



PAPER CRAFT: Japanese Carp Kite



The carp (a fish) is a symbol of strength and courage in Japan. Each year on the fifth day of the fifth month (May 5th), carp kites are flown outside homes to represent each child on Japan's Children's Day.

Let's make one!

Supplies:

- 1 sheet construction paper
- 1 strip of construction paper
- 2 construction paper eyes
- Tissue wrapping paper
- 1 string of yarn
- 7-8 crepe paper streamers
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Hole punch



Instructions:

1. Cut streamers of equal length about 16 inches
2. Cut half oval shapes of equal size from several colors of tissue wrapping paper for fish scales



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3. Make sure strip of construction paper is the same length as sheet of construction paper



4. Using the glue stick carefully place fish scales from the bottom edge of the construction paper while slightly overlapping each piece & not leaving any space between scales



5. Start gluing the next row of scales about an inch above the bottom row so to overlap the pieces, and continue until the middle of your sheet is reached



6. Overlap with glue the final row of fish scales with strip of construction paper



7. Turn sheet over and glue one edge of each streamer to the bottom of the sheet side-by-side



8. Allow to dry for a few minutes before bending

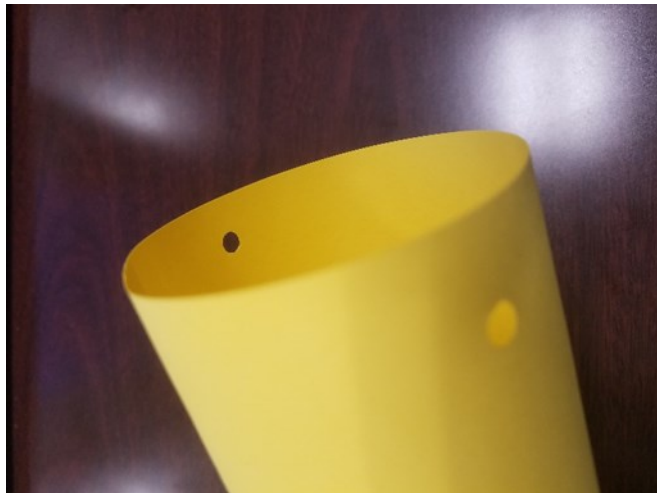
9. Gently roll and tape the ends together



10. Glue eyes to the top



11. Punch a hole at the top of the fish on each side



12. Tie the ends of the string of yarn to each of the holes on the side and hang

