



Shigaraki Tanuki

Tanuki statues produced according to the "Shigaraki ware" pottery style of Shigaraki City, Shiga Prefecture, are one of Japan's most well-known lucky charms. Believed to be bringers of commercial prosperity, they are often placed outside the entrance to shops. The standard tanuki has a good-natured face and a chubby, round body. He wears a braided hat and stands with his head slightly tilted, holding a traditional Japanese tokkuri (sake flask) and a promissory note (an unpaid bill) in his hands. Shigaraki ware tanuki are said to be the bearers of eight different positive traits. The tanuki's hat symbolizes protection from the elements, caution and awareness; the eyes represent looking at things with adequate attention and care; the face features a friendly, sincere smile; the belly symbolizes bold decisiveness; the tokkuri represents personal grace; the promissory note, trust; the money bag, economic fortune; and the tail suggests that true fortune comes from standing firmly and proudly. Also, the staff that a tanuki holds symbolizes the ability to keep from falling.



★ Assembly Instructions

- 1) Carefully cut out the parts.
- 2) Make mountain folds and valley folds along the dotted lines, as indicated by the directions.
- 3) Assemble the parts in the order shown by the numbers on the glue tabs. (Read the Explanation of Symbols for more information.)
- 4) Attach the parts in order. (Read the Explanation of Symbols for more information.)
- 5) Your Paper craft model is finished!

★ Tools

Scissors, glue (We recommend craft glue.)

★ Caution

Keep glue away from small children.
Be careful not to cut your fingers when using scissors.

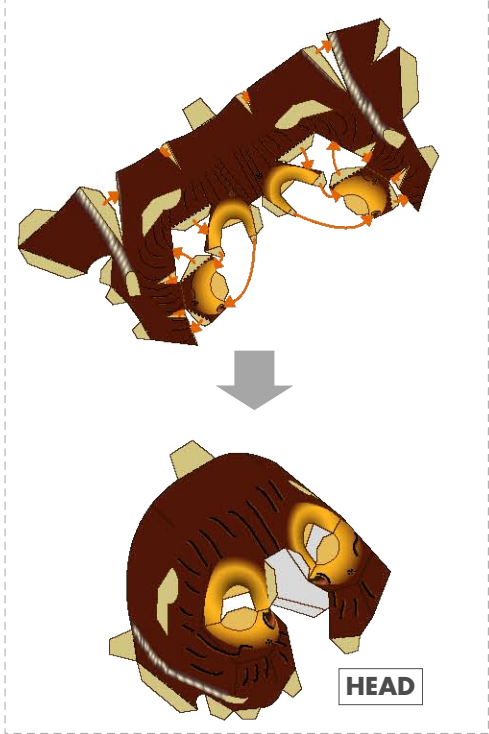
★ Explanation of Symbols.

△ Numbered glue tabs
Glue the parts together in the order indicated by the numbers.

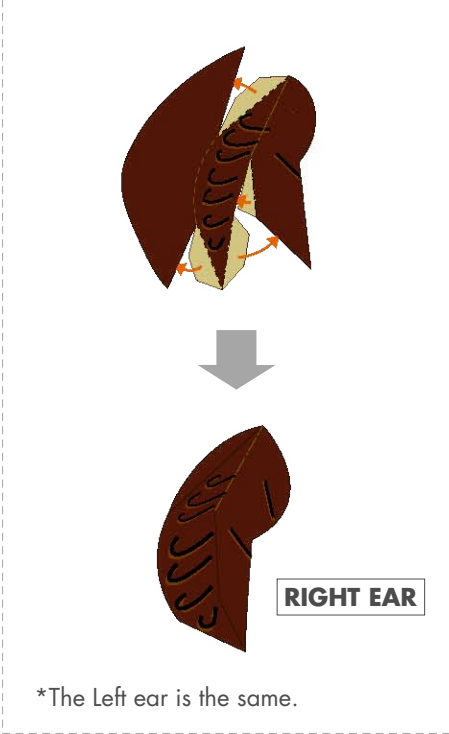
△ Glue tabs with symbols and part names.
These tabs are to be glued onto the matching parts, which name is indicated on the tab.

