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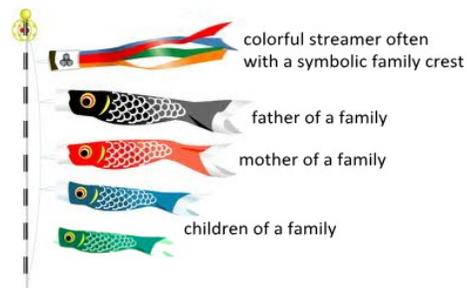
## Koinobori “Carp-Streamer”

“Koinobori” is a combination of 2 words, Koi meaning carp and Nobori meaning banner. The banner takes the shape of carp with its mouth open, which is then attached to a pole or hung. In Japanese culture May 5<sup>th</sup> represents children’s day so from April to early May Koinobori are found covering Japan. Carp have the ability to swim against currents up streams and waterfalls thus are seen as strong and courageous. Koi have become a symbol of empowerment for children. Koinobori are traditionally made out of woven fabrics or paper and hung out to flutter in the wind.

In this activity students will make their own paper Koinobori and add attachments to hang it outdoors to fly as it was meant to.



### TYPICAL PATTERN TO SET UP KOINOBORI

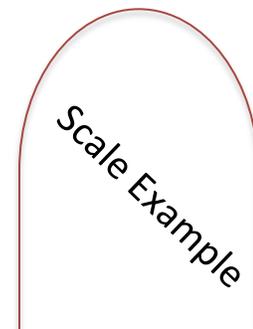


### Materials:

- 8x10 (or bigger) construction paper
- Party tissue paper or any paper of various colors
- Glue
- String
- Hole puncher
- Paint Brush

### Instructions:

- 1) Cut the different colored paper in the shape of scales
- 2) Lay out the 8x10 piece of construction paper horizontally
- 3) Using the paint brush, brush a line of glue at the bottom of your paper
- 4) Paste a row of scaled at the bottom and work your way up
- 5) Overlap each row to give it a “fish scale” effect
- 6) Cover  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the page in scales
- 7) Cut a strip of paper  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick and the length of your fish



- 8) Glue strip of paper where your last row of scales is to create a separation of the head and body
  - 9) Cut out two circles for the eyes glue them in the empty space
  - 10) Optional: You can glue streamers on the backside of your paper
  - 11) Roll your paper (scales out) and connect the edges with glue, staples, or tape
  - 12) Make two holes on the sides of your carp
  - 13) Connect string through the holes and hang
- \*Challenge: Draw, Color, and cutout your own Realistic Koi to hang\*

