

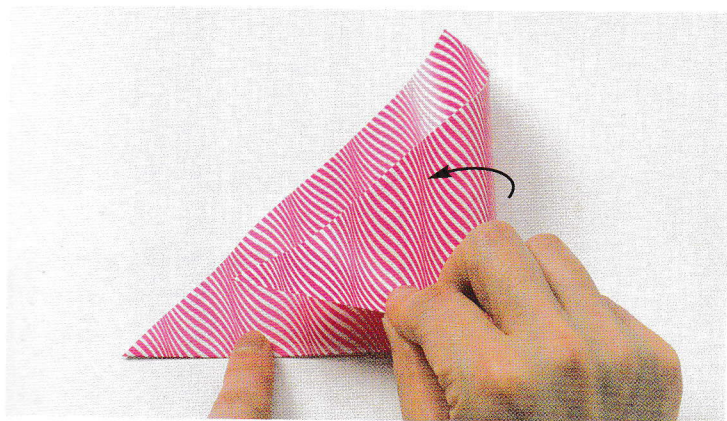
# 26 CRANE

The crane is a symbol of peace and a mystical creature in Japan. It is a graceful flyer and this *origami* version is no exception. It's great fun to make a few birds with friends and it always raises a smile when you pull the tail and the wings flap.

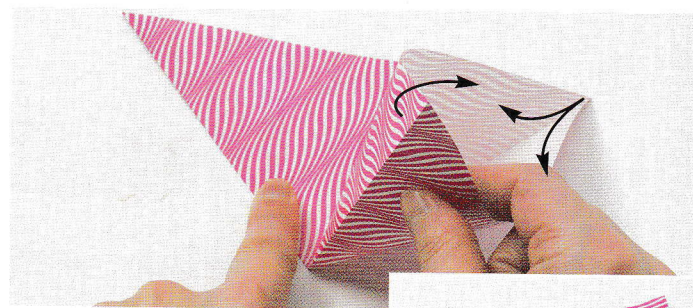
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## You will need

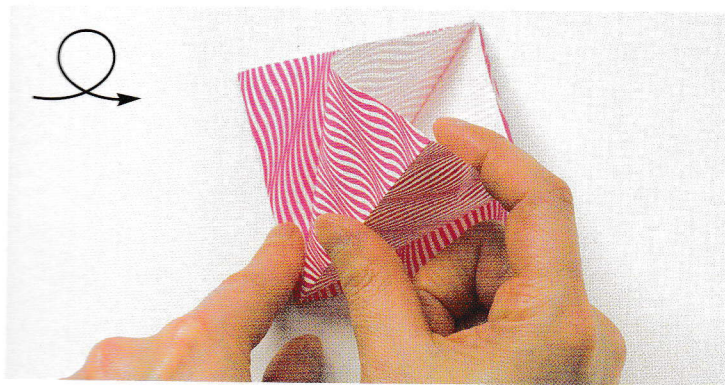
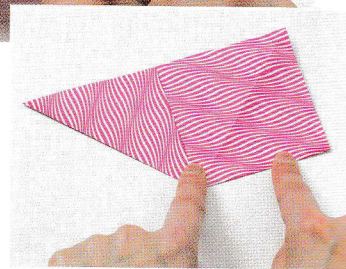
1 sheet of 6in (15cm) square paper



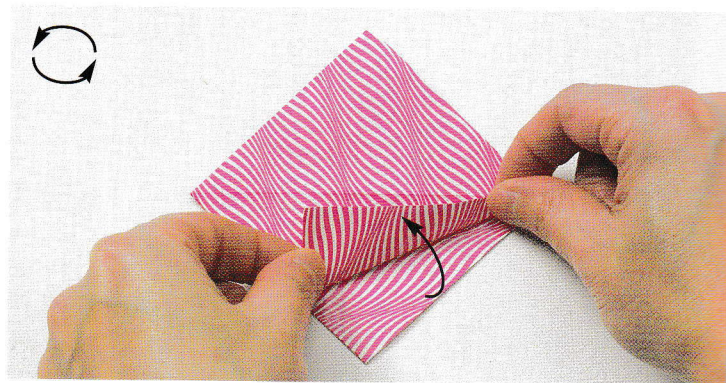
1 Start by folding the paper from corner to corner then fold in half along its longest edge.



