

## Origami Dove “Do’s and Don’ts” Guidelines

To help commemorate the International Day of Peace on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, origami peace doves will be sent to children in zones of conflict around the world.

The purpose of this project is to have children in ‘safe’ communities make origami doves, symbolising a message of goodwill and peace, which will be sent to their counterparts in orphanages and schools where daily life is neither safe nor secure. In 2008, doves were sent to sixteen countries world-wide.

In its third year, this initiative is being facilitated by the Brisbane-based International Day of Peace Alliance Inc. (IDPA) and we are looking to involve schools, community groups and children in the making of the doves, and if possible, the raising of funds.

Schools and school-age children are respectfully invited to be a part of this initiative, however please consider there are some issues which must be adhered to because of cultural and language sensitivities.

### **1. No Markings on the Paper**

THERE MUST BE NO WRITING OR DRAWINGS on the doves or cranes, please do not use old newspapers or magazines to make them! REASON ~ not everyone speaks English, and the need to interpret a message when it is received may lead to complications/disappointment or misunderstandings. The use of plain, coloured paper is encouraged, or an idea from last year is to have students water colour/dye plain paper – it’s a fun activity and they look great! Please also refrain from using black paper. Similarly, though innocently meant, a drawing may not convey the same meaning in a different culture as it is meant to. Finally, a picture from a western-style magazine may be highly offensive in other cultures. **Please, it is imperative that this is adhered to...no writing, drawing or pictures on the doves or cranes!**

### **2. Size:**

Preferably, the doves/cranes need to be fairly small, about the size so that two or three would fit in the palm of an adult hand: REASON ~ so we can get as many as we can into a box.

### **3. Postage and Handling:**

Please use the standard Post Office boxes to send your doves/cranes to us, but do not write directly on the box. REASON, we will need to do that to direct them where they are going. Please use an envelope to address your doves to us, and sticky-tape the envelope to the box so it can be removed and we can write its international destination address on the box. Similarly with the return address, please have it on a removable label or envelope. REASON Some boxes may not reach their destination, due to conflict and non-functioning services, and we would prefer those that are returned, to come back to us, rather than disappoint the children who have made the doves.

### **4. Funding**

There is going to be a cost involved with sending the boxes, as much as about AU\$50 a box for those that will go to the Middle East. Your assistance in raising funds to cover the cost of postage, (cheques Payable to International Day of Peace Alliance Inc. and included in the envelope on the box) will help ensure your boxes get on their way overseas speedily, and hopefully be delivered on or near the International Day of Peace. (Please remember we are a group of volunteers, with very little funding, and we cannot personally meet the costs associated with sending all the boxes, a donation to our cause would also be gratefully accepted.)

We would like to have doves in hand by September 5 at the latest. But of course, the sooner we get them, the sooner they will be sent, and the more chance of being handed out to their recipients on or near the Peace Day.

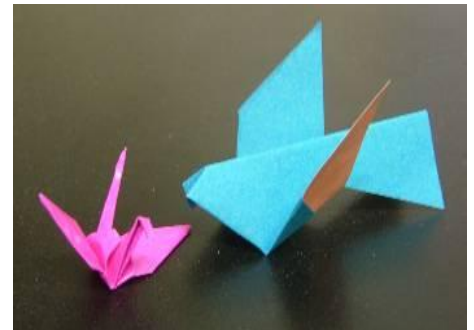
Please mail your doves to:

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Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter, we hope you will consider its contents worthy and involve your school. Instructions for making the doves are [here](#) or the more attractive but more complex cranes instructions are [here](#) or alternatively via our website [www.idpa.org.au](http://www.idpa.org.au). If you have any thoughts or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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