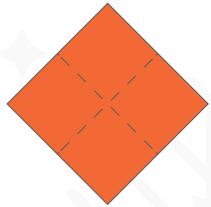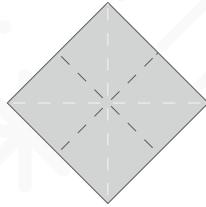# Cranes for a Cause: visit *mckimcg.ca/happy-holidays* for a step-by-step video and learn how your crane may help a charity of your choice.
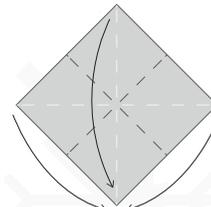
Make a square base.

1 Fold in half diagonally and unfold, then fold diagonally in the other direction and unfold.
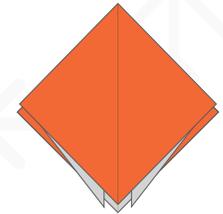
2 Flip over to the other side. Fold the paper in half and unfold, then fold it in half in the other direction.

3 Bring the top point down to the bottom, while folding the left and right corners down and into the middle.
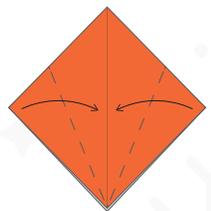
4 Congratulations. Right now, you might be pretty Zen but that won't last long.
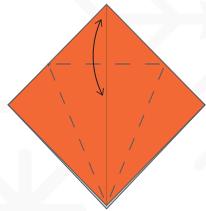
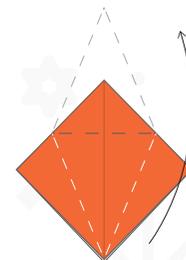## Make a squash fold (this is where you give up and watch our instructional video)

5 With the open end facing towards you, fold the left and right lower edges to the central crease and unfold.
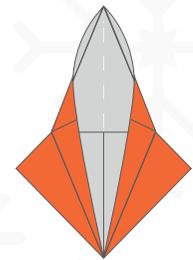
6 Fold the top section down from the previous two creases. Unfold. Resist urge to smash.

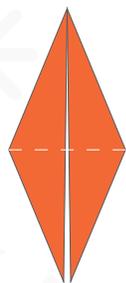**7** Pull one layer up from the bottom, along the areas you just made.

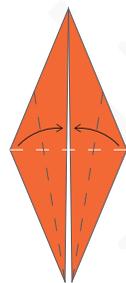**8** Push the left and right edges inwards; this is called a squash fold.
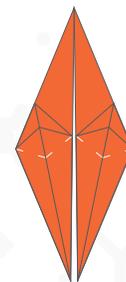
Relive the squash fold nightmare.

9 If you haven't ripped the paper up yet, flip the model over and repeat the previous steps.
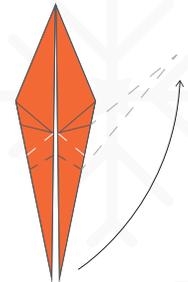
10 Fold lower left and right edges to the central crease.

11 Flip the model over and repeat on the other side. If this doesn't go well, remember this paper is recyclable.
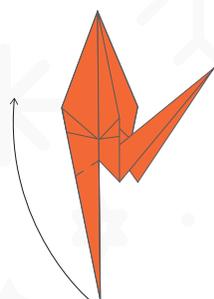
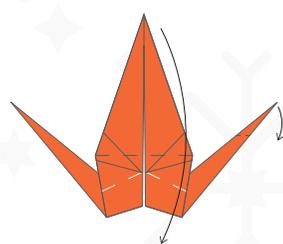**12** Fold the lower right flap up and out to the right and unfold.
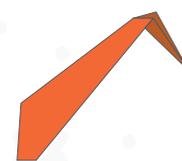
Make or break time.

13 Do the same with the tail. Reverse fold both inwards.

14 Now you can fold both wings and the head down.

15 Create a head by folding in the top of one tail and give your crane a name. We suggest 'Frasier' or 'Dwayne.'

16 Voilà! Post your crane (or crumpled ball) on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag #McKimOrigami to enter the Cranes for a Cause contest.