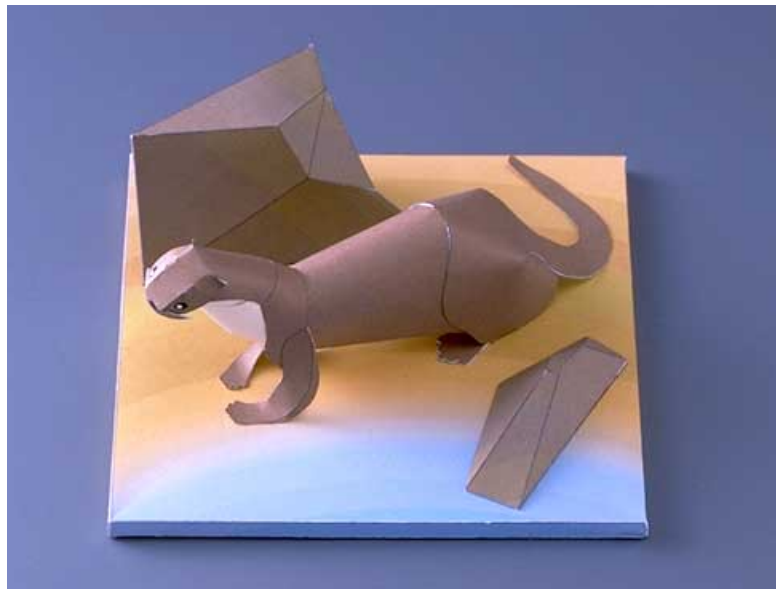


Rare Animals of Japan

Vol.4

Japanese River Otter

Assembly Instructions



Thank you for downloading this paper craft model of the Japanese River Otter . By matching the names and numbered parts in the instructions, you and your family can complete a paper craft model of this rare and adorable animal.

- Assembly instructions: Six A4-sized sheets.
- Paper craft: Two A4-sized sheets with 7 parts in all

These instructions apply only to the "Japanese River Otter".

These Paper Craft parts are easier to work with when printed out on strong, thick paper (like postcard stock).

*In creating these Paper Craft models we use 135kg Kent paper stock (0.18mm).

1

To begin

■ Tools and materials needed

-Ruler -scissors - blade cutter or "Exacto-knife" - awl or other pointed tool (for making a folding crease) - felt pen - pin set - glue - hand towel (for cleaning your fingers) - dictionary or other heavy book (to press the papers flat).

■ Items of Caution

*Take care when using sharp or pointed objects or when using bladed cutting tools. Place a heavy sheet of paper under the paper you want to cut.

*Use glue and other adhesives only in well-ventilated areas.

*When printing, use a slightly reduced font size. There may be differences in dimensions, depending on the type of printer used.

2

How to assemble

*Follow the working method and markings carefully.

*Cut carefully along the outer line with cutting blade, Exacto-knife or scissors.

One - point Advice

*Cut carefully with cutting blade, Exacto-knife or scissors.

*For folding parts, first use an awl or other pointed tool to make a light crease along the dotted or solid line. This will make the folds straight. Avoid making strong creases, as this will cause the paper to tear.

*As an adhesive, white wood glue is recommended. Avoid over application as this will cause the paper to wrinkle.

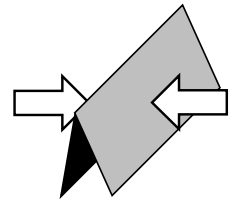
*Before beginning assembly, test adhesive amounts on extra paper.

*Occasionally, white spots will be apparent on folds and cuts. Use a marker or pencil to fill in these spots. It is recommended that this be done after each stage of assembly because coloring becomes more difficult once parts are assembled.

Basic working method and markings

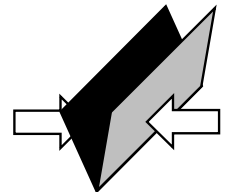
————— Solid lines

Fold along these lines. The printed surface should be on the outside of the folded shape.



