

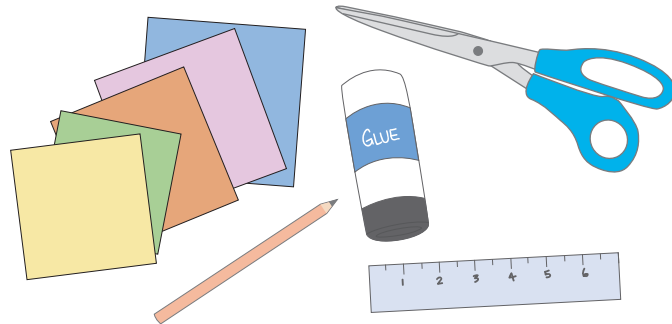


Activity: Tanabata Decorations

Tanabata is famous for its bright and colourful decorations. As well as large decorations in towns and city centres, smaller displays of homemade paper decorations are common. Use this pack to make Tanabata decorations and display them with your tanzaku wish!

You will need:

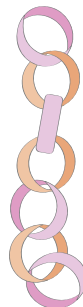
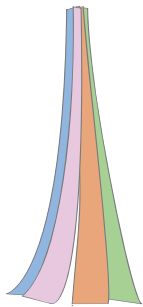
- origami/coloured paper
- scissors
- glue/glue stick
- ruler
- pen/pencil

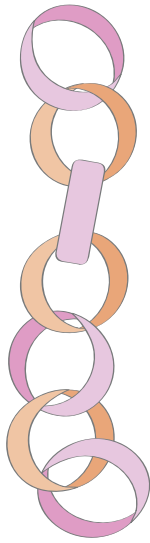


Suitable for all ★

Easy ★★

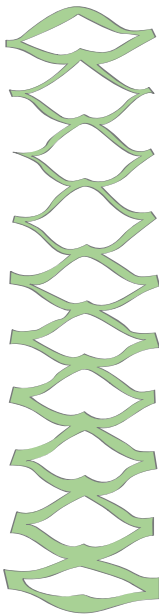
Fiddly ★★★





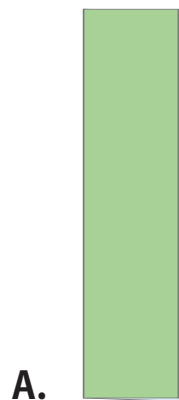
Paper Chain

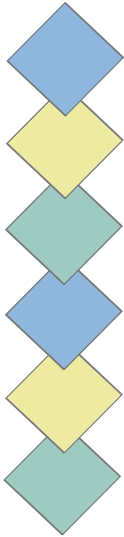
1. Cut strips of coloured paper approximately 10cm by 1cm (other lengths or widths also work!)
2. Put a small amount of glue on one end of the strip and stick it to the other end to make a loop.
3. Place another strip through the middle of the first loop and repeat step 2.



Diamonds

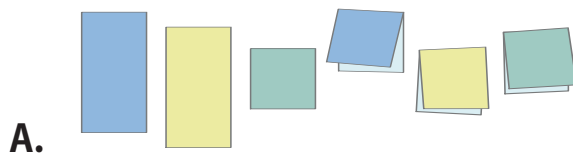
1. Start with a rectangle of coloured paper. Fold in half lengthwise to make a thinner rectangle (see **picture A**).
2. Use scissors to make cuts in alternate sides of the rectangle (see **picture B**). Try to space the cuts evenly and be careful not to cut all the way through.
3. Carefully unfold the rectangle and gently pull the top and the bottom apart to see the diamonds.



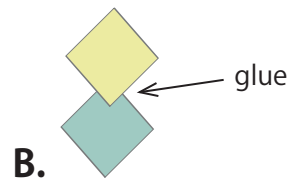


Square Ornament

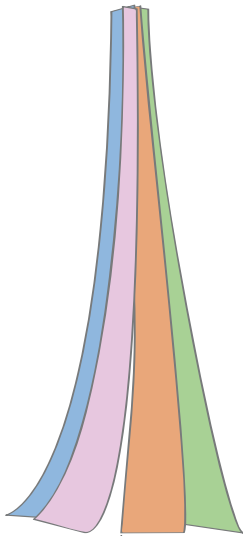
1. Cut out rectangles of coloured paper approximately 3cm by 6cm (other lengths or widths also work!)
2. Then fold all the rectangles in half so they look like squares (see **picture A**).
3. Glue the squares together (see **picture B**).



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B.

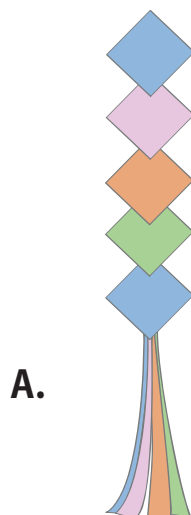


Streamers

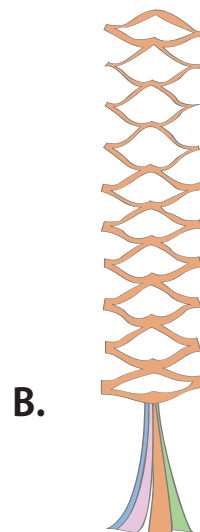
1. Cut long strips of paper in different colours.
2. Glue the strips onto the bottom of other tanabata decorations.

Picture A shows streamers attached to squares

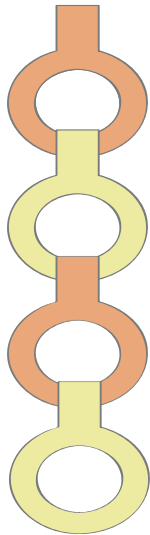
Picture B shows streamers attached to the diamond.



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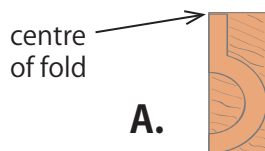


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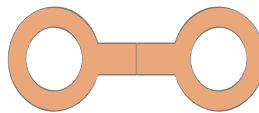
Key

1. Cut out small rectangles of coloured paper approximately 3cm by 9cm (other sizes also work!)
2. Fold in half so the top edge meets the bottom edge and then fold in half lengthwise.
3. Draw the shape shown in **picture A** on the folded paper and carefully cut it out. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to make more keys.
4. Carefully link the keys together by threading a completely unfolded key (see **picture B**) through the hole of a key which is folded in half (see **picture C**).



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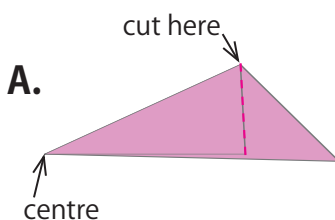


C.



Net

1. Start with a coloured square of paper approximately 15cm by 15cm. If only one side is coloured, begin with the white side face up.
2. Fold in half to make a triangle, then fold in half again to make a smaller triangle. Fold in half once more to make an even smaller triangle.
3. Now fold the top point of the triangle down to meet the bottom edge (see **picture A**) and then cut off the small excess triangle on the right.
4. Use scissors to make cuts in alternate sides of the triangle (see **picture B**). Space the cuts evenly and be careful not to cut all the way through. You don't need to cut right up to the centre.
5. Carefully unfold the net and gently tug the bottom to open it up. Stick a loop of paper or string onto the top of the net to hang it up.



B.

