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JAPANESE CARP KITE

Carp kites (koinobori) are kites in the shape of carp fish, which are hung outside houses by families on Children's Day in Japan. In Japanese the carp (also known as koi) stands for strength and courage. The kites are in honor of children for a good future and in the hope that they will grow up healthy and strong.

This is a mini version of the flying carp.



Supplies needed:

- Toilet paper tube
- 36 circles of 2-4 different colors of paper (or stickers) ~ 1" in diameter (You can trace a quarter.) These are for the scales.
 - 1 smaller white circle (Trace a dime.) - for the eye
- 6 strips of paper different colors ~ 11"x1/2" - for the tail
 - String or ribbon ~16" long
 - Stick
 - Tape and/or glue
 - Black marker

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SCALES

To make the scales of the fish, mix up the colors of circles. Cover the toilet paper tube by taping or gluing on the colored circles. It will be 6 rows of 6 circles. Start at the bottom of the tube. This first row should overhang a little over the edge. The circles will slightly overlap. The next row up is shifted to the right so the circles are not lined up with the first row, but it does overlap the first row a little. The third row up is lined up with the first row, etc.

The 6th and top row is folded over the top edge and taped on the inside.

TAIL

Fold the strips of paper in half and attach along the inside of the lower edge of the tube so the loose ends dangle out.

EYE

With a black marker draw a small black dot near one edge of the white circle and attach the eye on the outside near the top edge of the fish.

FINISH

Tie the string onto the stick. Each end of the string is then attached to the inside of the top of the tube on opposite sides.

GREAT JOB !!

