

自分で作る鯉のぼり

Make your own *koinobori*



You will need:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printer | <input type="checkbox"/> String |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art materials to colour in the template | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> A stick |

- 1 Print and colour in the template using art materials of your choice
- 2 Cut along the outer edges of the *koinobori* shown as thick black lines. Cut out the fins.
- 3 Fold the *koinobori* along the dotted lines and shape to form a paper tube. Apply double-sided tape or glue to the folded grey tabs and tuck inside pressing down gently to seal. Leave to dry.
- 4 Apply double-sided tape or glue to the small, grey areas marked on the body of the *koinobori* and attach the tips of the fins. Press down gently to seal and leave to dry.
- 5 Take a piece of string and tape each end inside the mouth of the *koinobori* on opposite sides forming a loop.
- 6 Pass the stick through the loop and secure the string to the stick with tape.

Tip:

Why not create your own *koinobori* set by printing three templates in different sizes? Print the first template at A4 size, then reduce the size to 80% and 71% (A5) for the other two.

About *koinobori*

Koinobori are carp-shaped windsocks which families in Japan display outside their houses on 5 May each year in celebration of *Kodomo no hi* (Children's Day). The carp are usually attached to a pole or rod, together with a five-colour streamer called *fukinagashi*. The choice of carp for this festival refers to an old Chinese tale about a golden carp that swam upstream until it reached the top of a waterfall and became a dragon. It is therefore regarded as a symbol of strength and achievement. *Koinobori* sets typically comprise black, red, and blue carp in different sizes, each representing a different family member. Other colours have started appearing such as green, pink or purple to represent all the family's children.

