



MANEKI NEKO (Lucky cat)

Beckoning for money

Maneki-neko, or "beckoning cat", is a widely recognizable figure beloved in Japan as a lucky cat that beckons for good fortune. Most people in Japan use similar gestures to motion someone over, by waving their fingers and hands up and down with their palms facing down.

There are various theories about the origin of Maneki-neko, and even today no one is certain which explanation is correct. Maneki-neko is believed to have originated towards the end of the Edo Period (1603-1867) and eventually developed into the decorative ornament it is today. Folklore has it that the raised hand of the Maneki-neko has a special meaning. The raised right hand is believed to attract wealth, and the figurines are indeed often displayed in many households as well as shops. The Maneki-neko also holds in its hand a koban (a gold coin used during Edo Period) inscribed with aspirations of hope such as "Senmanryo" (meaning ten million golden coins) and "Kaiun" (meaning better fortune). In fact, it is only over the past few decades (since around the late 1940's) that the Maneki-neko has begun to be seen holding a koban ; it is believed that what used to be a gold bell on its collar gradually evolved into the shape of a koban, better reflecting the everyday wishes of the common people.



★ 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.
Fold the folding lines before gluing.

★ Explanation of Symbols.



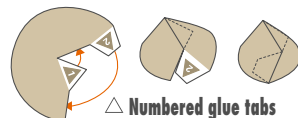
————— Cut line



- - - Mountain fold



- - - Valley fold



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



Arrows (⇔)

Do not glue these areas. Insert the part into its mating part, in the direction indicated by the arrow.



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

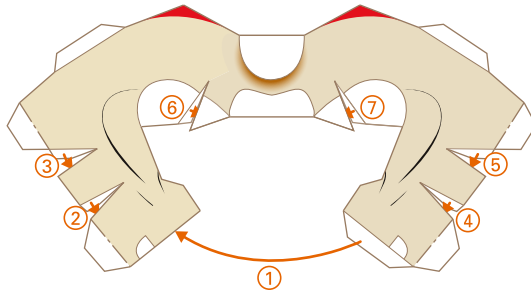


△ **Glue the tabs numbered on a white background.**
After gluing all the other tabs to their matching parts, glue these tabs in the order indicated by the numbers.

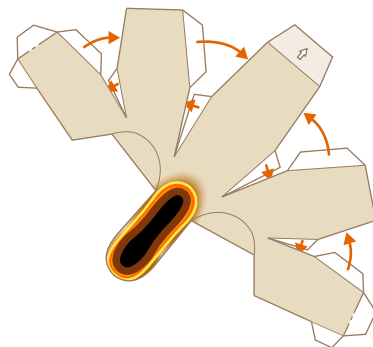
★ Build the HEAD, EAR and EYES

1 HEAD

HEAD (Front)



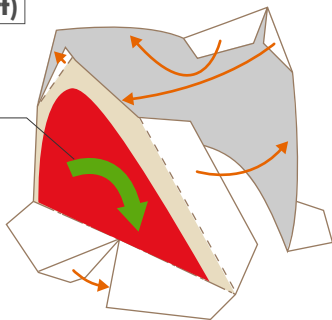
HEAD (Back)



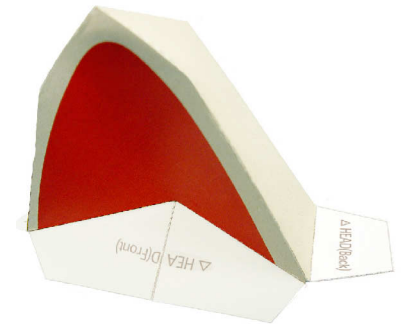
2 EARS

EAR (Left)

Bend so that the front is indented.



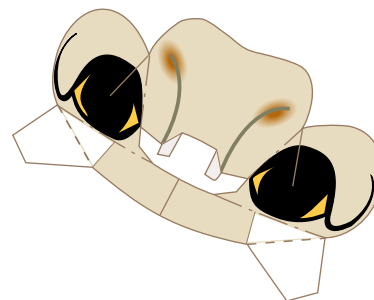
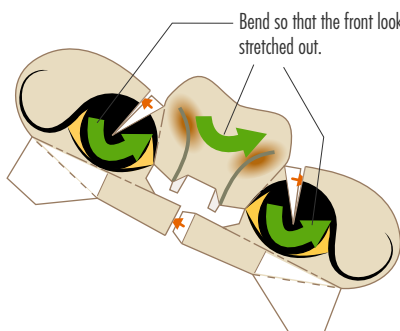
Build the EAR (Right) in the same manner.



