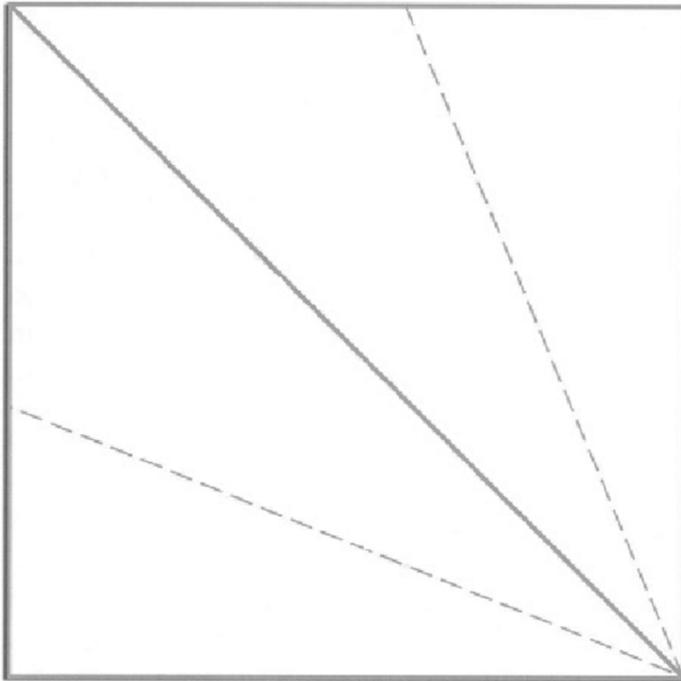




The Paper Crane



The paper crane has become an international symbol of peace in recent years as a result of its connection to the story of a young Japanese girl named Sadako Sasaki born in 1943. Sadako was two years old when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. When Sadako turned two, she was diagnosed with Leukemia, “the atom bomb” disease.

Sadako’s best friend told her of an old Japanese legend which said that anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes would be granted a wish. She started to work on the paper cranes in hopes of recovering and completed over 1000 before passing away at the young age of 12.

Directions:

- Cut out the square pattern. (1)
- Fold up on each dashed line to the bold center line. (2)
- Fold the small triangular corner up to the larger triangular top. (3)
- Fold down the tip of the small triangular corner. (4)
- Fold the whole figure in half, towards the back. (5)
- Pull out the small triangle (beak) until the neck moves up. (6)
- Fold the feet out to the side.
- Draw eyes and other features.

You can make your own peaceful cranes with the pattern to the left or by cutting a 4-inch paper square.