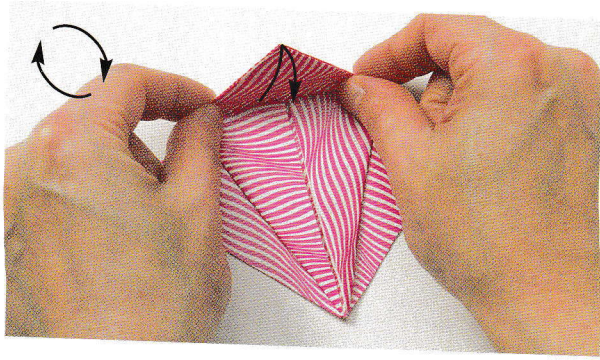
2 Lift the top flap back up, open it out, and press the point down to the top corner of the object to make a diamond.



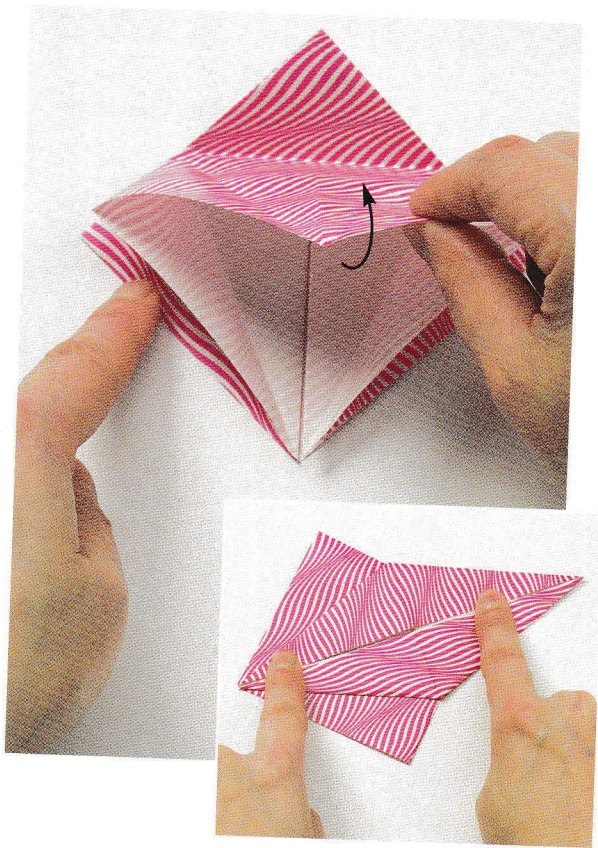
3 Turn the paper over so that the long point is to the right. Lift the point, open out the flap, and press down so the whole object is a diamond.



4 Turn the object clockwise so that the point which cannot be opened out is to the left, then fold the bottom flap up and press down along the center crease. Repeat with the top flap.

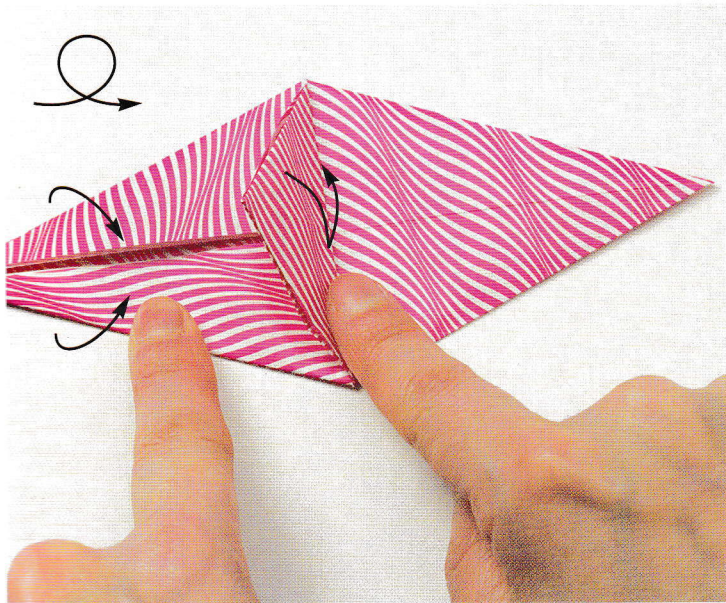


5 Turn the object clockwise again then make a crease by folding down the top point across the edges of the two folds made in the previous step.

