

Camp@Home - Activities

This activity idea was originally part of a Durham Scouts Camp@Home event. It has been adapted for broader use as part of the Scouting from Home programme

Activities at home should always be risk assessed and supervised by parents/carers, taking note of the specific safety advice provided



Make an Origami Crane

Anyone who went to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan will know how to make origami cranes.

There is a history of origami in Japan and many Scouts already know the story of [Sadako Sasiki](#), who made paper cranes before she died after the second world war.

Once you get the hang of it, you can make a lot of paper cranes pretty quickly, but you'll need to master the technique first and you'll need to start with a square piece of paper.



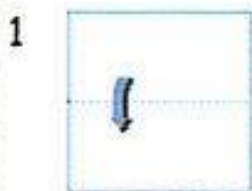
Paper coloured on one side looks great, but you can use any reasonable quality paper you have at home (but toilet paper or tissue doesn't work!)

There are lots of instructional sheets or videos online but we've found the one overleaf useful because it includes pictures and instructions.

The usual challenge is to make 100, or even 1,000. How many can you make?

There are lots more ideas and resources to support this activity at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/to-foldly-go/>

HOW TO FOLD A PAPER CRANE



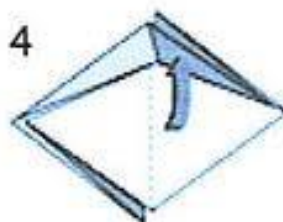
1 Fold a perfectly square piece of paper in half lengthwise along the dotted line.



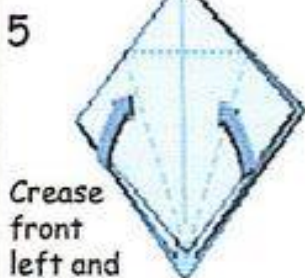
2 Make a crease down the middle to mark the center, then diagonally fold down the right side of the paper toward the front.



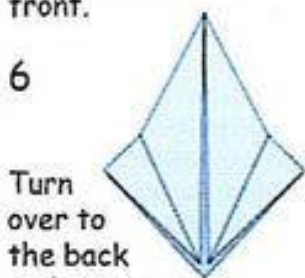
3 Diagonally fold the left side toward the back.



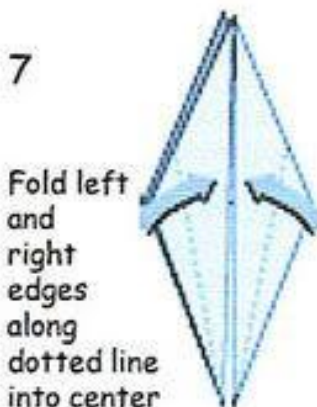
4 Open the bottom by inserting your finger and fold left and right points together spreading the front and back crease.



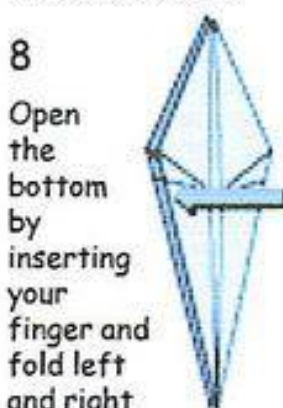
5 Crease front left and right edges to the center, then back out and pull up bottom point to produce shape shown in next panel.



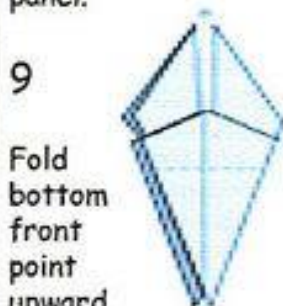
6 Turn over to the back and repeat for the back side.



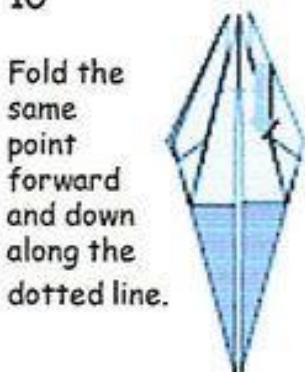
7 Fold left and right edges along dotted line into center for both front and back sides.



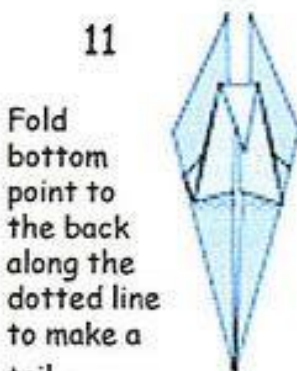
8 Open the bottom by inserting your finger and fold left and right points together spreading the front and back crease.



9 Fold bottom front point upward along the dotted line.



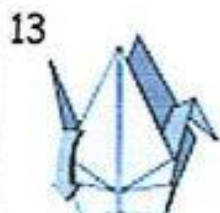
10 Fold the same point forward and down along the dotted line.



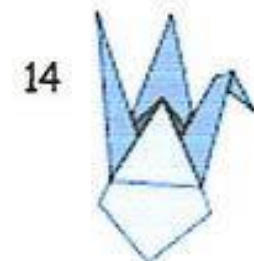
11 Fold bottom point to the back along the dotted line to make a tail.



12 Open left and right sides and crease.



13 Fold down the wings and gently pull on head and tail to expand the body.



14 To complete your paper crane, blow gently into the bottom to help expand the body.

Cranes for Peace

Sadako Sasaki was 2 when Hiroshima was bombed and later died of leukemia. She tried to fold 1000 cranes believing she would get well by doing so. People from around the world now send origami cranes to the Hiroshima Peace Park as a symbol and wish for peace.

It is Japanese legend that folding 1000 cranes (senbazuru) grants the folder a wish. Sadako's story, told in several books, has become an inspiration for people world-wide.



Beavers International Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/activity-badges/international/>

This activity could meet the following requirements:

1. Learn a song, play a game or perform a dance from another country.



Cubs International Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/activity-badges/backwoods-cooking/>

This activity could meet the following requirements:

2. Make, build or draw something to represent a country. Include things like its currency, national dress, cultures, customs and languages.



Scouts International Activity Badge

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This activity could meet the following requirements:

2. Take part in a traditional craft or creative activity from another country.



Scouts Creative Challenge Award

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/awards/creative/>

This activity could meet the following requirements:

1. Over a period of time, take part in at least four creative activities