How To Make a Peace Crane

Paper cranes have long been a symbol of good health in Japan. Since the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima, Japan they have become a symbol of the innocent victims of nuclear warfare.

**STEP 1**
Start with a square piece of paper. Fold in half diagonally, bringing the bottom left corner up and creating a triangle. Unfold and fold in half diagonally the other way.

**STEP 2**
Flip the paper over. Fold the paper in half bringing the bottom half up to meet the top half, crease well. Unfold and fold the paper in half the other direction, crease well.

**STEP 3**
Lay the paper in front of you. Position as a diamond, Using the creases you have made, bring the top 3 corners together to form a small, compact diamond.

**STEP 4**
Making sure that the open corner is on the bottom, fold side triangular flaps into the center along the dotted line, crease well, and unfold.

**STEP 5**
Fold top of model downwards along dotted line, crease well and unfold.
STEP 6
Open the uppermost flap of the model, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model inwards at the same time.
Flatten down, creasing well.

STEP 7
Turn model over and repeat steps 4-6 on the other side.

STEP 8
Fold top flaps into the center along dotted lines.

STEP 9
Flip over and repeat folds on other side.

STEP 10
Fold both ‘legs’ of model up along dotted lines, crease well, then unfold.

STEP 11
Inside Reverse Fold (make the crease fold the opposite way) the “legs” along the creases you just made.

STEP 12
Create the head by bending one of the points down and creasing the top of the neck in the opposite way. Then fold down the wings on dotted line.

You now have a completed Peace Crane

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