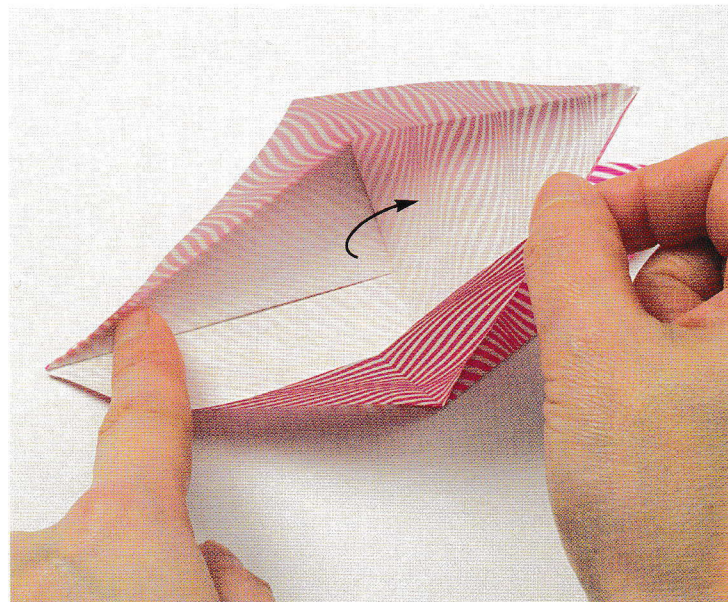


6 Open out the folds from the previous two steps. Lift the top flap backward, so that the two sides meet along the center, creating a long diamond shape.

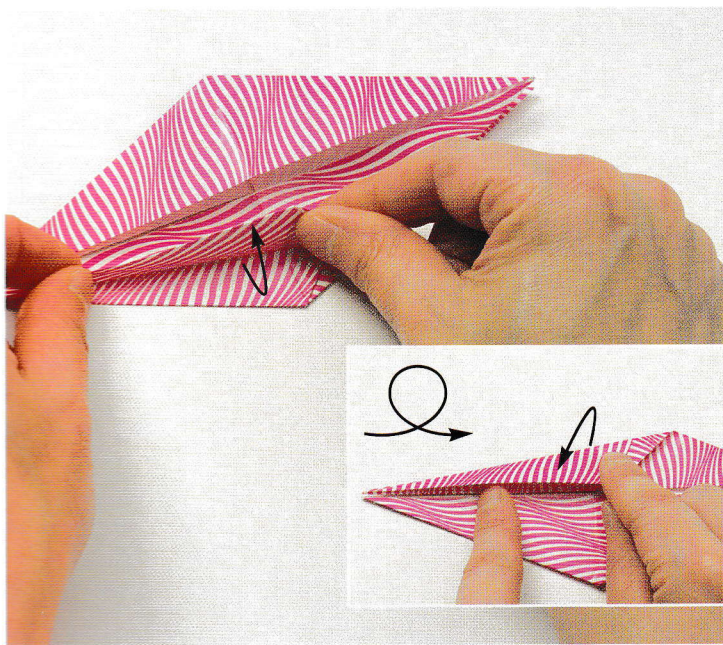




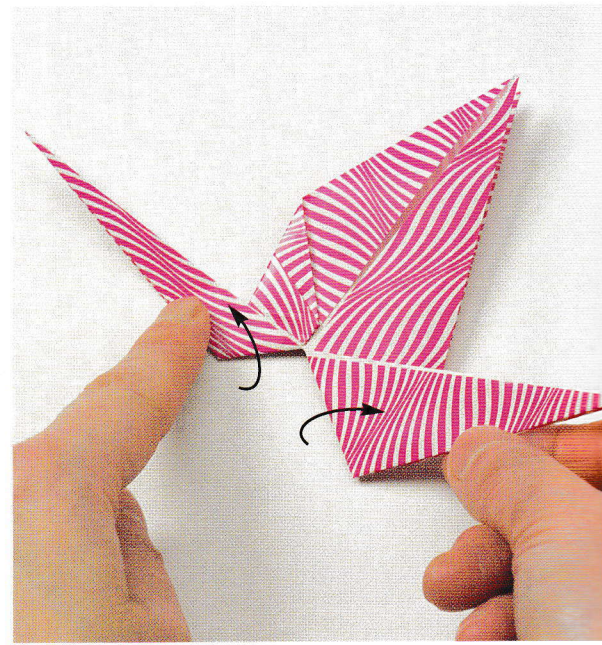
7 Turn the paper over and fold the sides into the center then turn back the central triangle to make a crease.



