



# ORIGAMI CRANES

Paper cranes are an origami classic, made popular in American culture by the stories inspired by the Japanese legend that one who creates a thousand origami cranes will be granted a wish. (Read: Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes)

## SUPPLIES:

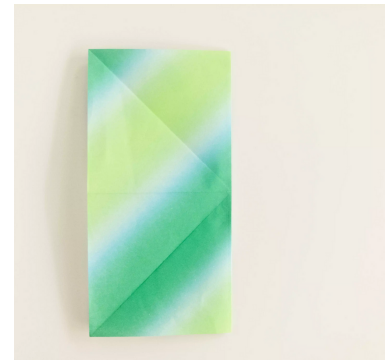
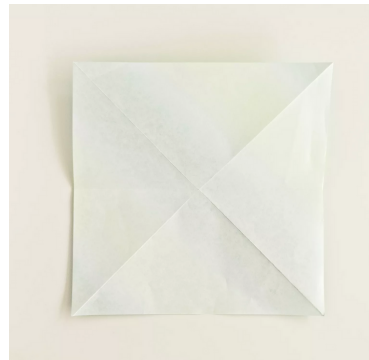
- Sheet Square paper

## INSTRUCTIONS:



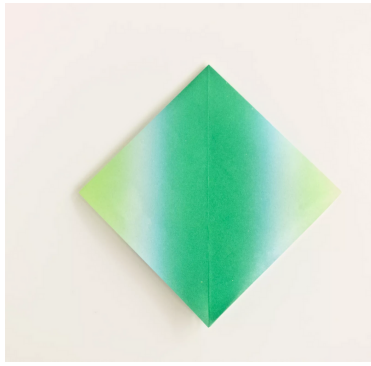
### 1) X Folds

Start with your paper square. The first step is to fold the square diagonally, corner to corner. Repeat the same process again so that it looks like an x on your paper. Make sure that you properly align the edges or else your crane won't fold as well. Make sure it is as perfect as possible.



### 2) + Folds

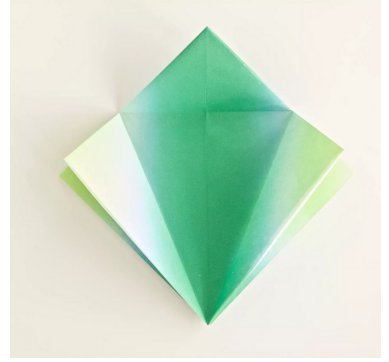
The second step is to flip the paper over and fold the paper in half horizontally. Repeat this process again so that your paper looks like a + and an x on top of each other. Make sure it is perfect just like with the x. Making sure your folds are aligned perfectly is a key part of this.



### 3) Accordion Fold

Bring the top point down to the bottom, while also folding the left and right corners down into the center.

You should now have a diamond shape, with a vertical crease running down the center



### 4) Squash Fold

- Starting with your square base, make sure the open end is at the bottom. Fold the right lower edge to the central crease.
- Follow suit with the left side; fold the left lower edge to the central crease.
- Unfold the previous three folds.

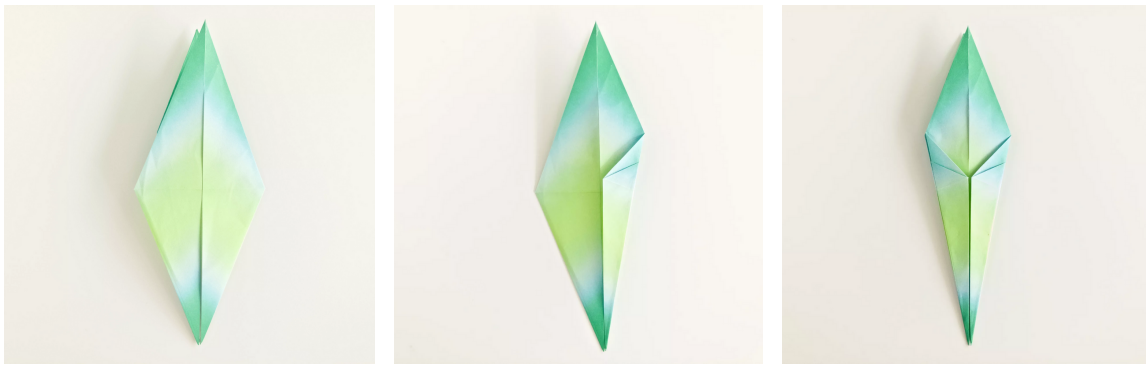


- Pull one layer up from the bottom, along the creases you just made.
- Push the left and right edges inwards. This is called a squash fold.
- Flip the model over to the other side and repeat the entire squash fold on the other side.

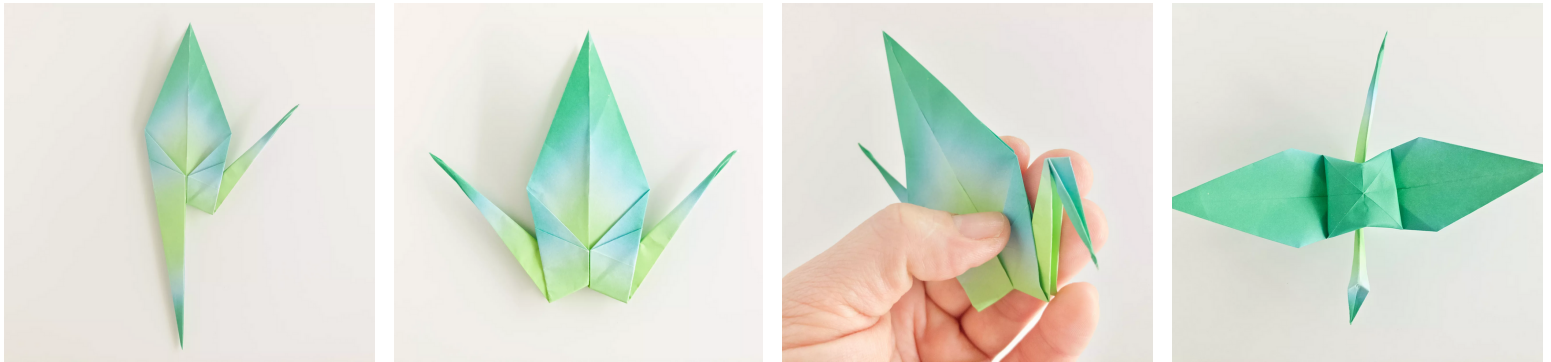


### 5) Fold into the center

- Fold the lower right edge to the central crease.
- Fold the bottom left corner in the same way, to the crease.



- Flip the model over and repeat:
  - Fold the lower right edge to the central crease.
  - Fold the bottom left corner in the same way, to the crease.



#### 6) Finish your crane

- Fold the Neck of the Crane. Fold the lower right flap up, under, and out to the right.
- Fold the Tail of the Crane the same way.
- Create a head by flattening the flap, and inside reverse folding a little section down at the top.
- Complete your crane by folding out the wings.

**Keep practicing!** You will get better, and be able to create your origami faster with practice.



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