

Origami Crane

The crane is a traditional origami model which has been folded for hundreds of years. The crane stands for long life and good luck, and some people think that if you fold 1000 cranes you will be granted a wish!

Since the Second World War, the origami crane has also come to be a symbol for "peace".



1. Start with the bird base.



2, 3 and 4. Fold each of the outer corners in to the centre, lining up the edges with the centre crease as shown. Flip over and do the same thing on the other side.



5. Fold the bottom points up to the top point and crease as well as you can.



6. Unfold.



9. Lift one of the lower points out to the side, folding it back within the body of the model as shown, to form the tail.



10. Fold the other point up and out to the other side and form the head by folding the tip of the point back down again.



11. Finish your crane by pulling the wings out to the sides and gently opening out the body of the crane.



12. Make a mobile by stringing your cranes with a needle and thread. We used small pieces of plastic drinking straw between the cranes to space them, and a small bead at the end to secure the thread and add a little bit of weight. The crane mobile catches the breeze and looks very pretty!