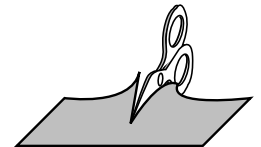
----- Broken lines

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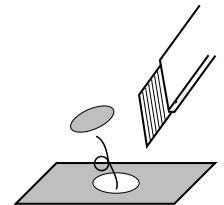


..... Dotted line

Cut along these lines.



Cut out parts marked with an asterisk(*).



Please refer to page 2, "Basic working method and markings," symbol chart to assemble each part.

Indication of Working Methods



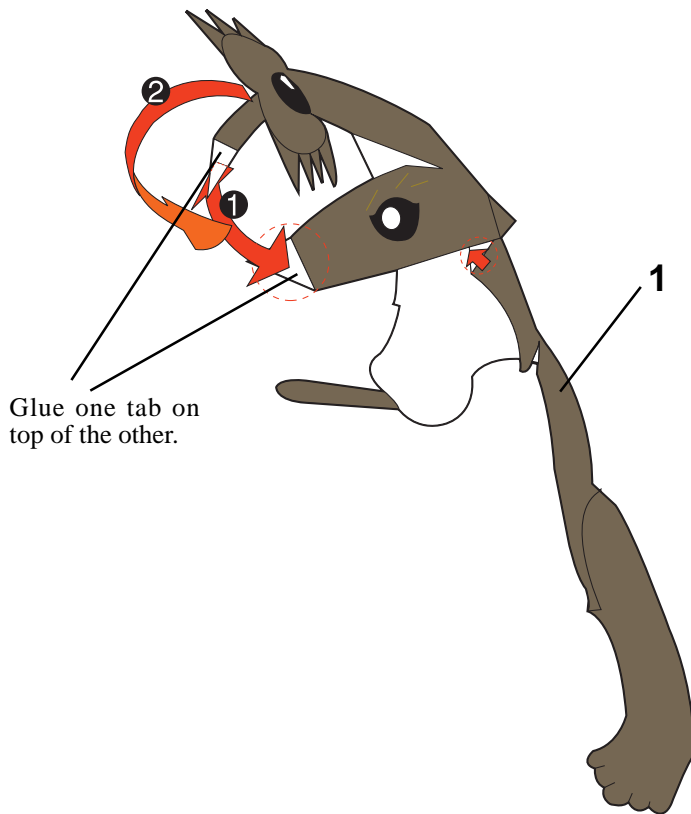
Fold or Curve



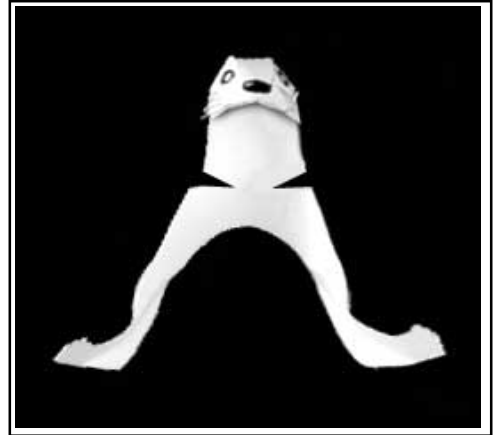
Glue

Instructions for Otter

- 1. Body and Arms** Fold and glue each relevant part following the order of steps indicated by the black circles ① and ②

