

Rare Animals of Japan

Vol.3 Blakiston's Fish Owl

Assembly Instructions



Thank you for downloading this paper craft model of the Blakiston's Fish Owl. By matching the names and numbered parts in the instructions, you and your family can complete a paper craft model of this rare and adorable animal.

- Assembly instructions: Seven A4-sized sheets.
- Paper craft: Four A4-sized sheets with 18 parts in all

These instructions apply only to the "Blakiston's Fish Owl".

These Paper Craft parts are easier to work with when printed out on strong, thick paper (like postcard stock).

*In creating these Paper Craft models we use 135kg Kent paper stock (0.18mm).

To begin

Tools and materials needed

-Ruler -scissors - blade cutter or "Exacto-knife" - awl or other pointed tool (for making a folding crease) - felt pen - pin set - glue - hand towel (for cleaning your fingers) dictionary or other heavy book (to press the papers flat)

Items of Caution—

- *Take care when using sharp or pointed objects or when using bladed cutting tools. Place a heavy sheet of paper under the paper you want to cut.
- *Use glue and other adhesives only in well-ventilated areas.
- *When printing, use a slightly reduced font size as there may be differences in dimensions depending on the type of printer used.

How to assemble

- *Follow the working method and markings carefully.
- *Cut carefully along the outter line with a cutting blade, Exacto-knife or scissors.

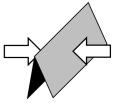
One - point Advice

- *Cut carefully with a cutting blade, Exacto-knife or scissors.
- *For folding parts, first use an awl or other pointed tool to make a light crease along the dotted or solid line. This will make the folds straight. Avoid making strong creases, as this will cause the paper to tear.
- *As an adhesive, white wood glue is recommended. Avoid over application as this will cause the paper to wrinkle.
- *Before beginning assembly, test adhesive amounts on extra paper.
- *Occasionally, white spots will be apparent on folds and cuts. Use a marker or pencil to fill in these spots. It is recommended that this be done after each stage of assembly because coloring becomes more difficult once parts are assembled.

Basic working method and markings

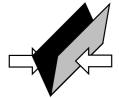
Solid lines

Fold along these lines. The printed surface should be on the outside of the folded shape.



— — — Broken lines

Fold along these lines. The printed surface should be on the inside of the folded shape.



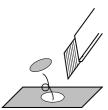
= Dotted line

Cut along these lines





Cut out parts marked with an asterisk(*).



Indication of Working Methods

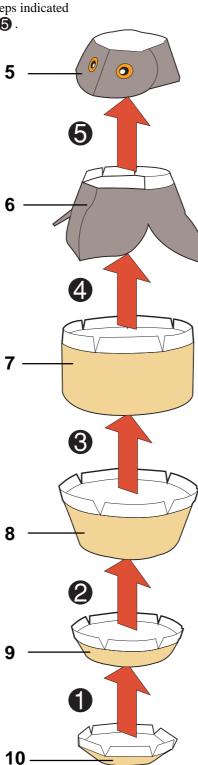




Instructions for Owl

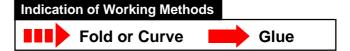
1. Body

Glue the completed parts 5 through 10 to one another following the order of steps indicated by the black circles 1 through 5.



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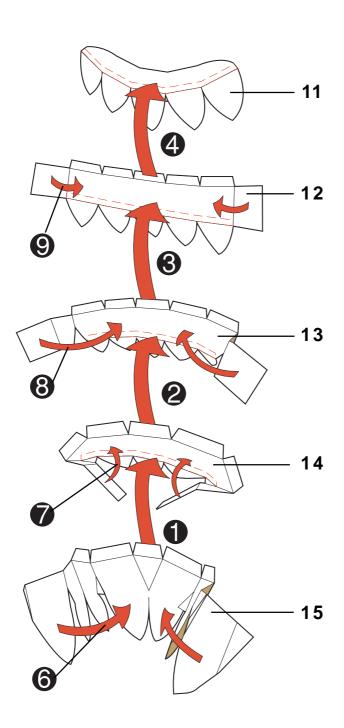




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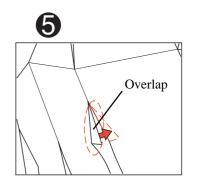
2. Wings Fold each relevant part according to the assembly symbols.

Assemble parts 11 through 15 by gluing them according to steps **1** through **9**.

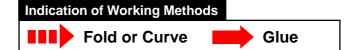


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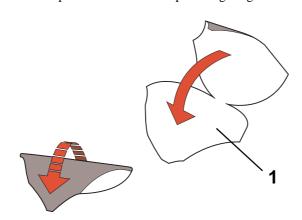


Glue the tab as shown in the diagram.