★ Assemble the head/the ears/the eyes/the nose/the jaw

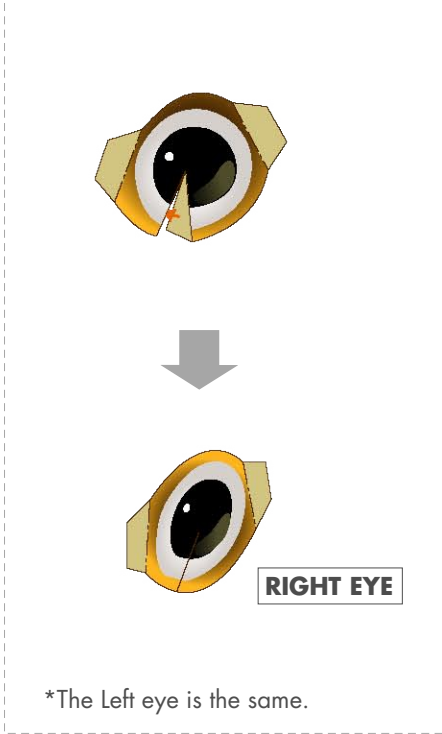
1 Head



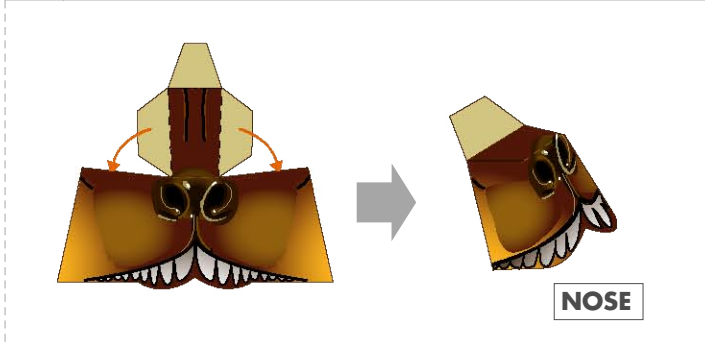
2 Ears



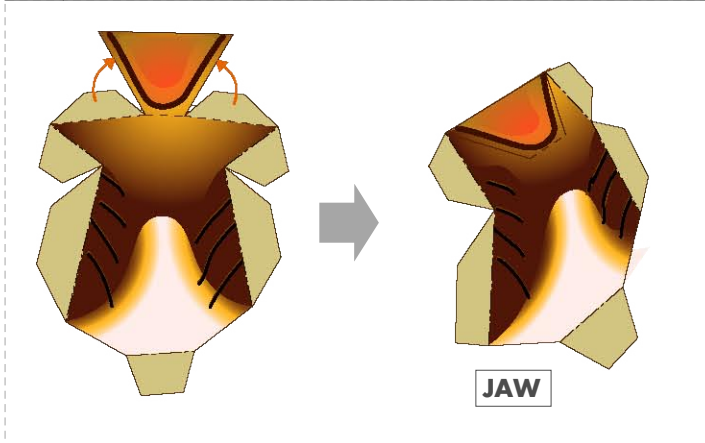
3 Eyes



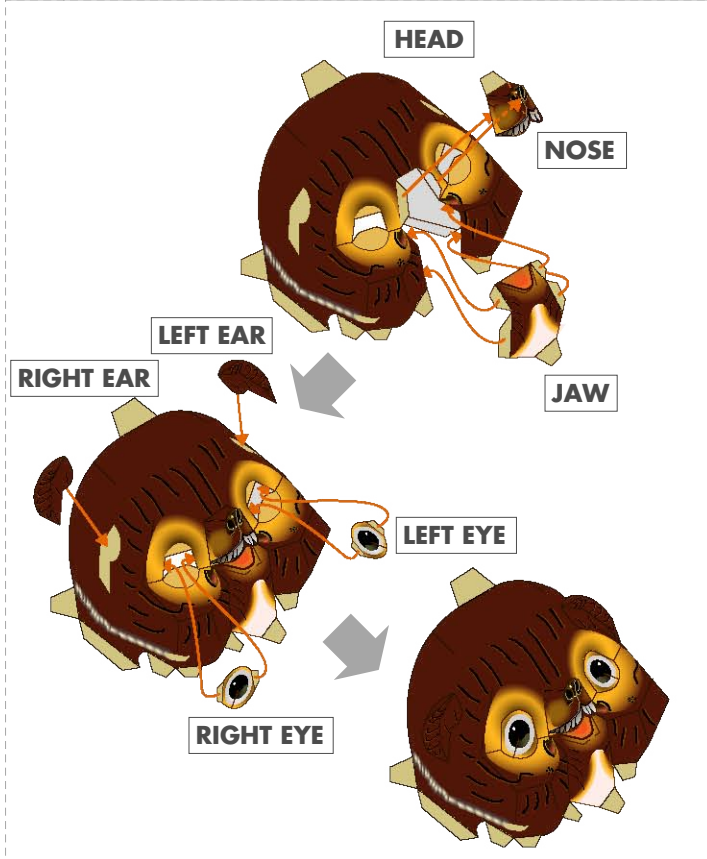
4 Nose



5 Jaw

