Origami Crane Craft

Start with a square piece of paper.

This is the front of the paper.   This is the back of the paper.

1. Fold the bottom edge of the paper up to the top edge then unfold again.

2. Fold the right edge of the paper over to the left edge then unfold again.

3. Rotate the paper and flip it over to the other side.

4. Fold the bottom point up to the top point then unfold again.

5. Fold the right corner over to the left corner then unfold again.

6. Flip the paper back over to the other side and bring the left and right corners towards you and down, then flatten the inner corners underneath the top section.
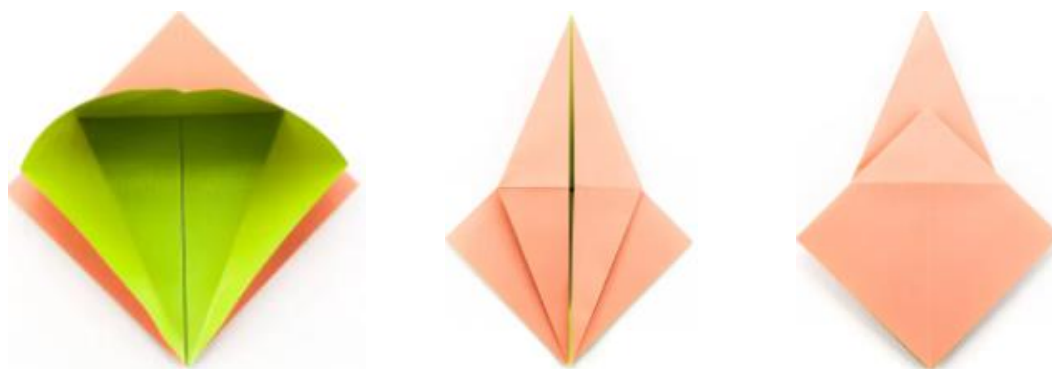
7. From your square base, fold the bottom right diagonal edge of the front layer over to the left to align with the central crease and do the same with the bottom left edge.
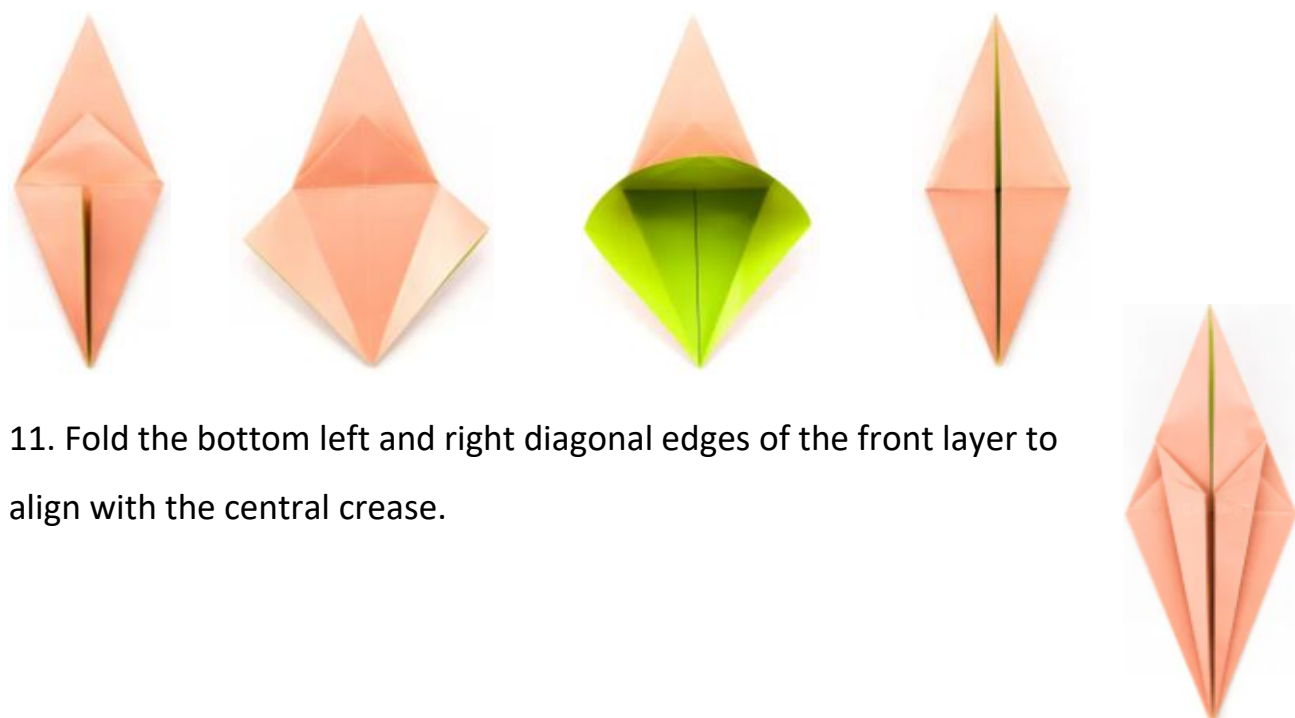
8. Unfold the diagonal edges again and fold the top point down so that the crease runs from the left to the right of the two previous creases. Unfold the top point again.

9. Open out the bottom point and push the left and right edges of the front flap towards the middle and flatten it upwards, then flip the paper over from left to right.
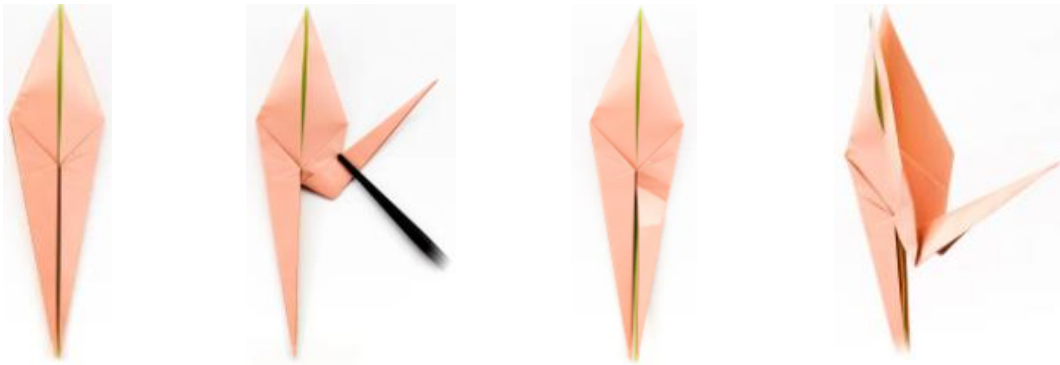

10. Repeat the same process on this side. Fold the bottom diagonal edges to align with the vertical central crease and unfold again, then open the bottom point of the front laye and pull it to the top and flatten it – this is now a 'bird base'.

11. Fold the bottom left and right diagonal edges of the front layer to align with the central crease.

12. Flip the model over from left to right and repeat the last step on the back, then fold the bottom right point up to the right and make a crease. Unfold the previous step and inside reverse fold the crease you just made.

13. Repeat the same process on the left side.

14. Choose one end to be the crane's head. Fold it over in the angle you prefer then inside reverse fold it.

15. Finally, fold both of the wings down.

Your origami crane is complete!