



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Miguel de Unamuno, Chancellor of the University of Salamanca between 1900 and 1936, and illustrious Spanish writer and intellectual, was passionate about origami. Such was his interest in this art, that he even created a word to describe the specific technique of making paper bow ties, which he called 'cocology' (composed of the French noun 'cocotte', which means 'bow tie, young bird', and the suffix '-logía', which indicates 'study' or 'art').

In his moments of reflective thoughts he had the habit of making paper figures. He dedicated the essay "Apuntes para un tratado de cocotología" (1902) and different writings, such as the poem "A una pajarita de papel" (1921) to his passion for this art.

The depth of his reflection on origami and his special interest in paper birds turned these little animals into a symbol linked to the history of the University of Salamanca.

This Christmas card (and, at the same time, a Christmas decorative element) is a tribute to our tradition and to some of our values, such as creativity and humanism, and to the influential figure of Miguel de Unamuno.



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Build your own paper bow tie and decorate your Christmas tree.

