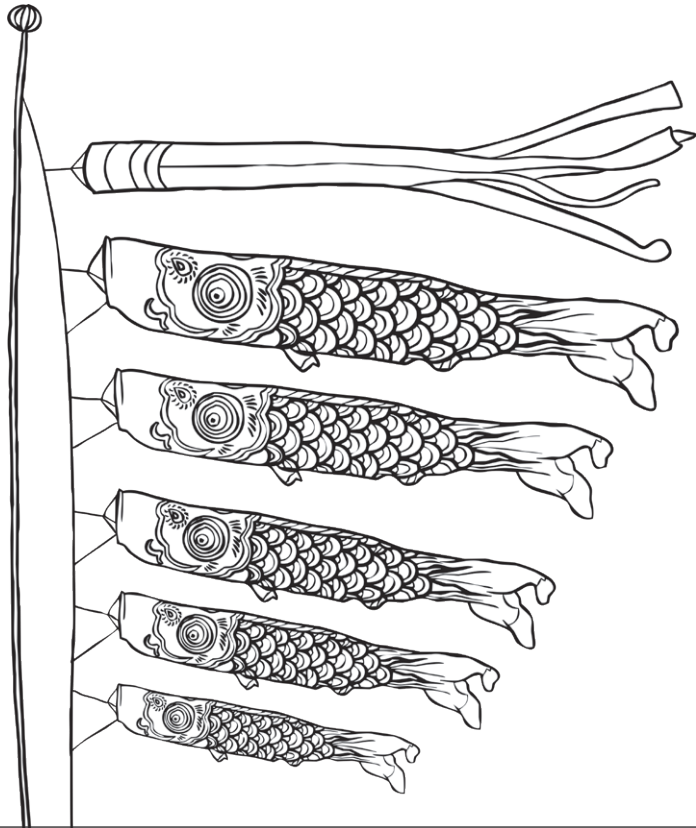


Make Your Own Koinobori

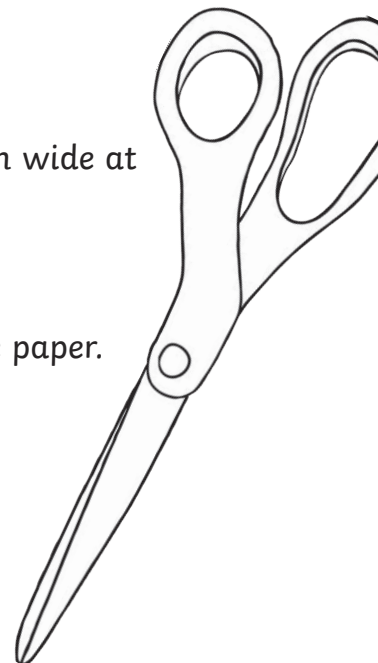
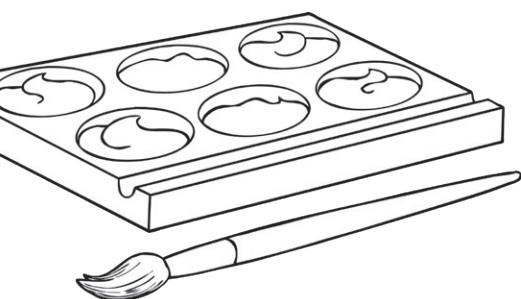


You Will Need:

- 60cm x 45cm piece of fabric or heavy paper/ cardboard (an old pillowcase works well!)
- fabric paint
- paintbrush
- coloured markers
- coloured tissue paper
- glue
- ribbon
- stapler
- strip of thin cardboard (about 40cm in length and 1 – 2cm wide)
- hole puncher
- string (about 40cm in length)

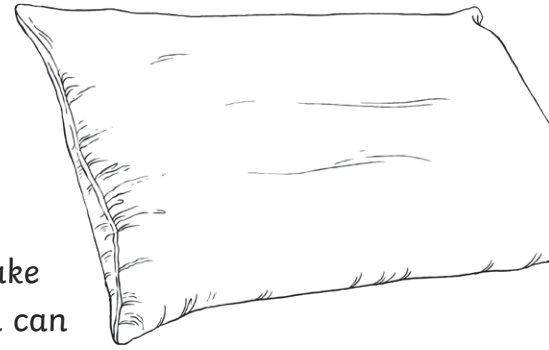
Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric in half, lengthwise (so it becomes 60cm by 22.5cm).
2. Draw a carp fish with an opening for the mouth and tail (at least 15cm wide at each end). The body should be about 30cm wide.
3. Cut along your lines so you have two identical fish shapes.
4. Decorate both fish using fabric paint, coloured markers, glue and tissue paper.
5. Wait until your decorations have dried.



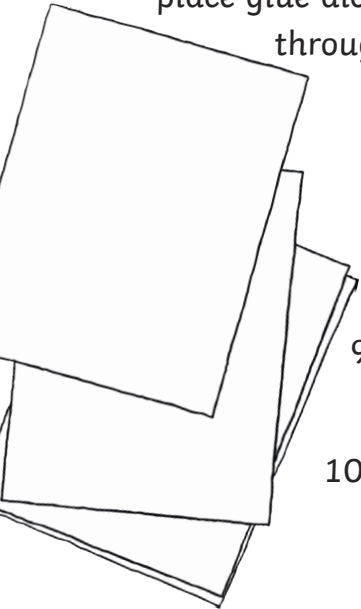
Instructions:

6. a) If using fabric or a pillowcase: lay one decorated fish face-up on a flat surface. Lay the other piece decoration face-down on top of it (this will mean that the two decorated sides will be touching each other). Place glue along the sides of the fish, creating a seam. Make sure to leave the mouth and tail with no glue so the wind can blow through!



When the glue is dry, turn your Koinobori right side out. You should be able to now see 2 decorated sides.

6. b) If using paper or cardboard: lay first fish decoration face-down on a flat surface and place glue along the edges, leaving mouth and tail with no glue so wind can blow through. Place the other fish on top of the first, decoration face-up and press down along the edges.



7. Glue pieces of colourful ribbon to the end of the tail.
8. Fit the thin piece of cardboard around the inside rim of the mouth. Staple the ends together so that it creates a circle.
9. Push the cardboard circle about 3cm inside the mouth and secure with glue. Fold the excess fabric or paper over and glue to the inside rim.
10. Using the holepunch, make a hole on either side of the fish mouth. Cut a piece of string or ribbon and tie each end of the string to the holes.