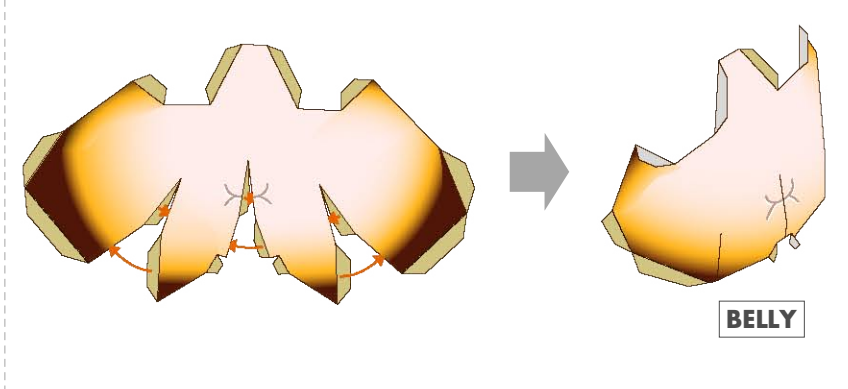


6 Glue the nose , the jaw , the ears and the eyes to the head

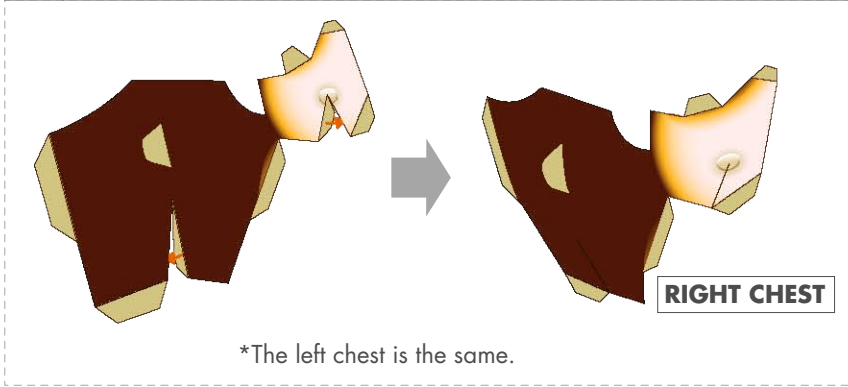


★ Assemble the belly/chest/body

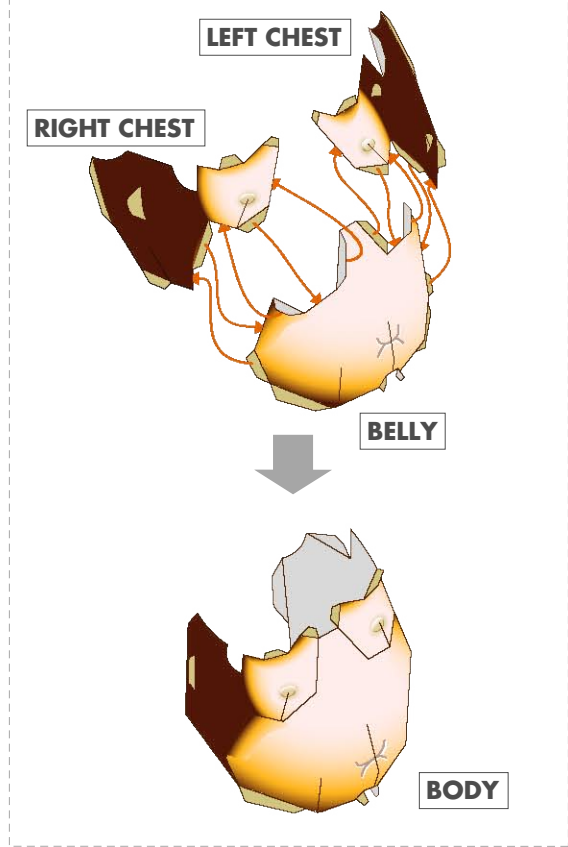
7 Belly



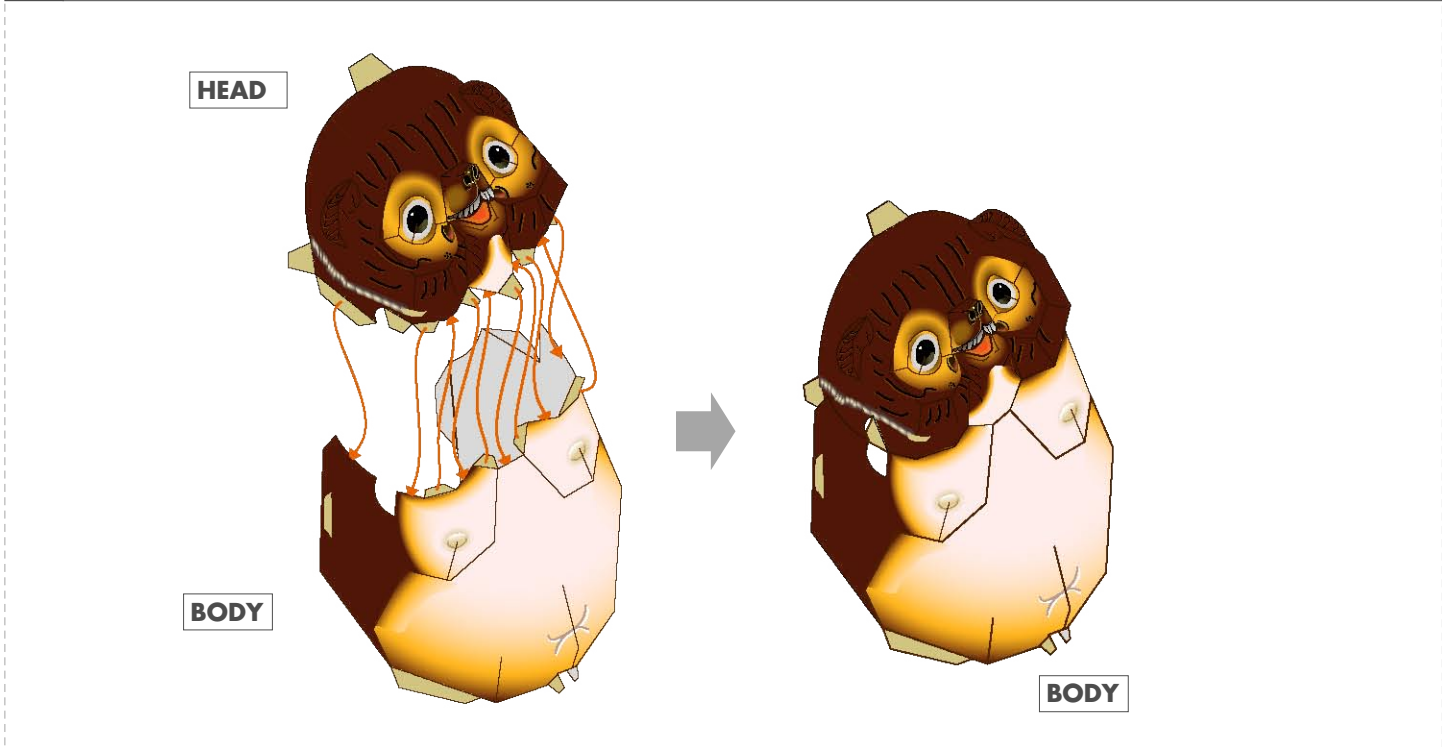
8 Chest(right/left)



