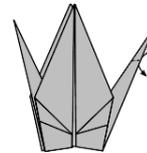
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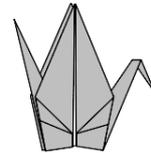
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