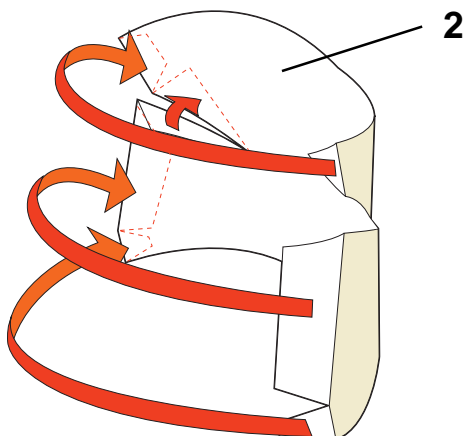


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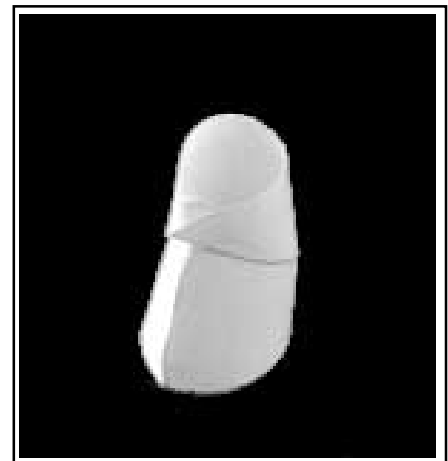


- 2. Neck** Fold and glue each relevant part according to the assembly symbols.

* The tabs marked ⊗ (circled with dotted lines in the diagrams) are to be glued to other parts. Do not glue them at this point.



Reference photo



3 Assembly

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Indication of Working Methods