9 Glue the belly to the chest(right/left)

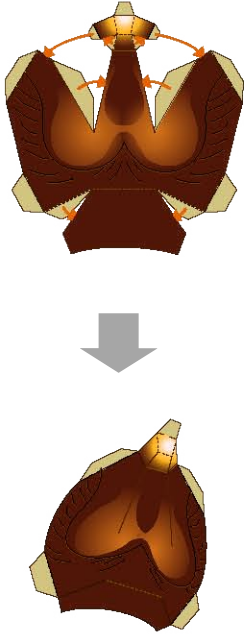


10 Glue the head to the body



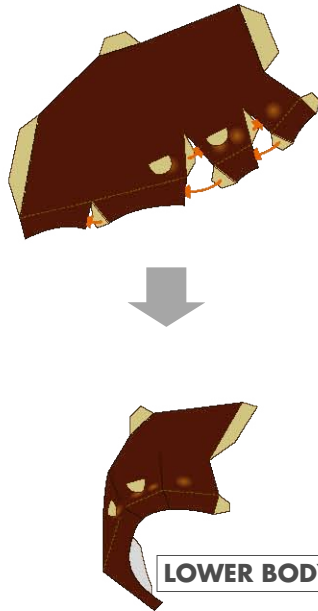
★ Assemble the lower body/tail

11 Lower body1



LOWER BODY 1

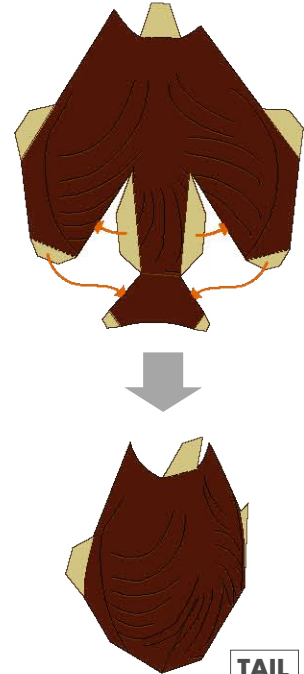
12 Lower body(2/3)



LOWER BODY 2

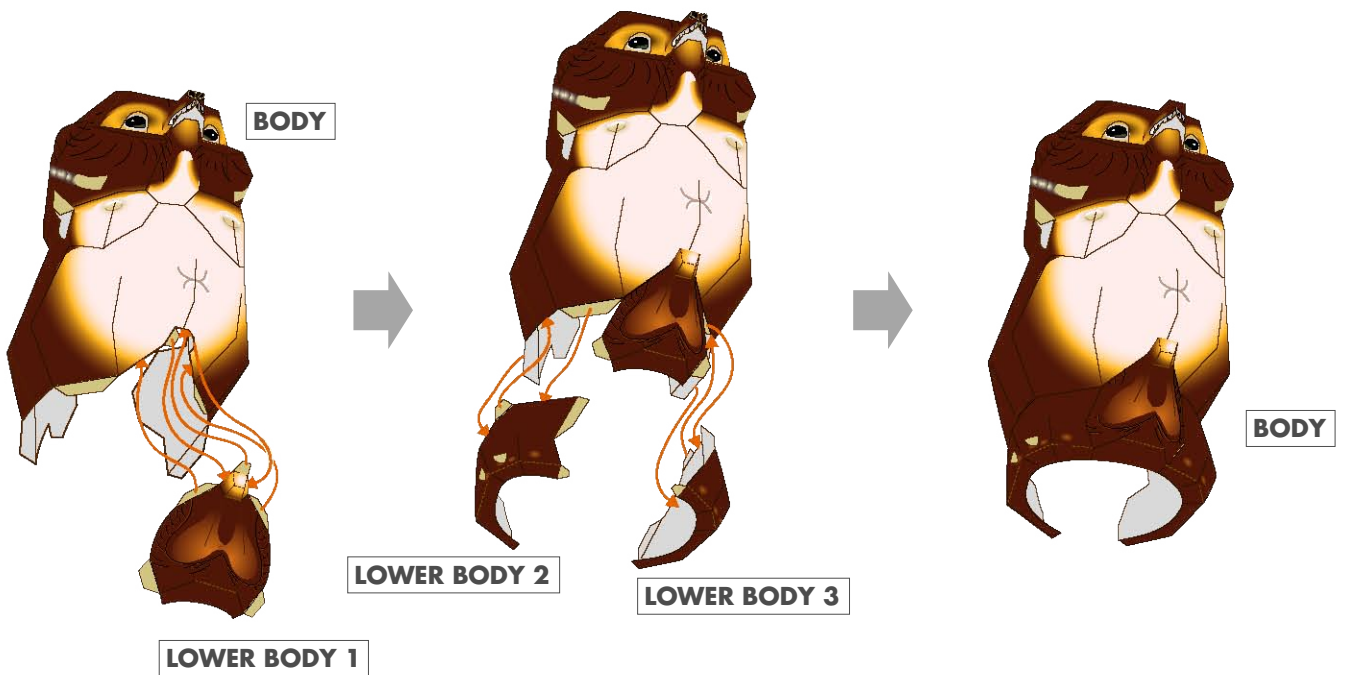
*Lower body 3 in the same.

