

Online Origami Lesson

Introduction (Why Origami?):

Origami is a big component of East Asian and especially Japanese culture. Many origami designs hold cultural values, some being traditional weapons, others being cultural symbols (paper crane, sakura flower). For participants, origami is a fun, easy, and hands-on way to understand East Asian culture. Additionally, many origami turn out to be fun toys or beautiful household decorations.

General Outline:

Target Audience: Young Kids (Grades 4-8) in Wallingford.

Duration: 60 Minutes

Goal: To bring both collaborative fun and East Asian culture to Wallingford. Also, to show younger kids a way to practice patience and concentration.

Format: Interactive discussions and lessons facilitated by older members of the Big Duck.

Location: Zoom room provided by The Big Duck or the Wallingford Public Library

Date/Time: Oct 3rd 2020 10:00AM EST

Plan:

Icebreaker (5 mins)

Origamis to Cover (1 hr):

1. Shuriken



Cultural Significance: a traditional Japanese weapon

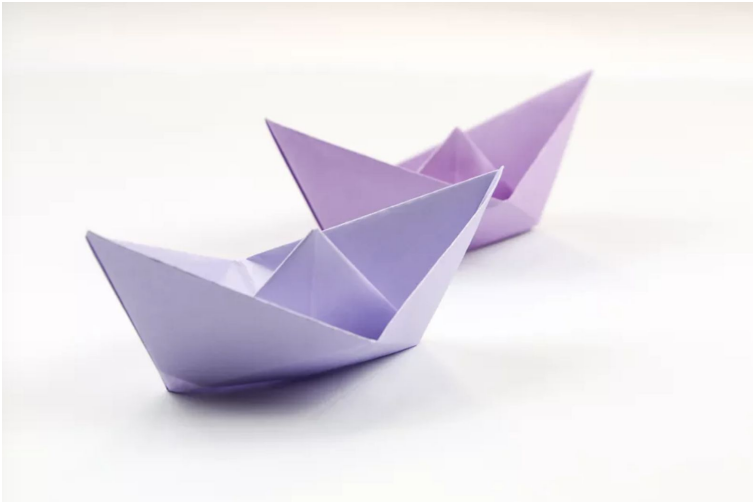
Difficulty: Easy-Medium

Estimated Duration: 15-20 minutes

Interesting Point: playable toy

[Tutorial \(web link\)](#)

2. **Small Boat**



Cultural Significance: a traditional East Asian boat

Difficulty: Easy

Estimated Duration: 10-15 minutes

Interesting Point: playable toy/ decoration

[Tutorial \(web link\)](#)

3. **Sakura Flower** (if time allows)



Cultural Significance: a Japanese cultural symbol

Difficulty: Easy-Medium

Estimated Duration: 15-20 minutes

Interesting Point: decoration

[Tutorial \(video link\)](#)

4. Koi Fish (if time allows)



Cultural Significance: a Japanese (also wider East Asian) cultural animal

Difficulty: Medium

Estimated Duration: 15-20 minutes

Interesting Point: decoration

[Tutorial \(video link\)](#)

Closing Statement/ Goodbye! (5 mins)

How to make this fun?

Advertising:

A way to appeal this to younger kids is to advertise this as a way to “become a ninja,” (origami Shuriken) or “experience Japan.” Additionally, this is a way to “travel” safely without having to leave home and to meet new friends from around the world.

Competition:

To make this origami-making session competitive between kids. We could offer a prize to the kid with the best origami at the end of the session. The prize could be a special feature on The Big Duck as material gifts are hard to manage.