Fold or Curve

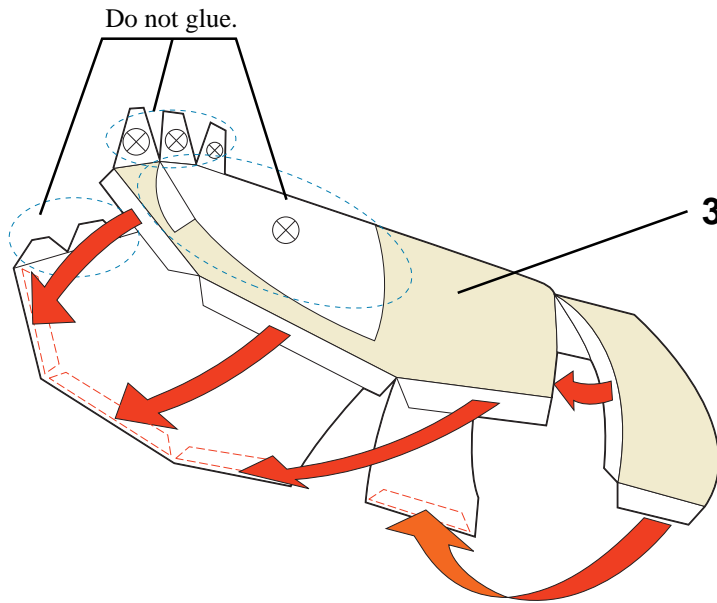


Glue

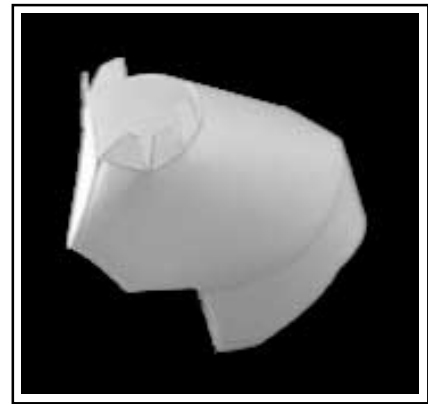
Instructions for Otter

3. Belly Fold and glue each relevant part according to the assembly symbols.

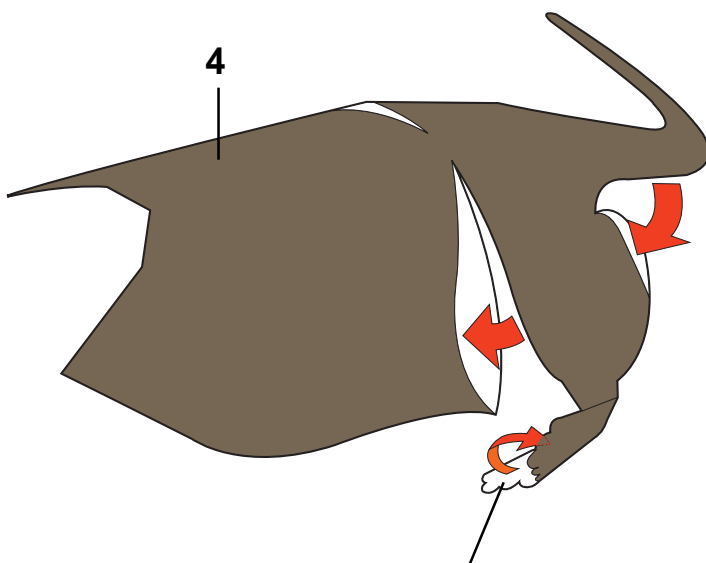
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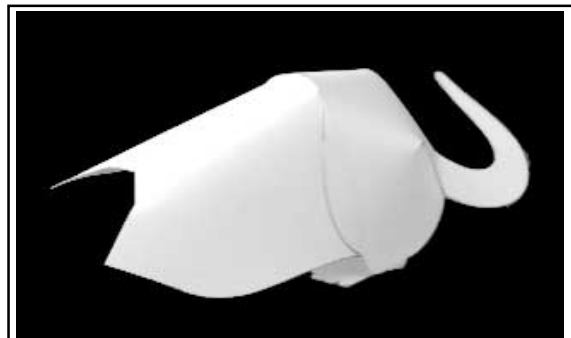


4. Rear and Legs Fold and glue each relevant part according to the assembly symbols.



Bend and glue the tab as shown in the diagram.
(Bend and glue the other tab in the same manner.)

Reference photo



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Indication of Working Methods



Fold or Curve



Glue

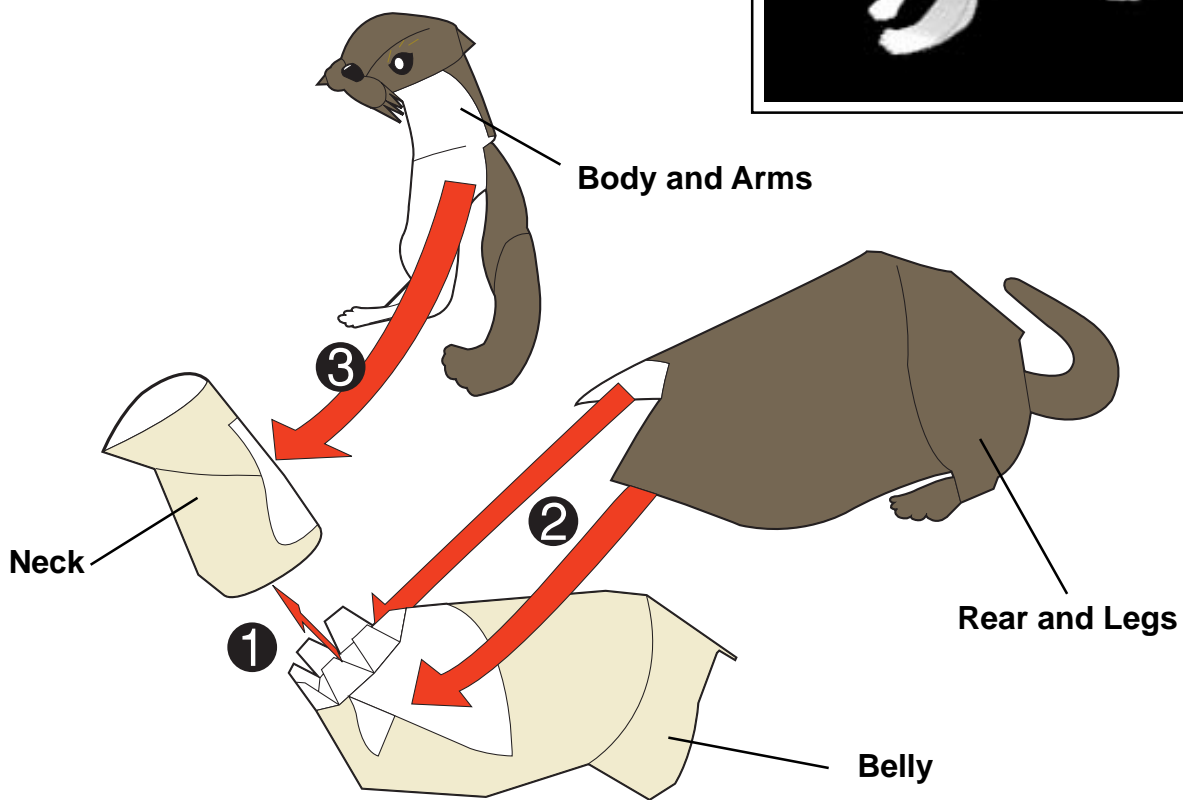
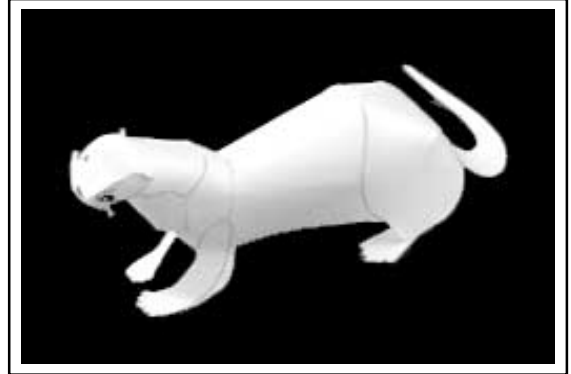
Instructions for Otter