13 Tail



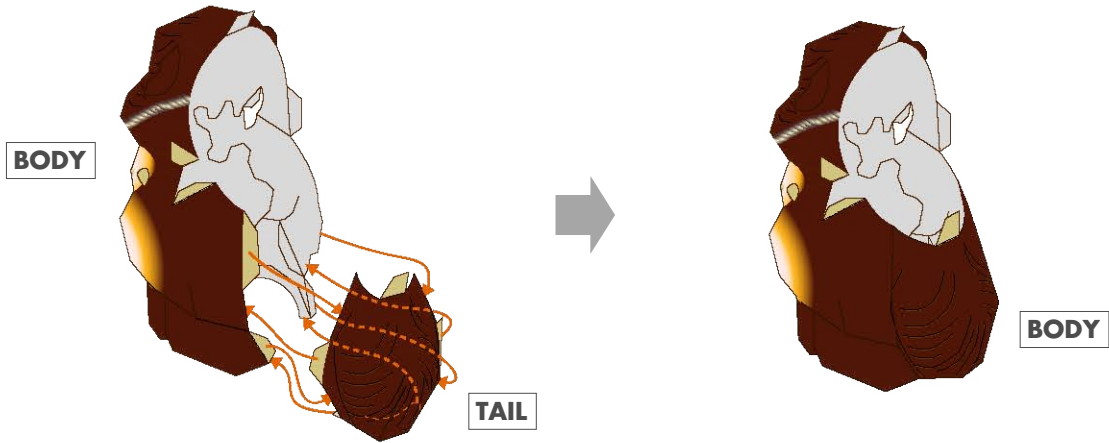
TAIL

14 Glue the body to the lower body

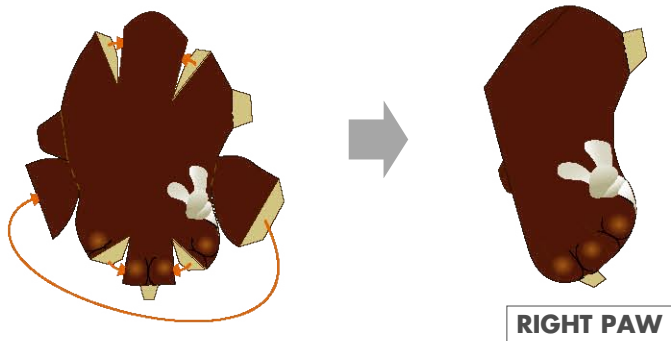


★ Assemble the body/right paw/promissory note

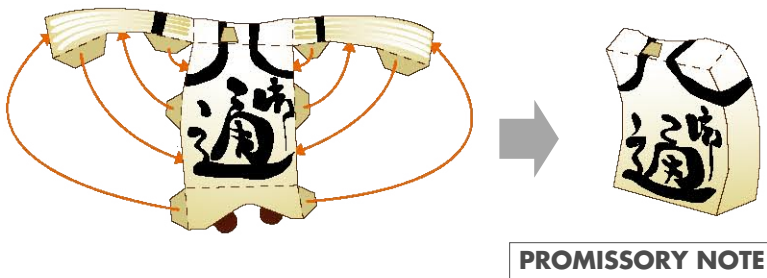
15 Glue the body to the tail



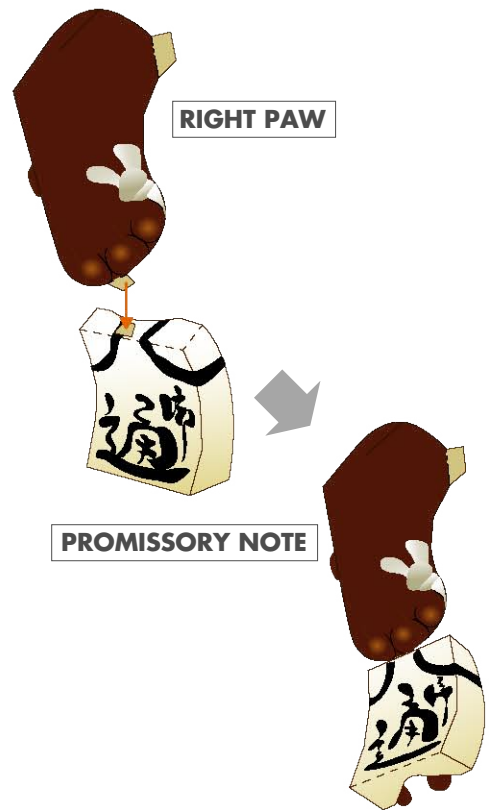
16 Right paw



17 Promissory note

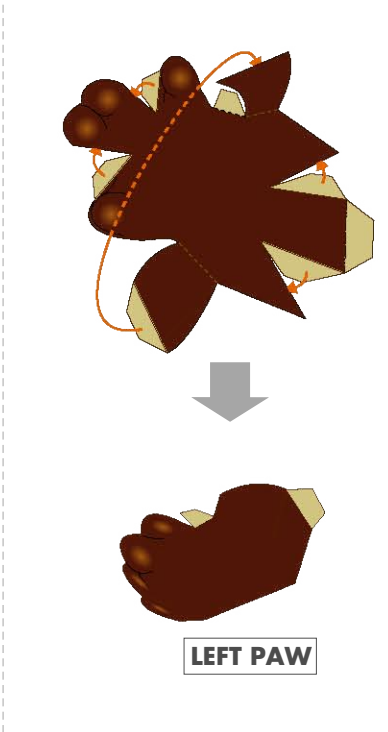


18 Glue the right paw to the promissory note

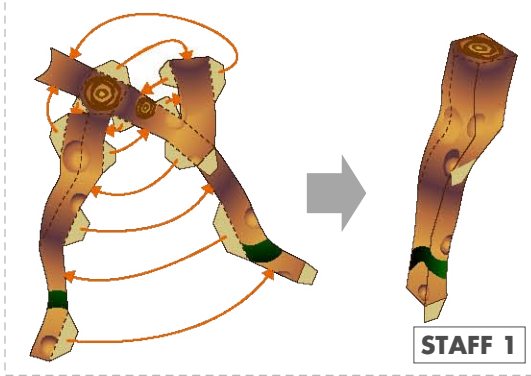


★ Assemble the left paw/staff/tokkuri

19 Left paw



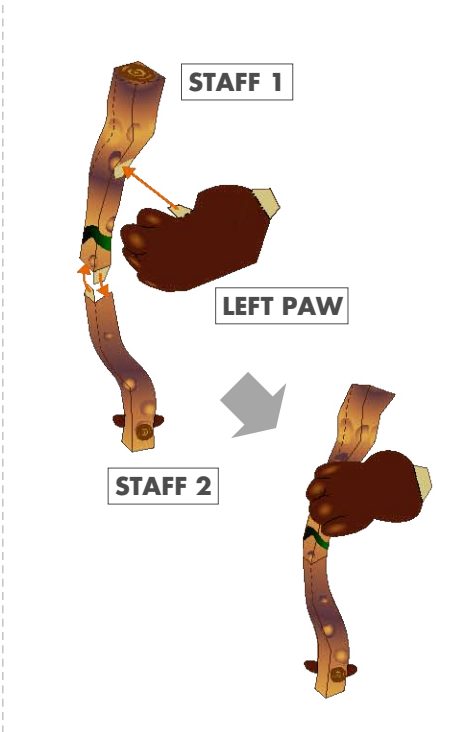
20 Staff1



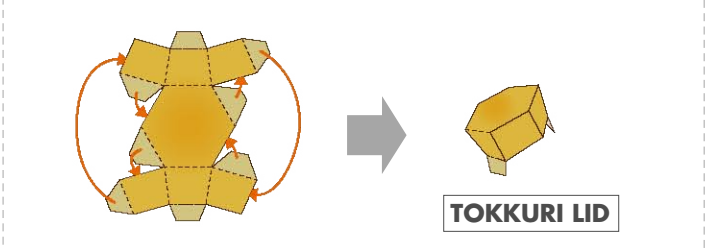
21 Staff2



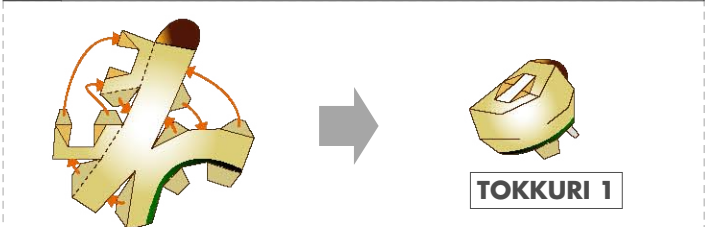
22 Glue the left paw to the staff(1/2)



