

CHILDREN'S DAY AT SHOFUSO

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KOINOBORI

Koinobori are the fantastic carp streamers you will see flying from Shofuso's flagpole each May. These colorful windsocks come in all shapes and sizes, but always resemble a koi fish. With roots in the Boy's Day celebration, koinobori are flown to wish health upon a family and its children.

Koi fish are Japanese carp that are specifically bred for their bright colors and patterns. Extremely hearty fish, koi can live as long as a person can. For this reason, they are a symbol of long life and vitality in Japan.

LESSON 3



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KOINOBORI CRAFT

Using the print out at the end of this document, color and fly your own paper koinobori!

All you'll need is tape, string, something to color with, and a little imagination.

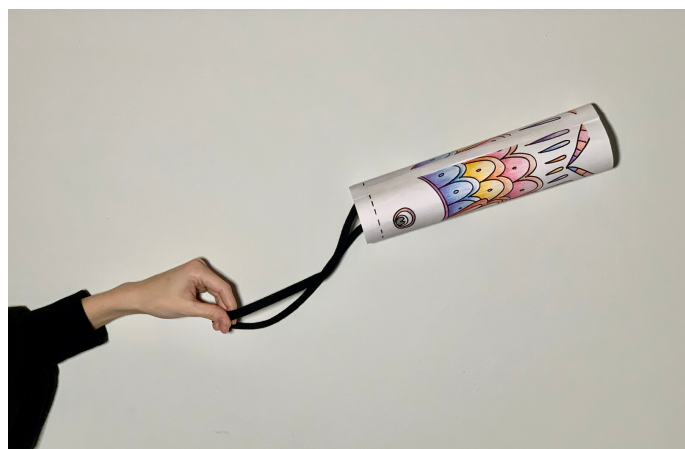
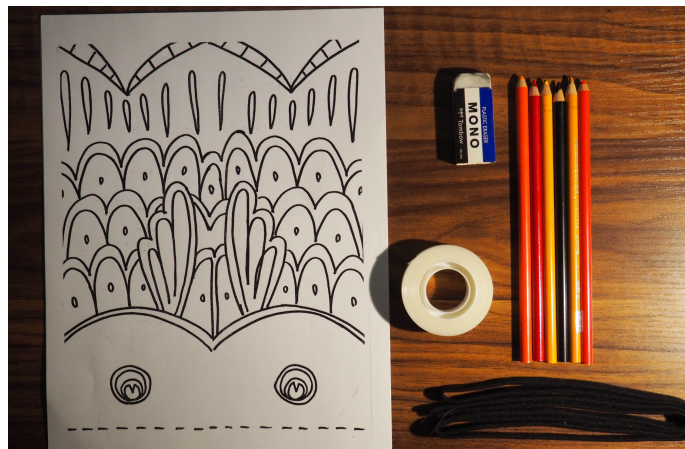
Step 1 - Print out the template at the end of this document

Step 2 - Color in your koi any way that you like!

Step 3 - Roll the koinobori into a tube lengthwise and secure the seam with tape.

Step 4 - On the end where the koi's head is, attach a string on the inside using tape.

Step 5 - Find your favorite spot at home to hang your koinobori and celebrate Children's Day!



The next time you are able to visit Shofuso, be sure to check out our world class koi collection in our pond!

