Step 1:

Take a square of coloured paper, and fold it in half from corner to corner and side to side until you have eight sections.

If you turn the square over and press each of the folds back the other way too, you might find this helps later on.

 (Tip: If it makes it easier to see what you are doing, mark your fold lines with pen or pencil. You won't be able to see these once your crane is completed)

Step 2:

Take a corner of the paper and pull it inwards, lining the long edge up with the diagonal fold. You should create a triangle shape as shown in the picture. Press down to form a crease from the point of the triangle to half way down the fold.
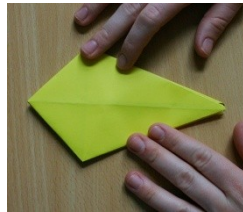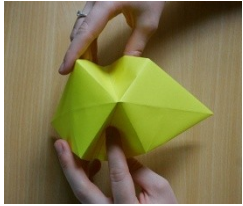
Step 3:

Unfold the paper, and holding the same corner that you stared with, do the same thing in the other direction, You should have made two folds using the same corner.

Do this with each corner until you have made eight folds. Your paper should now look like this.

(tip: Once again, you can draw the fold lines onto the paper. They should go from the corner of the paper to the horizontal or vertical line. You should end up with a star shape.
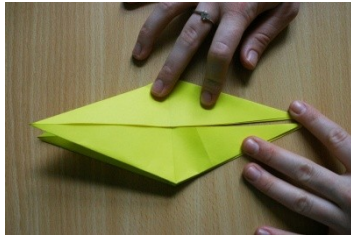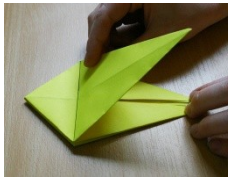
Step 4:

These new folds will allow you to pull the four corners of your paper inwards, tucking the outside edges in, and following the 'star' shape that has been folded into the paper. Your piece of paper should now look like a tent on four 'legs'.

Step 5:

Hold two of the 'legs' that are opposite each other and press a 'valley' fold down the middle of the face.

These two legs should fold in on themselves, and you should now have a flat, kite-shape. Press down firmly.

Step 6:

Take the bottom of the kite-shaped side of your paper, and fold the flap of paper upwards. It should fold at its widest point, as shown in the diagram.

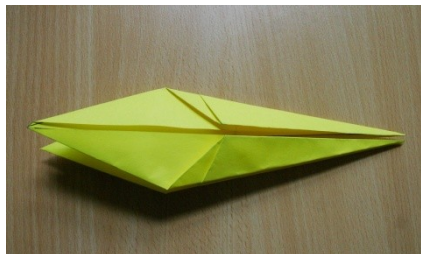Turn the piece of paper over and do the same on the other side.

Your paper should now look like a long diamond, and the bottom half should be divided so that once again your paper has 2 'legs'.
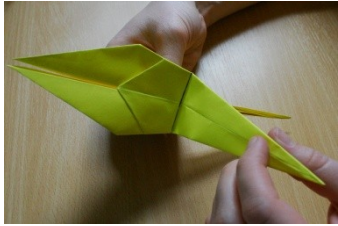
Step 7:

Lay the paper flat on the table. Fold the two 'legs' in half following the lines shown on the picture, by lining up the outside edge with the divide in the middle of the diamond.

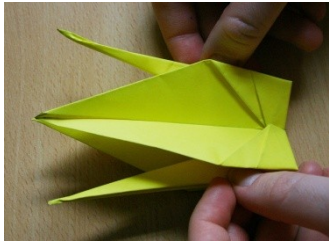Turn the paper over and do the same thing on the other side.

Step 8:

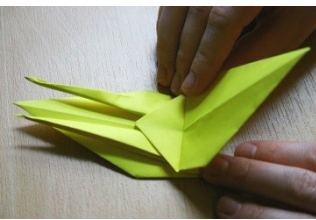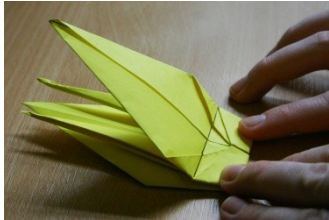Your paper should now look like this.

Step 9:

Hold one side of the diamond shape, and gently start to lift the other 'leg' upwards. It helps if you flatten the side of the paper that you are folding the leg towards.

A fold will naturally appear where the split between the 'legs' ends, allowing you to tuck the paper inwards.

Step 10:

Do the same thing on the other side of your paper. This will make the neck and tail of your crane.

Your paper should now look something like this.

Step 11:

Take one of the larger sides of the paper and fold it downwards at the join with the body. Turn the paper over and do the same thing on the other side.

This will make the wings of your paper crane.

Step 12:

Gently pull out the neck and tail of your paper crane, and put a fold in one end to make the head.

Spread the wings out until they are horizontal.

Finally, flatten the back of the bird out if you want to, by holding two folds opposite each other and pulling gently, then doing this with the other two folds.

Step 13:

Congratulations, you have made a paper crane for peace!

You can now decorate the bird however you want to, and then tie some thread to it and hang it up so that it is on display for all to see.