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Milton Keynes: City of Doves, July 2025

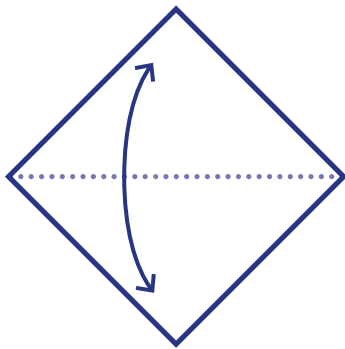
Presented as part of IF: Milton Keynes International Festival 2025, Michael Pendry's installation *Les Colombes (The White Doves)* will see more than 2,000 folded white paper doves suspended high above in Middleton Hall, centre:mk to bring a message of hope, humanity and new beginnings.

The white dove has inspired mankind with its innocence and purity; it is a physical and emotional message of peace. We are partnering with local communities, businesses, schools and arts organisations to extend this exhibition throughout the city, uniting us in the values of sharing, caring and hope for the future in troubled times.

We'd love you to take part too! To make your own dove, you will need a piece of paper 297mm x 297mm in size and ideally 130gsm in weight - and then follow the instructions below!

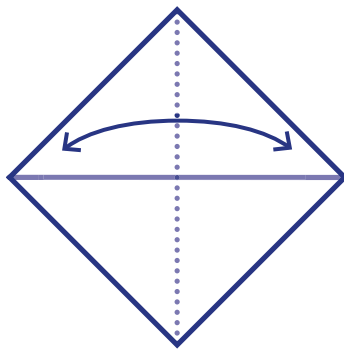
We invite you to write a short message of peace on your completed dove. You could then hang it in your front window for passers-by to see, or team up with friends, family or work colleagues to create your own mini dove installation.

Please do share your photos with us [#MKCityofDoves](#) [#LesColombes](#)



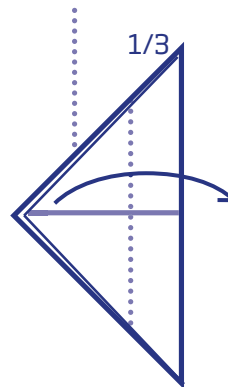
Step 1

Fold and **unfold it again** horizontally



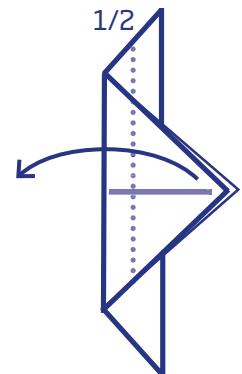
Step 2

Now fold the paper in half vertically



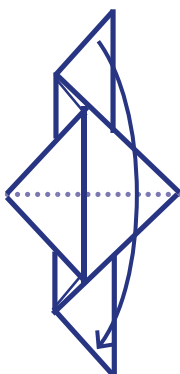
Step 3

Fold approximately two thirds over



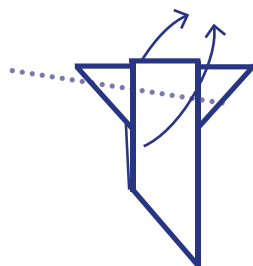
Step 4

Fold the **upper layer only**, two thirds over (half the width of the lower layer)



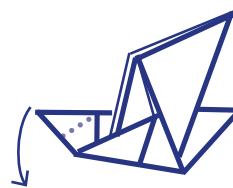
Step 5

Fold horizontally so that the top and bottom points come together



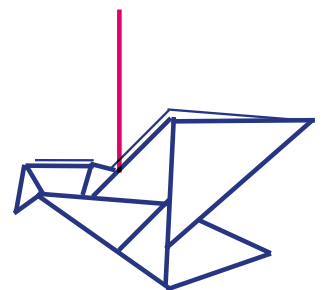
Step 6

Fold the wings **at an angle** so that the pointed ends point towards the right hand side



Step 7

Push enough of the corner of the paper into the middle of the fold on the left to make the head and beak; write a short message of peace on your completed dove



Step 8

Make a knot in some thread and thread it through to suspend your dove

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