



THE SEASONS

New Year

“Kadomatsu”



Assembly Instructions



Thank you for downloading this special New Year's paper craft model. By following these instructions while referring to the names and numbers shown on the parts sheet, you can complete a paper craft model of a Kadomatsu, a typical Japanese decoration seen during the New Year's celebration in Japan. You might also try making the Tiger and the Kumade paper craft models located on a separate pages of this web site. They will match perfectly with the Kadomatsu!

- Assembly instructions: Three A4-sized sheets
- Paper craft: Two A4-sized sheets with 13 parts in all

These instructions apply only to the "Kadomatsu".

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).

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To begin with

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

Items of Caution

- * Take care when using sharp or pointed objects. 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 as there may be differences in dimensions depending on the type of printer used.

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How to assemble

Cutting technique


- The part names and numbers are printed clearly on each sheet. When cutting out the parts, match the number of the parts shown in the instructions with the same number on the parts sheets.
- Cut carefully along the outline with a cutting blade, Exacto-knife or scissors.

One-point Advice


- Use caution when using a blade cutter.
- 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.

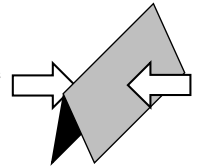
Basic working method and markings

This papercraft model requires five working methods which are indicated by markings on these instructions and by each part on the parts sheets. Cut out the parts needed for each assembly while matching the parts numbers shown on the instructions and the parts sheets. (part names and numbers are printed on each sheet)

 (Solid lines)


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

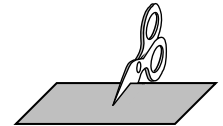
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 (Bold line)

Cut along these lines.

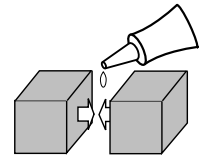
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Glue together parts with the same color and mark.

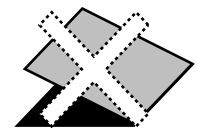
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Do not bend this part.

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3 Assembly

Please refer to the "Basic working method and markings" symbol chart.
Once the parts are folded properly, begin gluing and insertion.

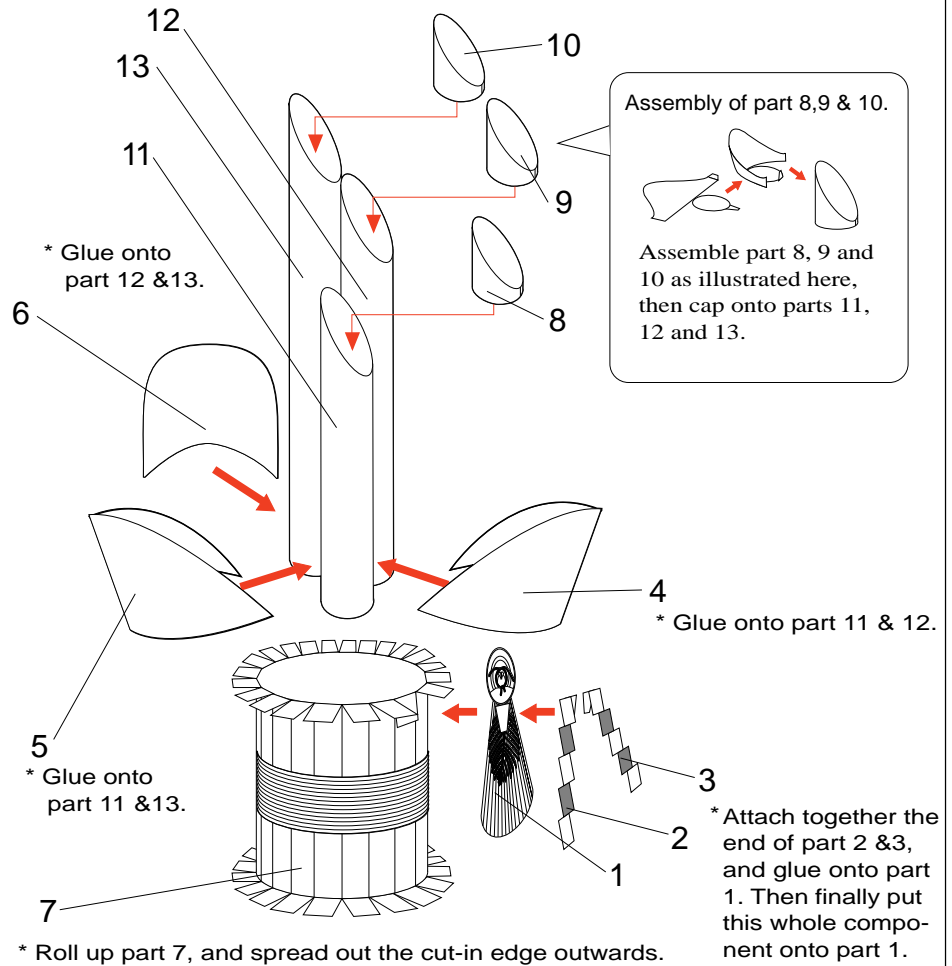
Parts list

Instructions

Sheet No.	Parts No.	Working method
A	1	
A	2	^
A	3	^
A	4	^
A	5	^
A	6	^
A	7	^ ◀ ✕
B	8	^ ■
B	9	^ ▲
B	10	^ ●
B	11	✕ ■
B	12	✕ ▲
B	13	✕ ●

Please refer to this picture for assembly.

*Roll up parts 11, 12 & 13 like a tube, and insert them into part 7.



What is a "Kadomatsu"?

Kadomatsu is a decoration consisting of a pair of pine trees and bamboo stems. It is placed on both sides of the front entrance of a house from January the first to the seventh. It symbolizes that the tree provides longevity, prosperity and purity for the descent of the Gods. This custom was originally started in China around 8th Century and was later brought to Japan.

4 The Finished Model

Rear image.

Overhead image.

