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Diego Huerta

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How can you spread a message of peace?

31K portraits for peace

In 2011, Diego Huerta and Daniela Gutiérrez began the 31K Portraits for Peace project. The objective of their journey was to photograph 31,000 people to represent the breadth of drug war-related deaths in Mexico. In an effort to spread a message of peace, Diego and Daniela traveled throughout Mexico photographing individuals with a blue paper dove in their hands.

The selected images from this year-long undertaking present the panoply of Mexican life. From rural to urban life, each 31K scene captures the intricacies of the cultural patrimony and the resilient individuals that believe that their country is not defined by its tragedies but by its daily triumphs.

Mexic-Arte Museum has created an interactive educational area to help you have your own 31K experience!

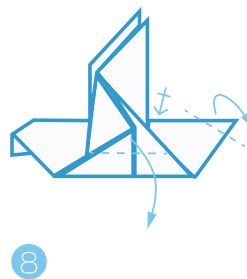
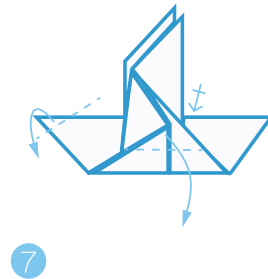
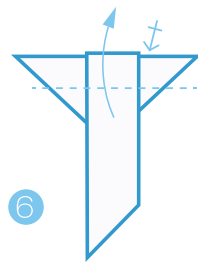
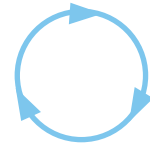
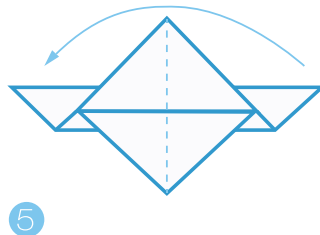
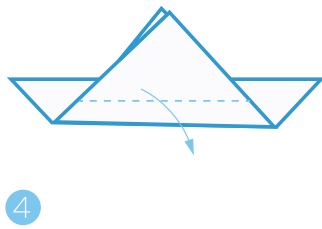
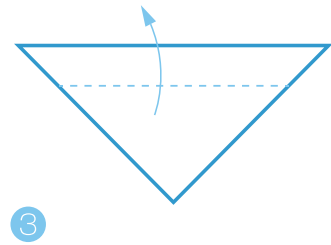
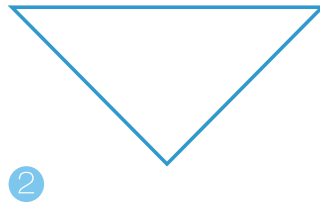
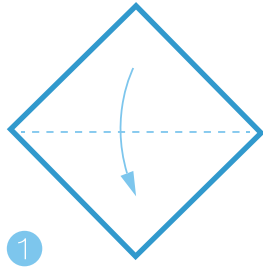
First, a display featuring an example of the blue paper origami dove “La Huasteca.” Diego Huerta uses this dove, named after the Gulf Region of México, in all of his 31K photographs.

Secondly, there are step-by-step instructions on how to make your own origami dove.

Finally, there is a photograph of Austin’s Congress Avenue overlooking Ladybird Lake that you can use a backdrop for your own individual portrait.

Just grab a camera, and you have everything you need to make your own portrait for peace!

Fold it!



Here's how to participate:

1. Look around the 31K Portraits for Peace exhibition to see how artist Diego Huerta used portraits, backgrounds, and doves in his photographic compositions.
2. Follow the directions above to make your own simplified origami dove or you can choose to hold the sample dove we have provided.
3. Take your origami dove and stand in front of the photograph of downtown Austin or you can find a special place near your home or school.
4. Have a friend take a picture of you holding your origami dove.
5. Share your portrait! If you would like to share your portrait with Mexic-Arte Museum, then post your photo to our Facebook page, facebook.com/mexicarte, or mention your experience on Twitter @Mexic_Arte, #31KPeace.

