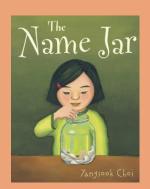
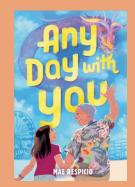
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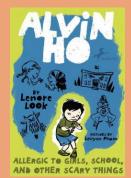
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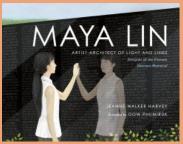
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Any Day With You by Mae Respicio



Alvin Ho (Series) by Lenore Look



*Maya Lin*by Jeanne Walker Harver



Koinobori Windsock

- · Color the koinobori template
- Cut out the template
- Use a hole punch to create two holes
- String yarn through the holes
- Attach to a pole or stick

Each year on May 5, Japanese families fly kites in celebration of Kodomo-no-hi, or Boys' Day. Koinobori, colorful carp-shaped streamers, are displayed outside family homes during this 500-year-old festival.

Although the festival has come to be known as the Children's Festival, contemporary Japanese people continue to recognize the day as a special celebration of boyhood. (Girls' Day,though not a national holiday, is celebrated in March.)

Koinobori are fashioned after the carp, a fish that symbolizes courage, power, and determination because it swims against the current. The carp represents the strength and courage children will need in their own lives.

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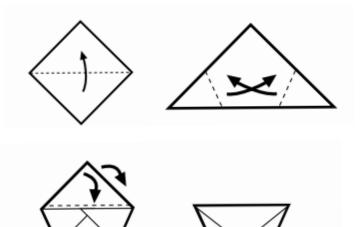
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Origami Teacup

Make a teacup using the Japanese art of paper folding called origami. Follow the directions below for folding the square.

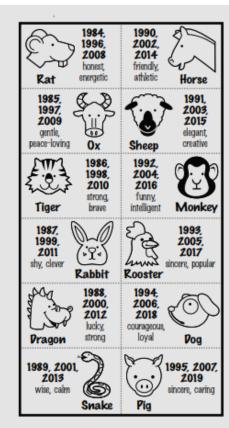


In Other Words...

Origami, translated from Japanese, means "folding" (ori) "paper" (gami). Asian Pacific countries have given us many useful and interesting words.

- Ketchup: from kicap, meaning "fish sauce" (Malay-Malaysia and Indoneisa)
- **Chow**: means "food, miscellany" (Cantonese-Southern China, Hong Kong)
- Kung fu: means "skill, art" (Mandarin-Beijing, China)
- **Boondocks**: From bundok, meaning "mountain" (Tagalog-Northern Philippines)
- *Ukulele:* A small guitar, from words meaning "flea jumping" (Hawaii)

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The Chinese calendar is based on cycles of twelve years, with each year named after an animal. It is said that a person has certain traits of the animal he or she was born under.