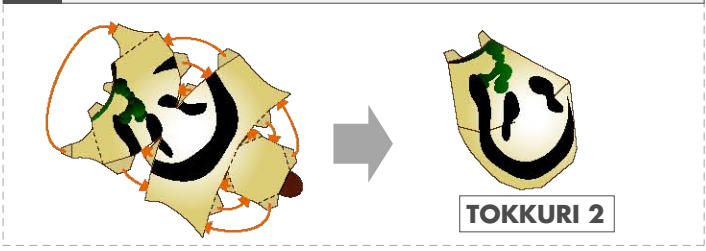
23 Tokkuri lid



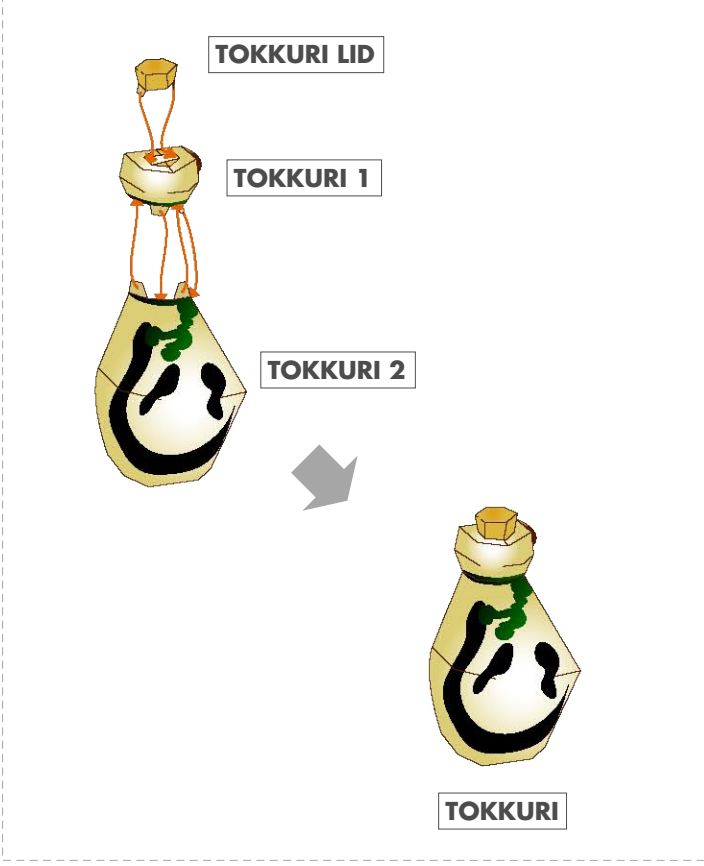
24 Tokkuri1



25 Tokkuri2

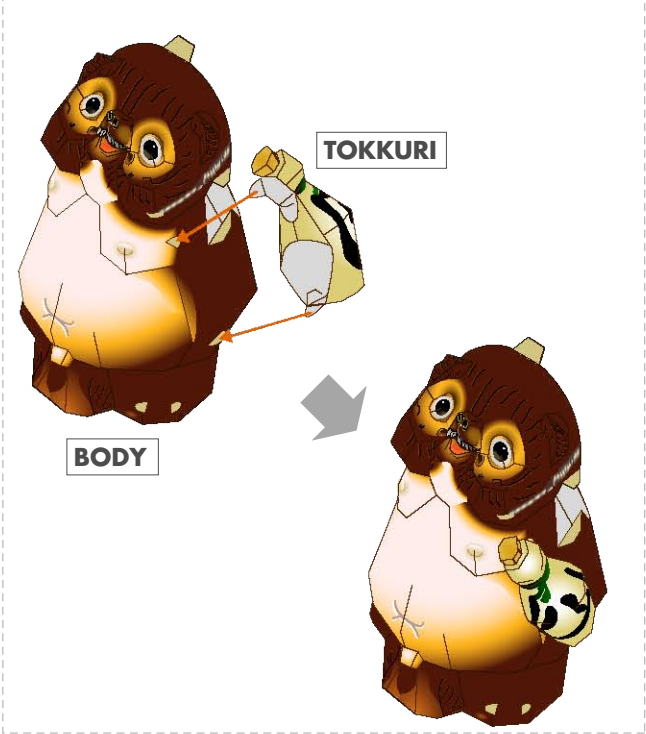


26 Glue the tokkuri lid to the tokkuri(1/2)

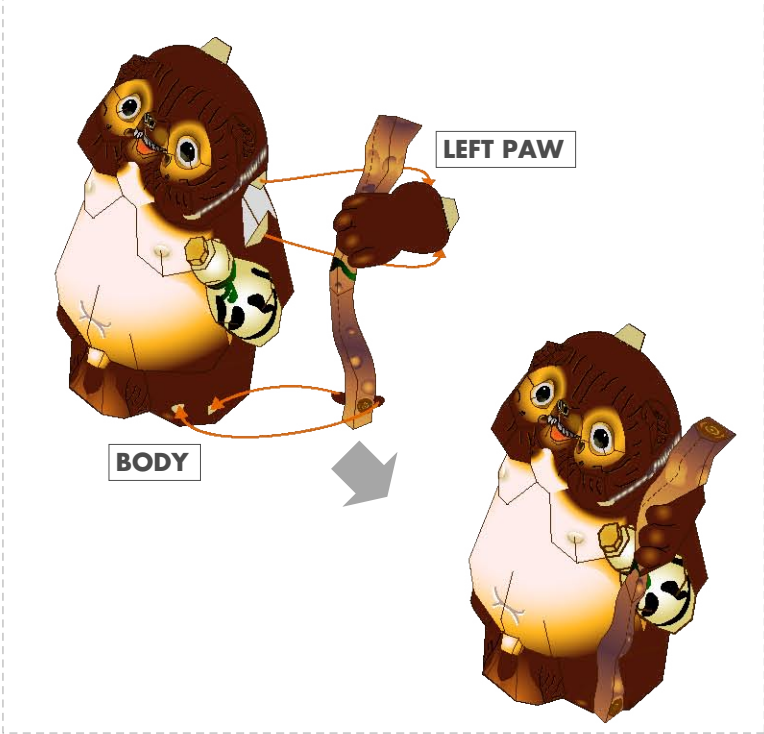


★ Complete assembly of the body

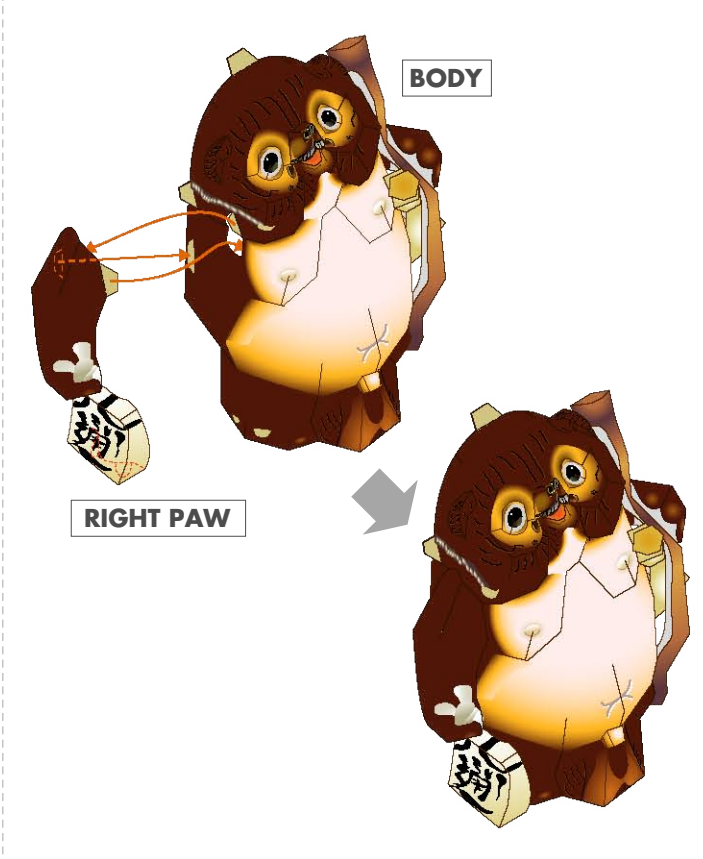
27 Glue the body to the tokkuri



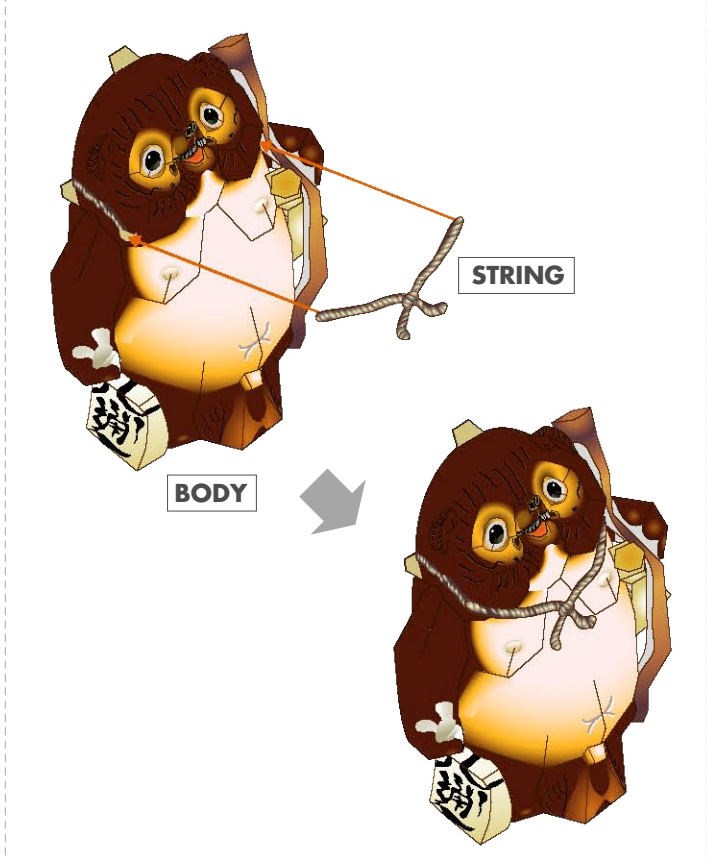
28 Glue the body to the left paw



