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Oly-Fun Japanese Fish Windsock - Project #200

Project Statistics

Age Range: Middle to High School

Time: 2-3 Class Periods Difficulty: Moderate Cleanup: Soap & Water

General Materials:

- Tagboard
- Black Sharpie
- Ruler
- Colored Markers
- Scissors/Craft Knife
- String
- Needle

Directions:



Step 1: Cut out an 8-1/2 x 12" square shape from Oly-Fun Craft Fabric and fold in half to 8-1/2 x 6". With the fold at the top, measure 4" down on the right edge and draw a diagonal line to the lower left corner. Cut on the line through both layers of fabric to create a trapezoid shape. Overlap 1/8" of the 8-1/2" long edges and glue together with the Surebonder Cool Shot Mini Glue Gun to create a cone-shaped tube. **Note: You must use a low temperature glue gun; a high temperature glue gun will damage the fabric.**

Step 2: Cut a 1x12" and 1x8" strip of tagboard and color with a marker if desired. Fold both strips in half so they are 1/2" wide and double-thick. Glue the strips to the two outside ends of the tube; this will add stability and help keep the ends open in a circular shape.

Step 3: To make the head, cut a 5x8" piece of Oly-Fun and fold in half to 5x4". Cut off the two double-thick corners from the non-folded side to make a rounded triangle shape and unfold; this will be the head. To make the jaw, repeat this process with a 4x5" piece of fabric, folding in half to 4 x 2-1/2". Using a black Sharpie marker, draw lip and gill patterns on the head and jaw. Wrap the jaw around the perimeter of the large end of the cone, lining up the rounded triangle points with the tagboard hoop, and glue. Wrap the head around the opposite perimeter of the large end of the cone and glue in the same way, overlapping the jaw as necessary.

Step 4: Cut two 2" circles of fabric for the eyes and outline with a black Sharpie. Attach the circles to the head piece, then glue on wiggle eyes.

Step 5: Cut a 6" tall, 4x9" trapezoid from fabric. Using a marker, draw a horizontal line 1/2" down from the edge of the 4" base. Starting at the horizontal line, draw straight, slightly diagonal lines all the way to the bottom. Cut along the lines up to the horizontal line to fringe. Use the 1/2" strip to glue the tail around the small end of the tube; it should make it half way around. Repeat this step and glue the second side of the tail to the rest of the small end of the tube.

Step 6: Cut two 5x3" top fin pieces and draw details with markers. Glue the fins together, leaving 1/2" strips at the bottom unglued. Bend the 1/2" strips out and glue the fin to the top of the fish.

Step 7: Cut out 75 to 100 ovals and outline with a black Sharpie if desired. The ovals on the green example fish are 1 x 1-1/2"; it took about 80 to cover the body. Start at the tail and glue ovals onto the fish body in a scale pattern, overlapping as you move toward the head. To simplify this step, you can use Sharpies or fabric markers to draw scales on the fish.

Step 8: Cut two 3x5" bottom fins. Add details with markers and glue one to each side of the fish, underneath and behind the jaw.

Step 9: Cut three 12" lengths of string. Thread a needle with one length and poke through the top of the head from the inside of the mouth and knot. Repeat with the other two lengths, poking through on the left and right sides where the jaw and head overlap. Tie the three lengths together approximately 4" from the fish mouth and

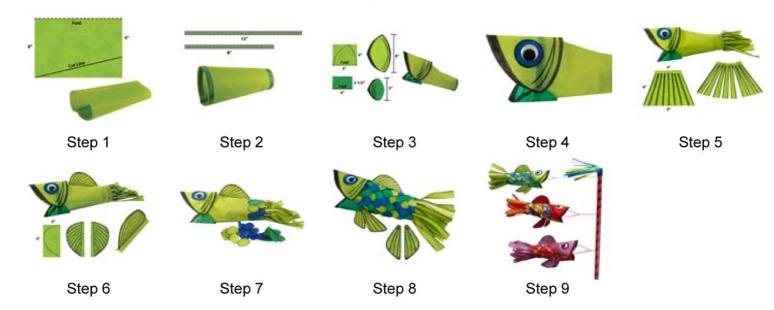


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Products Used:

Creativity Street Jumbo Wiggle Eyes - Black (C-344502)

Surebonder Cool Shot Mini Glue Gun - Glue Sticks: 15-Count (SUR-CS15)

Surebonder Cool Shot Mini Glue Gun - Glue Gun (SUR-KD160F)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Cherry Pop (FFP-10472)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Orange Crush (FFP-10473)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Bubble Gum (FFP-10474)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Lemon Drop (FFP-10475)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Kiwi Light Green (FFP-10477)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Clover Green (FFP-10478)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Sky Blue (FFP-10479)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Blueberry (FFP-10480)

Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Jelly Purple (FFP-10483)

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Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Black (FFP-10484)

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Oly-Fun Craft Fabric - Hot Fudge (FFP-10488)

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