How to Fold an Origami Crane

1. Fold in half twice.
2. Open pocket.
3. Flatten into square as shown in 4.
4. Likewise, open back pocket and flatten.
5. Make creases by folding along middle line.
6. Fold up along crease.
7. Fold so that both sides meet in middle.
8. Do the same on reverse side.
9. Fold right and left sides to meet in middle.
10. Do the same on reverse side.
11. Fold down and inside to form head.
12. Blow in bottom hole to inflate.
Help us reach **1000** cranes and add to our senbazuru!

“Many children around the world grow up with the story of Sadako and the 1,000 paper cranes. During this time of uncertainty, let’s all bring a little extra kindness into the world and fold some tsuru (the Japanese word for crane). A tsuru symbolizes peace, compassion, hope, and healing and the act of folding a crane (or attempting to fold a crane!) has helped people come together in times of uncertainty.” — Japanese American National Museum.

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**Thank you!**