

Opal Class Japanese Origami Cranes Challenge

How many can we make between us? Read below for information and ideas.

How Paper Cranes Became a Symbol of Healing in Japan

Every day school children visit the monument for the child victims of Hiroshima adorned with a statue of Sadako Sasaki holding up an origami crane. The museum receives millions of paper cranes from around the world.

Sadako survived the Hiroshima bomb when she was only two years old, but by 1950 she had swollen glands. She was diagnosed with leukemia, a cancer of the bone marrow, and died in 1955.

An ancient Japanese legend promises that if anyone folds a thousand paper cranes, they will be granted a wish by the gods. In some cases you are granted happiness or good luck.

In Japan the crane is said to live for 1,000 years which is why one must fold 1,000 of them.

"She let out both the pain of our parents and her own suffering with each crane. She hid her suffering and was very tolerant of the pain. She didn't want anyone to worry. She didn't complain to her friends or to us. Her spirit encouraged others around her to speak of her bravery," Sasaki her sister said.

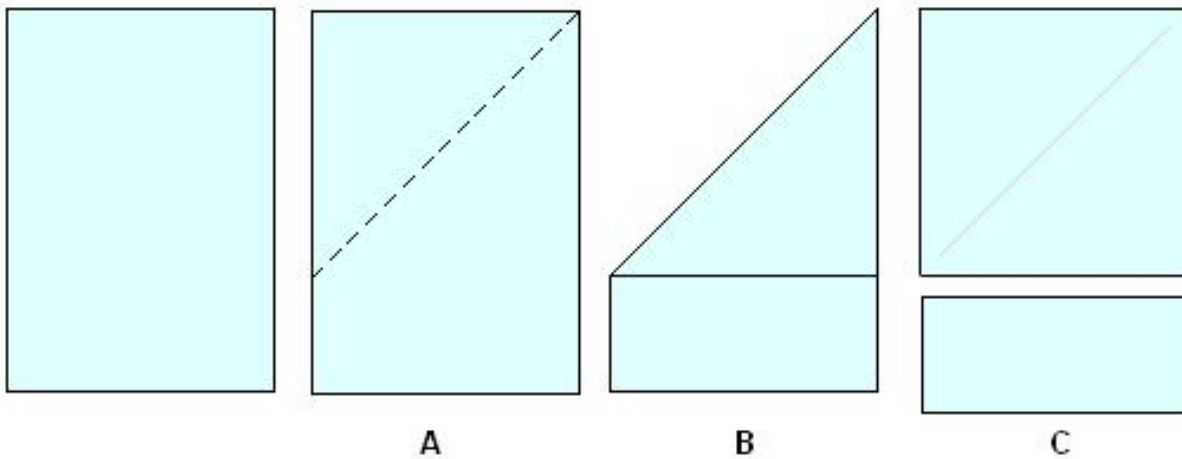


The paper crane is a symbol for peace, love and healing and it can help us to cope with the current Corona crisis....

Here are some ideas to inspire you. You can also use newspaper, old gift wraps, gift boxes (great way to recycle too).



Step one- make a square from rectangular paper - all origami starts with square paper!



Next- Make your paper crane! Follow the steps and use the <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bd9UIOveEYA>

to help- the first few might be difficult but you will get the hang of it!

