

# Japan Activity Booklet

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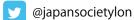
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## **Momotaro Quiz**



Momotarō is a famous traditional Japanese folktale about a boy who went on a journey to save his village.

Watch our kamishibai performance of the story

**on our channel and try our quiz below to test your knowledge about characters**. You can research the answers, or ask an adult to help you if you get stuck

(the answers are on the last page).



#### A monkey

The monkey was the first animal Momotaro met. It asked him for some bananas before joining him on his journey.

#### A pheasant

The pheasant was the first animal Momotarō met and it tried to steal his riceballs.

#### A dog

The dog was the first animal Momotarō met and it asked him for some dango.

MOMOTARŌ was raised by an old childless couple who found him floating inside a giant fruit. What is the name of the fruit?

#### A An apple

Momotarō was found floating down a river inside a giant apple by the old, childless woman. Apples became his favourite fruit.

#### B A peach

Momotarō was found floating down a river inside a giant peach. He was named Momotaro, which means Peach Boy i Japanese.

#### **C** Watermelon

Momotaro was found floating down a river inside a giant watermelon. In the story, watermelon became a symbol of his power.

MOMOTARŌ and his 3 animal friends travelled to the island where the monsters who attacked his village lived. What was the island called?

#### A Oni Island

The monsters who attacked Momotaro's village were Oni, ogres or rolls in Japanese. They lived on the Oni Island

#### B Kappa Island

The monsters who attacked Momotarō's village were Kappa, a type of monster that attacks people near rivers. They lived on the Kappa Island.

#### C Tanuki Island

The monsters who attacked Momotaro's village were Tanuki, Japanese raccoon dogs. They lived on the Tanuki Island.

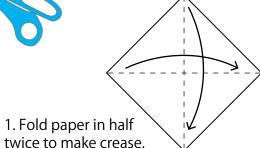
## Origami Activity



• origami/squared coloured paper



### **Kabuto Helmet**

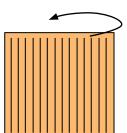




### Lantern



1. Fold paper in half.



3. Open and turn over.



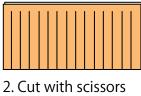
scissors

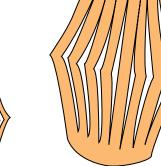
• glue/glue stick

(about 1cm apart).

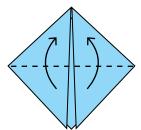


4. Glue top and bottom together.

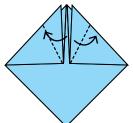




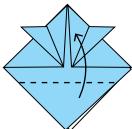
5. Done!



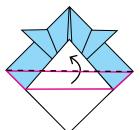
3. Fold up in half along the centre line.



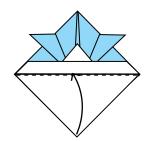
4. Fold the top two corners out.



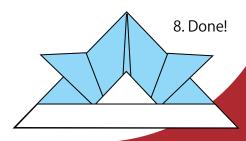
5. Fold the bottom corner up to where the middle of the top half is.



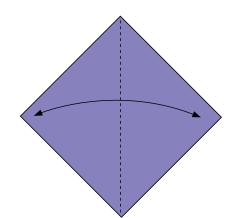
6. Apply glue in the pink area. Fold the rest of the bottom half up along the centre line.



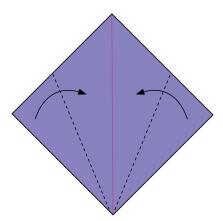
7. Fold the bottom half up and tuck inside the pocket.



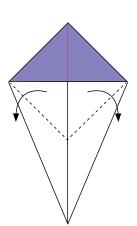
## **Uchiwa Fan**



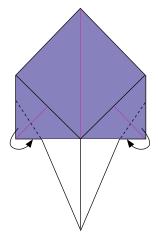
1. Fold in half to make crease and fold back.



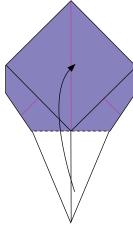
2. Fold to meet centre line.



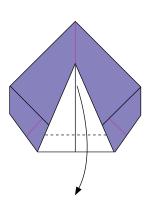
3. Fold down.



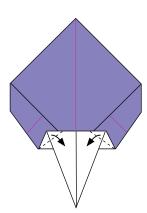
4. Fold backwards and tuck in.



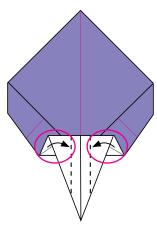
5. Fold up.



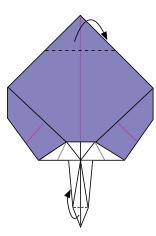
6. Fold down.



7. Fold down to make crease and fold back.



8. Fold in by opening and flattening the circled parts.



9. Fold backwards.

