



A Paper Crane Is Fairly Simple To Make. Here Are The Steps:

1. Begin with a perfectly square piece of paper. Paper can be found in most craft stores (see our list, below). Traditionally, the paper is colored on only one side, but you can use paper colored on both sides, for dramatic effects. Now... fold, and fold again.



2. Fold once again, and unfold. Be sure to flip this and fold exactly the same on the other side, so that the folds are flexible on both sides of your art.



3. Lift the front right corner up and over to the left.



4. Flatten your work.



5. Flip over and repeat steps 2-3.



6. Flatten your work again. Essentially, what you've done in the steps up to step 5 is to make a smaller square from where you began. Lay the paper with the light pink (interior) side facing upwards. Bring in the side corners, while bringing the top corner down. You then have your smaller square.



7. Fold top sheet to center. In other words -- With the open side pointing towards the left, fold one corner of your paper square so that the edge is lined up with the center line.



8. And again on the other side...



9. With both sides done, this is what you get. Fold the top piece down, and unfold. Flip and do the other side, again making the fold very flexible in both directions. Crease your paper very hard.



10. Open folds 7 and 8.



11. Lift up top sheet.



12. Flatten.



13. Flip over.



14. Repeat steps 7-13.



15. When you lay it flat, it now looks like this... Make sure your creases are hard, and that you've done these steps on both sides. You now have an elongated diamond shape.



16. Fold top sheet along dotted lines. In other words, with the open end towards the left in the graphic, fold in one flap in so that the edge lines up with the center line.



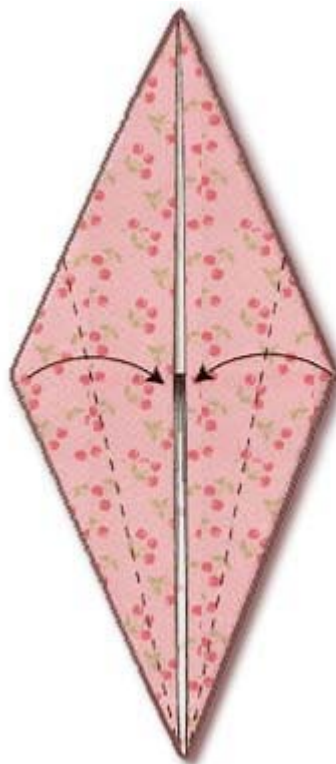
17. Repeat step 16 for the other flap.



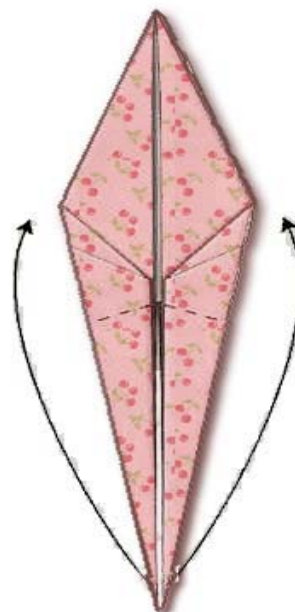
18. Flip over and repeat steps 16-18 for the other side.



19. Fold over the sides, as shown, and lay your art flat.



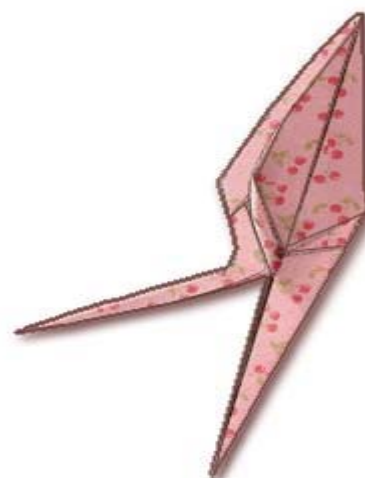
20. Fold up along dotted lines. Another way to say this is to fold up the top flap on the open end, so that the tip of the lower flap reaches the tip of upper flap



21. ...and your art will now look like this. Fold two of the flaps over and repeat step 20 for the other lower flap.



22. Unfold and tuck sides up into folds.



23. So, now your piece looks like this... Be sure to do both sides.



24. Blow to inflate, and pull the wings out gently.



25. Fold head along dotted line, unfold, and tuck into fold. In other words, invert the fold of one of the upper tips to form the head. Pull back the other tip to form the tail. Gently position all pieces -- head, tail, and wings -- until your crane is perfect!



26. Your Cherries & Pink Paper Crane!



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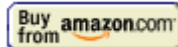
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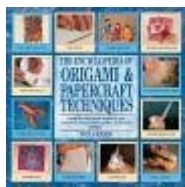
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The image is a collage on a pink textured background. On the left, there is a vertical stack of six small diagrams showing the steps of folding a crane. The top diagram shows a square with a dashed diagonal line and an arrow indicating a fold. The second diagram shows a triangle with a dashed line and an arrow. The third diagram shows a trapezoid. The fourth diagram shows a more complex folded shape. The fifth diagram shows a crane with its wings spread. The sixth diagram shows a crane with its tail feathers. To the right of these diagrams is a larger rectangular image of a finished pink crane with red cherry-like spots on its wings, set against a light green background with small floral patterns. Below this image, the text "Origami Cherries & Pink Crane of Peace A How-To Manual" is written in a stylized, bold, brown font. At the bottom of the collage, the website "origami-soup.com" is written in a green, sans-serif font.

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