29 Glue the body to the right paw



30 Glue the body to the string



★ Assemble the hat

31 Hat1

33 Hat3

32 Hat2

34 Hat4

35 Glue the hat1 to the hat2

*First, glue them together with the ♥ marks aligned.

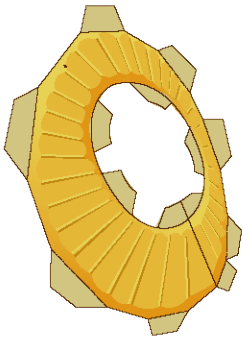
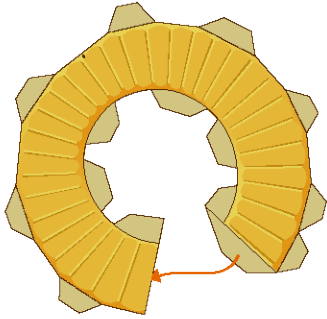
37 Glue the hatA to the hatB

36 Glue the hat3 to the hat4

*First, glue them together with the ♣ marks aligned.

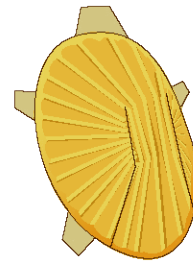
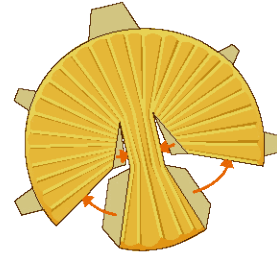
★ Assemble the hat

38 Hat5



HAT 5

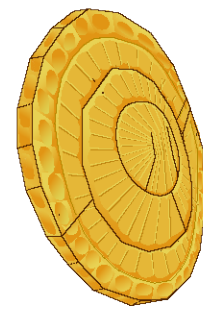
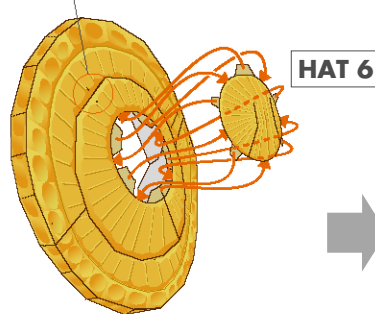
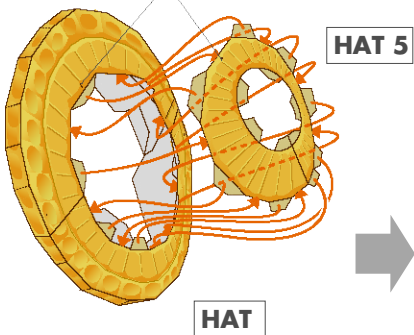
39 Hat6



HAT 6

40 Glue the hat to the hat(5/6)

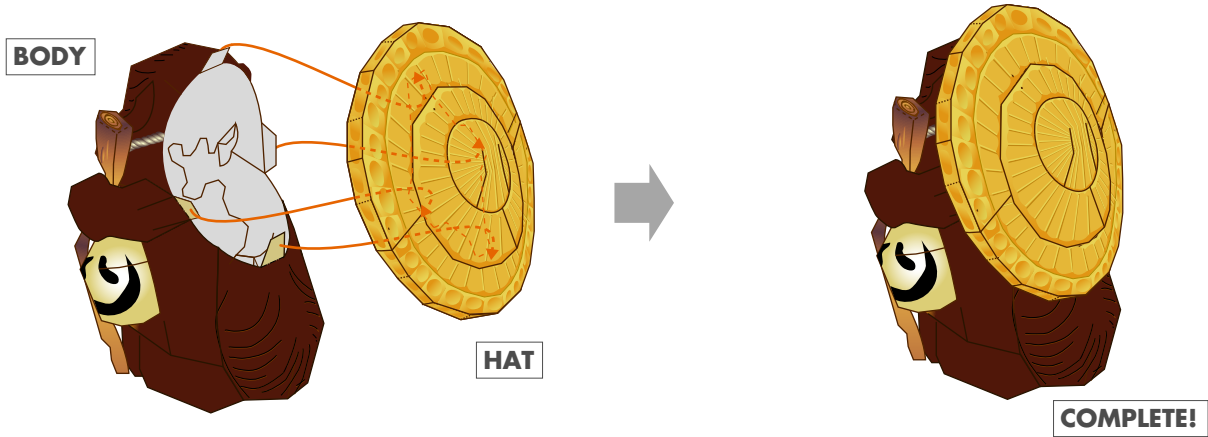
*Glue the hat together with the ♦ marks aligned.



HAT

★ Join the body and hat together; Completed tanuki

41 Glue the body to the hat



42 Complete!