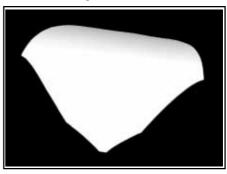


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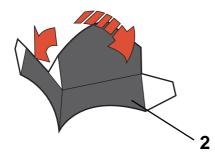
3. Ear Coverts Fold each relevant part according to the assembly symbols. Bend the ear covert piece into a round shape after gluing.



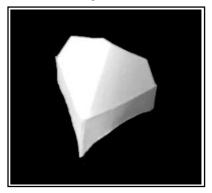
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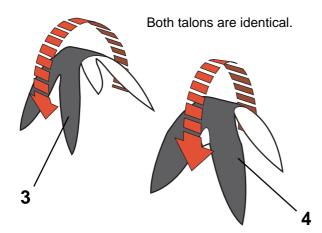
4. Beak Fold each relevant part according to the assembly symbols. Bend the ear covert piece into a round shape after gluing.



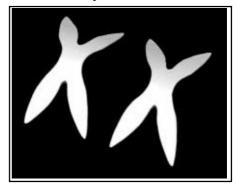
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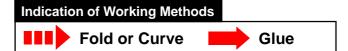
5. Talons Fold each relevant part according to the assembly symbols.

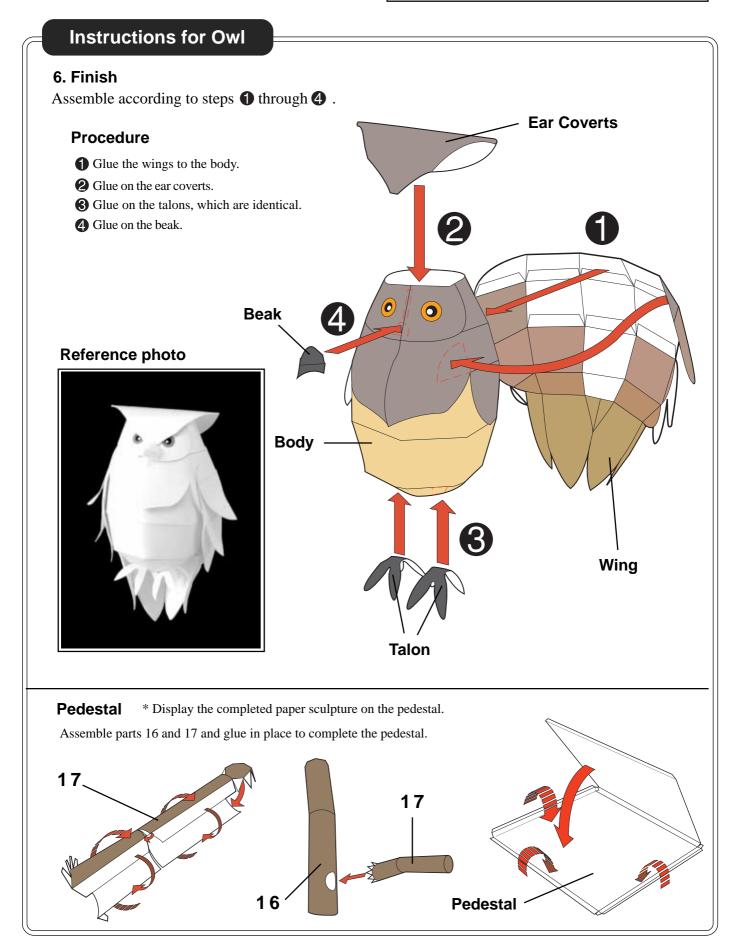


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Here are pictures of the completed models. Please refer to them for assembling and painting.



Colored Blakiston's Fish Owl



Uncolored Blakiston's Fish Owl

Sculpture with special paper texture clearly visible



Rare Animals of Japan - Blakiston's Fish Owl

Blakiston's Fish Owl, belonging to the fish owl family, is Japan's largest owl, with a wingspan reaching 180 centimeters (72 inches). Its body is covered with a thick feather coat enabling it to inhabit the central and eastern regions of Hokkaido, where the temperature can plunge to -30 degrees Celsius (-22 degrees Fahrenheit). Approximately only one hundred of the owls exist due to deforestation and a decrease of fish. Recently, various steps to preserve Blakiston's Fish Owl have been taken, such as the drilling of new tree holes and placement of nesting boxes in forests, as well as artificial raising and breeding.