



PAPER CRANES

Piper's Activities

Origami is the traditional Japanese art of folding paper. Practiced since the 17th century in Japan, Origami has since become a popular pastime for people all over the world. The paper crane is by far the most popular folding design

Things You'll Need:

Origami Paper
Patience

Directions:

Start with a square piece of paper, colored side up. Fold the top corner of the paper down to the bottom corner and crease. Open the paper again, and then fold in half sideways. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half, crease well and open. Fold the paper again in the other direction.

Using the creases you have made, bring the top 3 corners of the model down to the bottom corner. Flatten the model. Fold the top triangular flaps into the center and unfold. Fold the top of the model downwards, crease well, and then unfold. Open the uppermost flap, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model inwards at the same time. Flatten down, creasing well. Turn the model over and repeat this last paragraph of instructions.

Fold all the flaps into the center and repeat on the other side. Fold both “legs” of the model up, crease very well and then unfold. Inside, reverse fold the “legs” along the creases you just made. Reverse fold one side of the crane to make a head and finally fold down the wings.

Ask a grown-up for help when using knives and other sharp objects, and when using candles. Be sure to use pot holders when handling warm wax.