5. Finish Assemble according to steps ❶ through ❸ .

Procedure

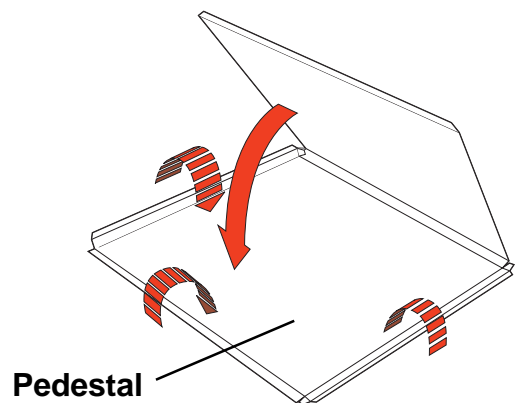
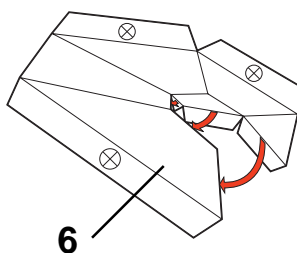
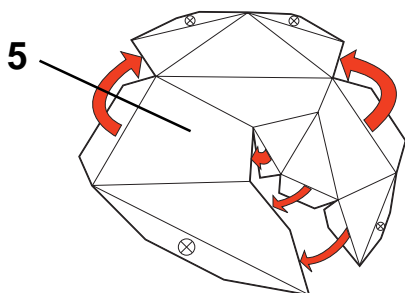
- ❶ Glue the neck to the belly.
- ❷ Glue the rear and legs to the belly.
- ❸ Glue the head and arms to the neck.

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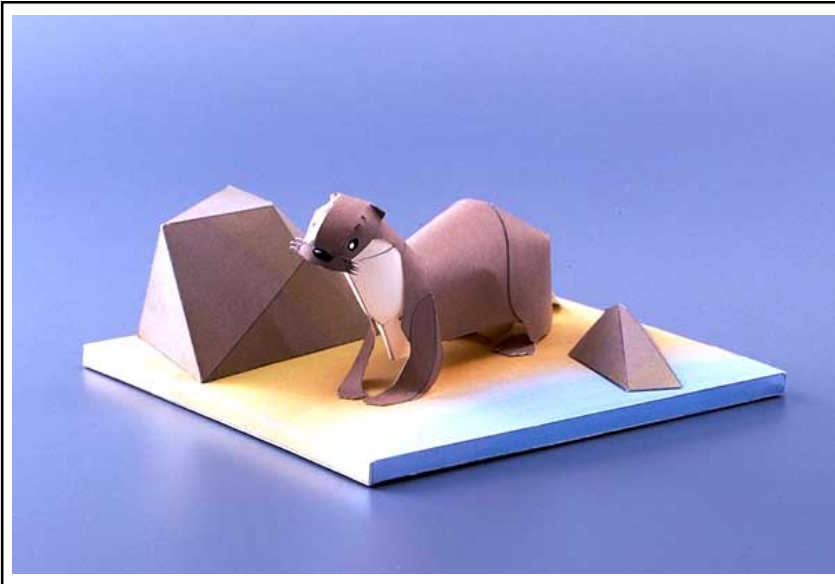
Pedestal * Display the completed paper sculpture on the pedestal.
Assemble parts 5 and 6 and glue in place to complete the pedestal.

