

ART PROJECTS for Peace — Cranes for Peace.

It is Japanese legend that folding 1000 cranes (senbazuru) so pleases the gods that the folder is granted a wish.

Cranes for Peace began as a project to collect paper cranes to be sent to Hiroshima for the 50th anniversary of the bombing.

Sadako Sasaki was a young girl of 2 years old at the time of the bombing. She became quite ill because of it. Sadako attempted to fold 1000 cranes believing she would get well by doing so. Ten years later, she died of leukemia.

Ever since the story of Sadako Sasaki became widely known, people from around the world have sent origami cranes to the Children of the A-Bomb statue in the Hiroshima Peace Park as a symbol and wish for peace.

Her story, as presented in several books, has become an inspiration for school children world-wide to fold cranes in a wish for peace.

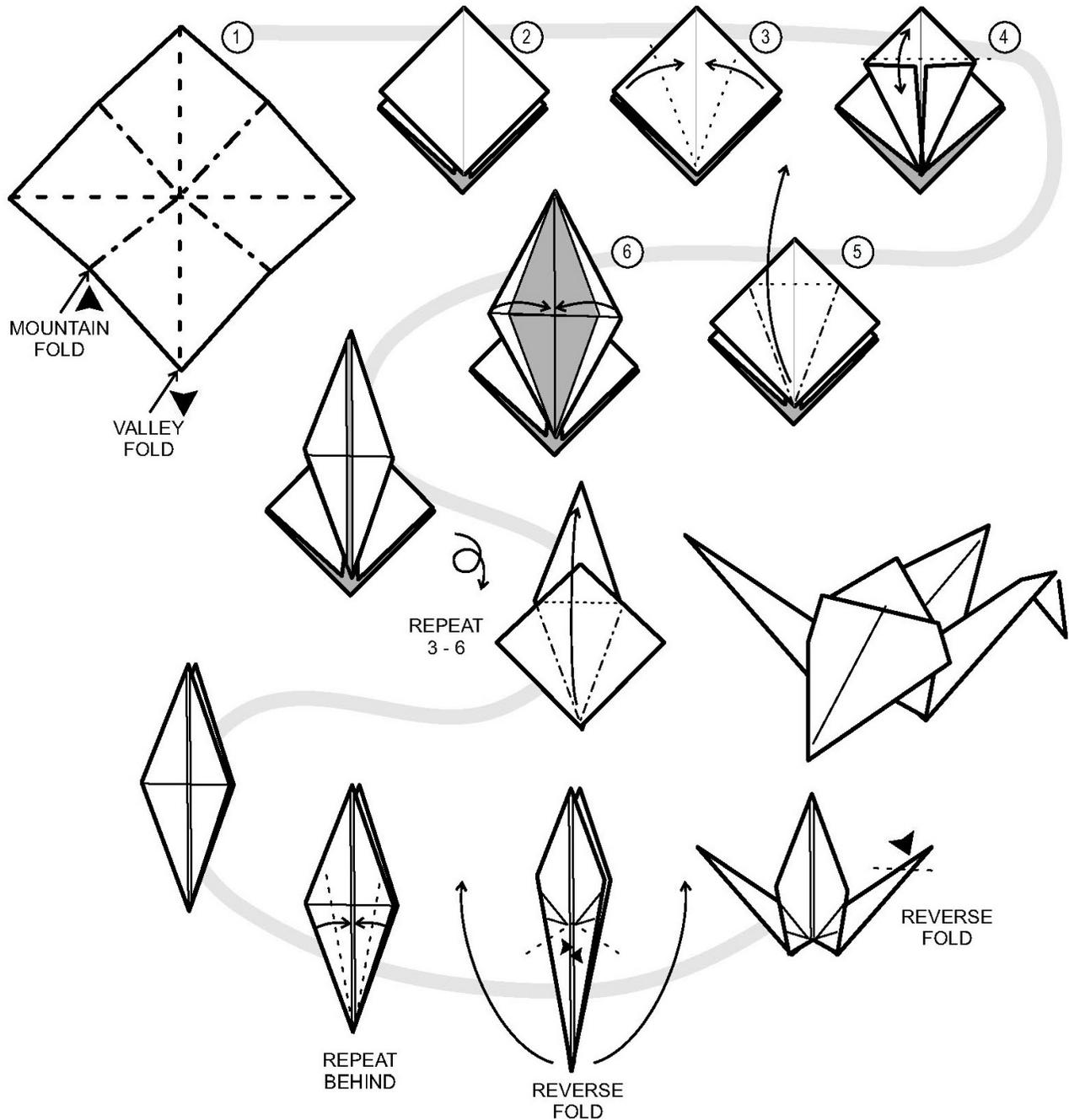
For instructions on how to fold paper cranes visit :

