

Origami

Origami is an ancient Japanese art of folding paper. The word origami comes from two Japanese words: “ori”, which means to fold, and “kami”, which means paper. Origami has become increasingly popular over the past few decades and has spread to North America, Europe and other places around the world.

Folding the paper crane can be a little tricky; although if you have some few tries to get it right. Practice makes perfect! Remember that it is very important to take your time with each folding step and make accurate and sharp creases.

Instructions:

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Activity 4 - Folding a Paper Crane - *continued*

Sadako and her family lived in Hiroshima, Japan, when in the year 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city during World War II. Sadako was only 2 years old. For 10 years she lived a very happy and healthy life. In fact, she was a great athlete and wanted to become a runner on her school team. Her dream was "to run like the wind."

But one day, suddenly, Sadako became very ill. When she was brought to the hospital she was diagnosed with leukemia. Sadako was devastated because it meant that she had to stop running and wouldn't be able to be on the school team. Even though Sadako knew how serious the illness was, she was really hoping to get better soon.

Chizuko, who was Sadako's best friend, came to visit her one day at the hospital. Chizuko had made a golden paper crane and brought it for Sadako. According to an old Japanese story, if a sick person can fold 1,000 paper cranes, it is supposed to make that person healthy again. And so Sadako, full of hope, began folding the paper cranes right away. By the end of that day Sadako had folded her first 12 cranes.

Every day Sadako worked hard to keep folding as many paper cranes as she could. Even on the days when

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