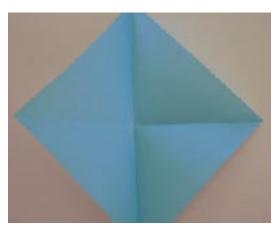
Origami Carp Kite (Koinobori)

Japanese families fly colourful carp kites and banners outside their homes on Chldren's Day every year, and the kids fly real carp kites too. Make your own decorative version with origami! You could decorate your carp kites with sequins, glitter or stickers too.





1. With the coloured side of your paper up, fold in half on both diagonals and open up again.



2. Fold one corner into the centre point, and unfold.



3. Now fold that same corner to meet the crease line you just made.



4. Refold on the original crease line.

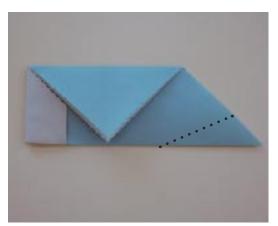


5. Flip over.



6. Bring the bottom corner up to the top corner to fold the model in half.

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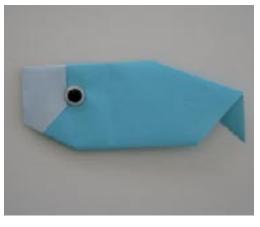
7. Fold the top points down to the bottom edge. Now form the tail by folding the right point up along the dotted line.



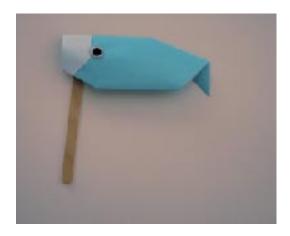
8. Your model should look like this.



9. Finally, make a small crease as shown. Although this should hold everything together, you might want to put some small dabs of glue stick under the flaps to keep them secure.



10. Flip over again, add an eye, and decorate as you wish!





11. We stuck one of our carp kites onto a lolly stick (popsicle stick) and used it to decorate a plant!

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