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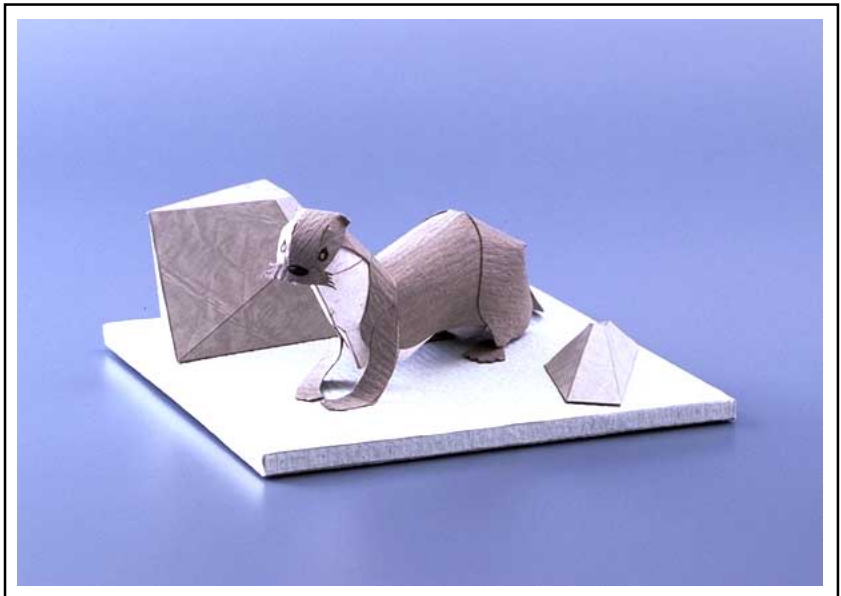


4 Completion

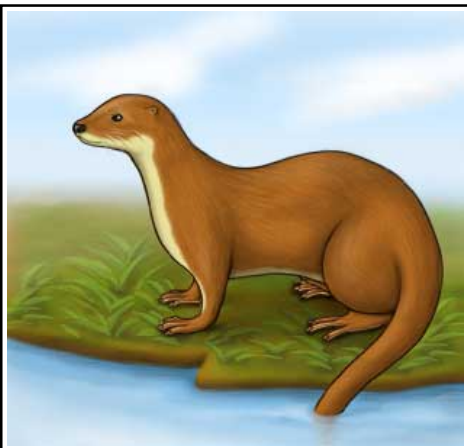
Here are pictures of the completed models.
Please refer to them for assembling and painting.



**Colored
Japanese River Otter**



**Uncolored
Japanese River Otter**
Sculpture with special paper texture clearly
visible



Rare Animals of Japan - Japanese River Otter

The Japanese River Otter (*Lutra nippon*), a member of the weasel family, is a nocturnal animal reaching 65 to 80 centimeters (26 to 30 inches) in length. The otter has a streamlined body with a dark brown back and light brown belly. Once numerous throughout Japan, the Japanese River Otter has drastically diminished due to the loss of habitats and breeding grounds, as well as river-related construction. No official sighting of the creature has been filed since the Kochi Prefecture sighting in 1979. Presently, both non-governmental organizations and species experts continue the search to ensure the survival of the Japanese River Otter.