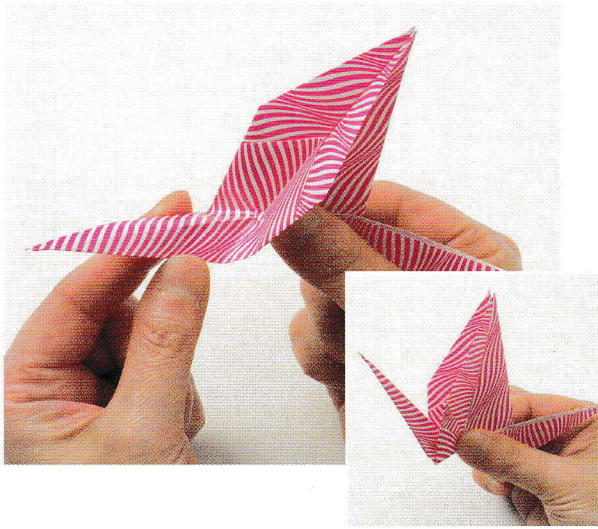
8 Again, open out the folds and lift the top flap to the right to bring the two sides together in the center.



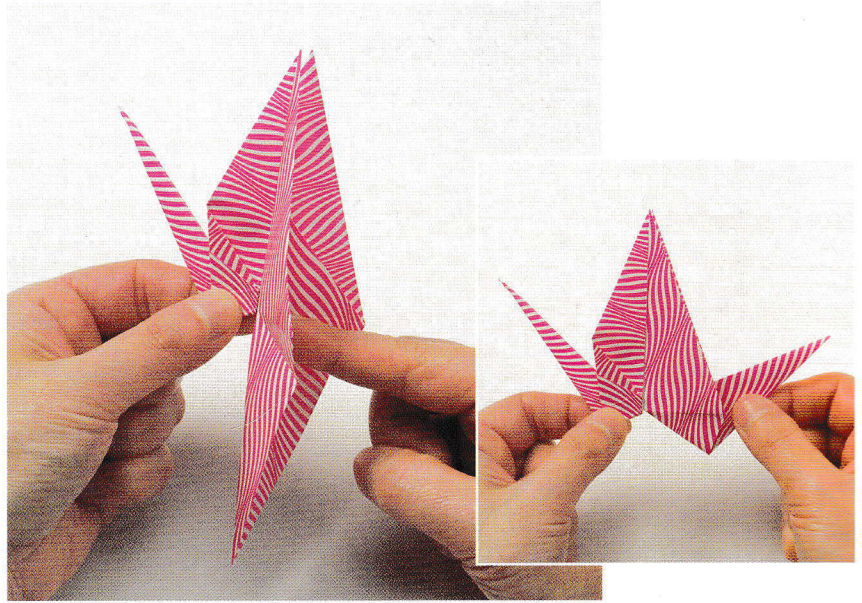
9 Turn back the nearest flap so that the edge runs up the center line then turn the object over and fold back the flap on the same side.



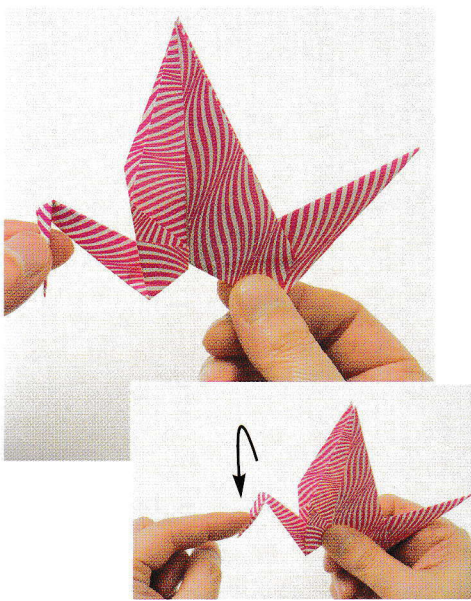
10 Turn both ends of the object up at an angle so that they sit opposite each other.



**11** Holding the wider leg of the object, release the narrower one and open it out. Now reverse the central crease and press both sides of the body together to make the bird's neck.



**12** Repeat the last step on the wider leg to create the tail, ensuring that it ends up sitting at an angle inside the main body of the object.



**13** Turn down the end of the neck to make the head, then open it and reverse the fold so that it sits at an angle.



**14** Turn down the wings of the bird as close to the body as possible.



**15** Make the wings flap by pulling up on the tail and releasing.