

# Teaching Peace Resources Origami Cranes Resources 折鶴

Provided by  
Friends of Peace Park  
Sheboygan



For additional copies, contact [peaceparksheboygan@gmail.com](mailto:peaceparksheboygan@gmail.com)

# The Legend of the Folded Paper Crane

## 折鶴 (Orizuru)

In Japan, the crane is considered a mystical, holy creature that is said to live for 1,000 years. An ancient legend promises that anyone who folds 1,000 origami cranes (one for every year of a crane's life) will be granted a wish. Often, it is a wish for long life or good health.

The legend was popularized through the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl who developed leukemia after exposure to the radiation of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. After spending almost 10 years in hospitals, Sadako began folding paper cranes with the goal of making 1,000 of them and getting her wish for good health. Sadly, she died before she could complete the task. In tribute, her classmates finished making the cranes for her. Now, each year, school children bring folded cranes to the statue of Sadako at the Hiroshima Peace Park.

On September 13, 2019, Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan held a ceremony to re-dedicate the Peace Pole and to dedicate the new Sister City Peace Gardens at the park. Three gardens were planted in honor of Sheboygan and her two Sister Cities – Esslingen, Germany and Tsubame, Japan. As part of the tribute to Tsubame, volunteers made 1,000 paper cranes. The picture below shows how the cranes were displayed at the park during the ceremony. After that day, 25 cranes were set aside to be sent to Tsubame. The remaining cranes were put on display at the John Michael Kohler Art Center in the ARTery.

Now, those cranes have been taken down and are being shared with your school and your students. Included with the cranes are some materials that are available online and references to other materials as well.

Sheboygan Peace Park is located on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Michigan Avenue at Broughton Drive. The Peace Pole has been located at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Michigan Avenue since 2006. The Peace Pole displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 16 languages.

Friends of Peace Park Sheboygan is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to "inspire a more peaceful world through the development and beautification of Sheboygan Peace Park."



Please check out our website: [www.sheboyganpeacepark.org](http://www.sheboyganpeacepark.org)

# Teaching Peace / Origami Cranes

折鶴 (Orizuru) (Pronounced Oh-ree-tsoo-roo)

Tsubame, Japan (Sheboygan's Sister City)

[www.city.tsubame.niigata.jp/en/index.html](http://www.city.tsubame.niigata.jp/en/index.html)

Information on Peace Poles

[www.peacepoles.com](http://www.peacepoles.com)

Information on Peace Parks around the globe

[www.peace.maripo.com/p\\_parks.htm](http://www.peace.maripo.com/p_parks.htm)

(This site is not 100% inclusive and not up-to-date however, it lists over 140 small and large parks around the world dedicated to peace. Sheboygan's Peace Park is not yet on this list.) Check out the home page for other resources.

Project PEACE for Schools

<http://www.thepeacecenter.org/programs/project-peace-for-schools/>

Peace in Schools

<https://www.peaceinschools.org/>

The Peace Alliance: Teaching Peace in Schools

<https://peacealliance.org/teachpeace/>

Peace Rocks

[www.peacerocks.org](http://www.peacerocks.org)

There are many people in the Sheboygan area that regularly paint rocks with a message of Peace. Many are left at the Peace Park, but others are hidden around the area. Join the fun!

International Day of Peace (September 21<sup>st</sup>) ~ Lessons and resources

<https://internationaldayofpeace.org/get-involved/children-and-youth/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/2040762301781591/?lp=true>

Sadako Sasaki

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadako\\_and\\_the\\_Thousand\\_Paper\\_Cranes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadako_and_the_Thousand_Paper_Cranes)

International Crane Foundation (Baraboo, Wisconsin)

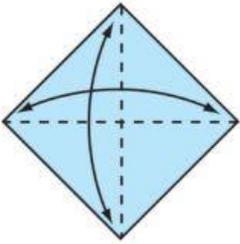
[www.savingcranes.org/education/origami-cranes/](http://www.savingcranes.org/education/origami-cranes/)

Larry MacDonald's Website (Larry brought the Peace Pole to Sheboygan Peace Park.)

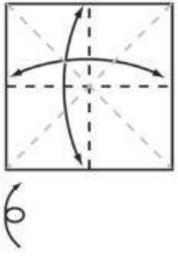
[www.our-side.net](http://www.our-side.net)

See Origami crane directions on the following pages.

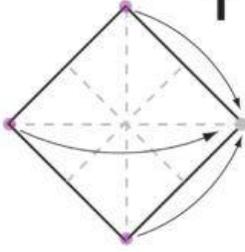
Don't forget to check on YouTube for easy videos to help you learn how to make origami cranes.



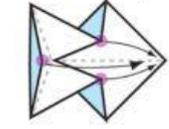
1. Start with a square piece of paper, coloured side up. Fold in half and open. Then fold in half the other way.



2. Turn the paper over to the white side. Fold the paper in half, crease well and open, and then fold again in the other direction



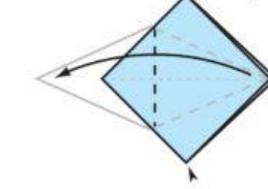
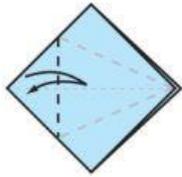
3. Using the creases you have made, Bring the top 3 corners of the model down to the bottom corner. Flatten model



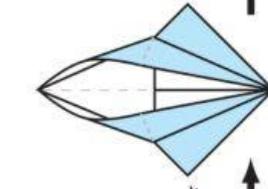
4. Fold top triangular flaps into the centre and unfold



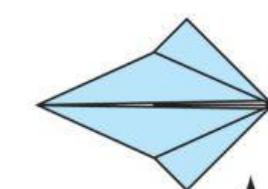
5. Fold top of model downwards, crease well and unfold



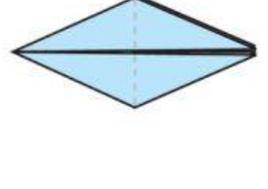
6. Open the uppermost flap of the model, bringing it upwards and pressing the sides of the model inwards at the same time. Flatten down, creasing well.



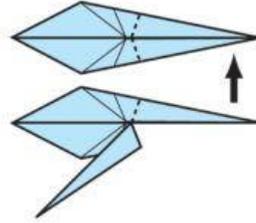
7. Turn model over and repeat Steps 4-6 on the other side.



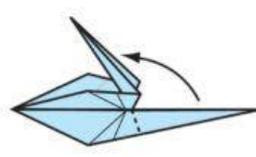
8. Fold top flaps into the centre.



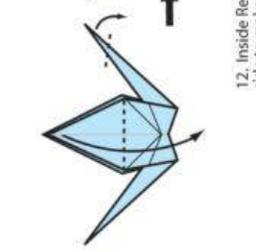
9. Repeat on other side.



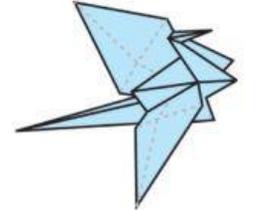
10. Fold both 'legs' of model up, crease very well, then unfold.



11. Inside Reverse Fold the 'legs' along the creases you just made.



12. Inside Reverse Fold one side to make a head, then fold down the wings



Finished Crane