http://www.ppu.org.uk/learn/early/cranes_early_years.html

As a class give yourselves a deadline (ie. Nov 19, 2009 – the date for Canada's participation in the World March for Peace and Nonviolence). Challenge your students to a Peace Crane Fold-a-thon. String them on embroidery floss and display or send to your local member of parliament as a political statement desiring peace



Activity: How to Make An Origami Peace Crane



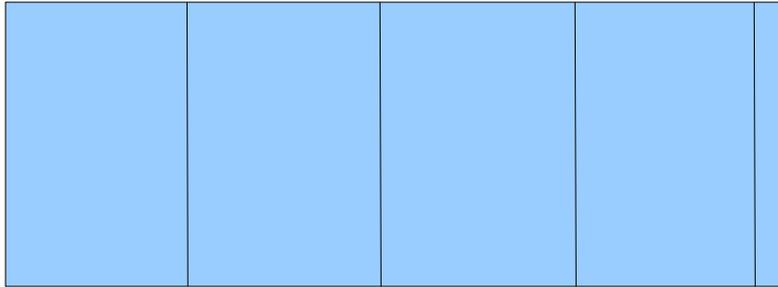
For over 50 years people from around the world have been sending origami cranes to the Children of the A-Bomb statue in the Hiroshima Peace park as a symbol and wish for a peaceful world.

ART PROJECTS for Peace — Make A Peace Lantern

Activity:

With an 8 in square of styrofoam firmly squeeze a circle in the centre large enough to hold a tea light candle firmly.

Cut a piece of baker's paper 26 inches long. Then fold a sharp crease every 6 inches along the length, the 4th fold will be 2 inches from the end. Make sure you fold the paper so the good colouring side is on the outside of the fold, waxy side to the inside.



Colour your lantern with words, images or slogans that you wish that remind you of peace.

Tape the length closed from bottom to top to make a tube with 4 sharp corners.

Set the tube over the styrofoam. In each corner run a skewer/dowling down into the styrofoam.

Remove candle from base, poke thumb tack through base and adhere to indented centre.

Re-set your tea light in its base in the indented centre.

Carry to water's edge. Light your tea light. Set to drift.

Materials: 1 inch thick sheet styrofoam cut into 8 inch squares

Bakers paper (purchase by the roll at your local grocers) – ensure it is able to be coloured with markers one side (only waxed on one side!)

¼ inch dowling cut in length 10 inches long (or you can sometimes get away with using BBQ skewers which are MUCH cheaper as you purchase them in packages of 50 or 100)

tea lights in aluminum casings

thumb tacks

Canadian Winter Alternative (*as all our water will be frozen solid!*)

Use white paper bags. Decorate the bag.

Place 1.5 inches of sandbox sand in the bottom of each bag. Indent slightly in the centre.

Set your tea light in the indented centre.

Carry to edge of path (Peace March Trail). Light your tea light.

Reader : As you prepare to light your lanterns read : . . . “Not by your finger, not by your anger will our world order change in a day. But by your people, fearless and faithful, small

paper lanterns lighting new lights.”

Lyrics from: *Fresh As The Morning* by Erena Murray, 1995

