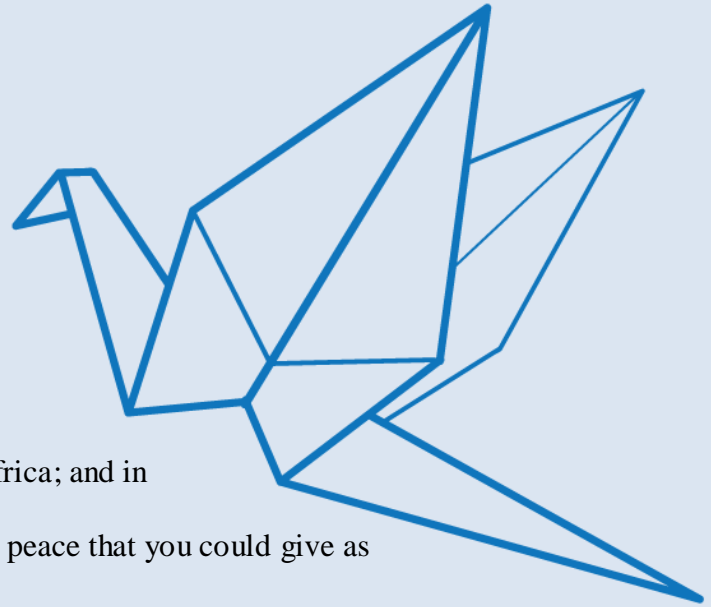


BLUE CRANE ORIGAMI PROJECT

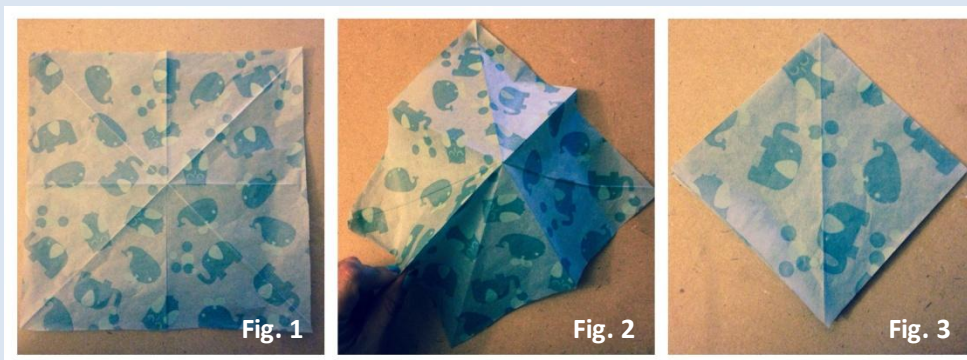


The blue crane is the national bird of South Africa; and in origami, cranes are a symbol of happiness and peace that you could give as gifts. It's been said that if you fold 1,000 cranes your wish may be granted.

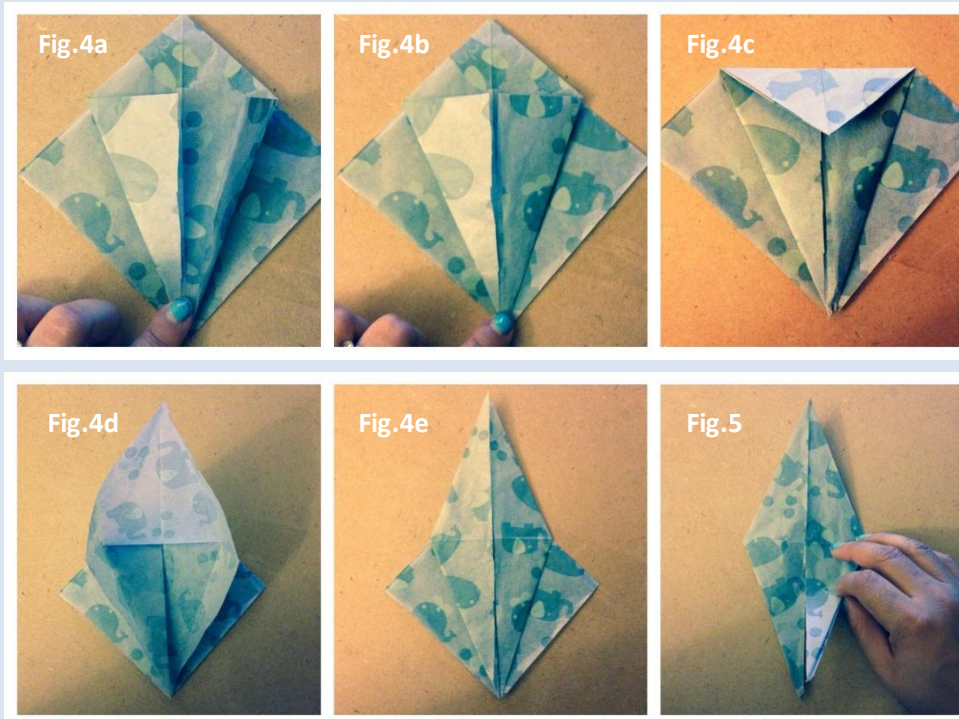
Let's get ready, here are some instructions on how to create a blue crane; all you will need is a square piece of blue paper. We are using one with blue animal patterns.

PRELIMINARY BASE: Find a blue square paper and fold it in half, first side to side and then corner to corner. You should have four lines as in fig.1.

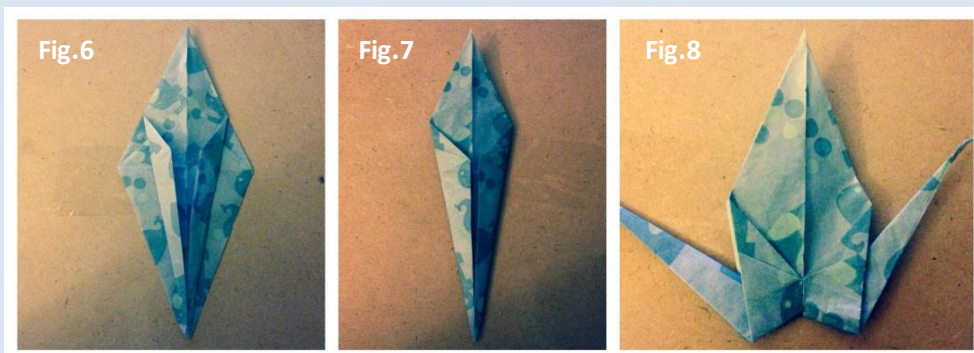
Hold from the top two sides to form a diamond shape as shown in fig. 2 and bring the four corners to the center, as shown in fig. 3.



BIRD BASE: Fold each side towards the middle to form an inverted triangle. Figs. 4a and 4b; fold the top triangle down as shown in fig. 4c. Unfold as in fig. 4d. This will create the creases to achieve fig. 4e. Repeat on the other side. You should have a diamond shape with two independent points toward you as shown in fig. 5.



To finalize, we will use some principles of symmetry. Bring the outer sides to the middle, as shown in fig. 6 and do the same on the other side fig.7. Reverse fold the two points as shown in fig. 8.



Select one of the points to be the crane's head and reverse fold the tip of the point (fig. 9.) Gently separate the two wings and press the center point to flatten it out. Fig.11 Your blue crane is finished, enjoy your creation!