3 EYES

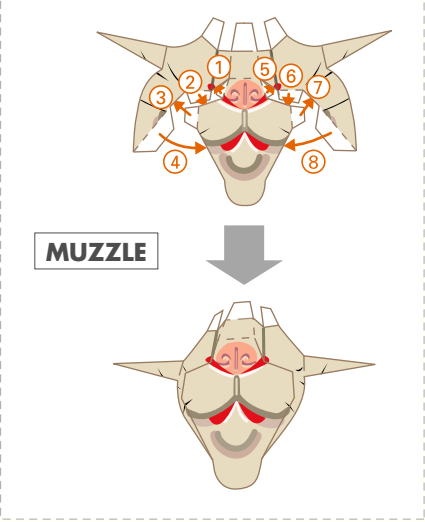
EYES

Bend so that the front looks stretched out.

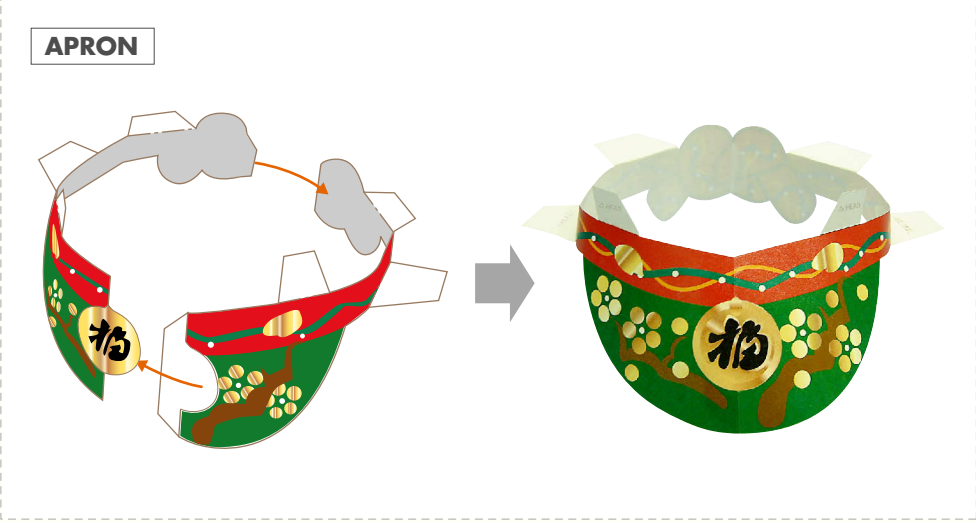


★ Build the MUZZLE, APRON, and the HEAD(1)

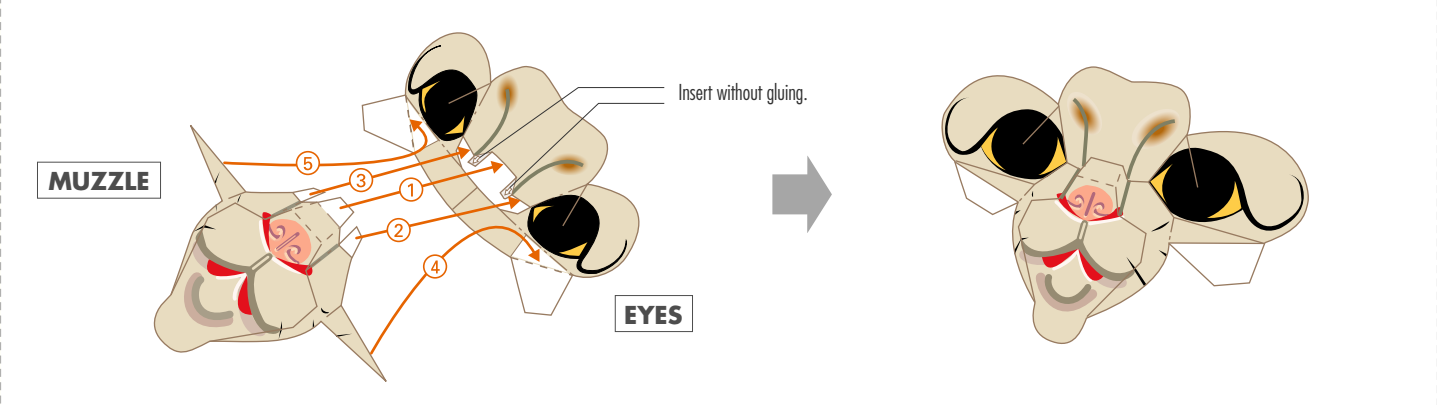
4 MUZZLE



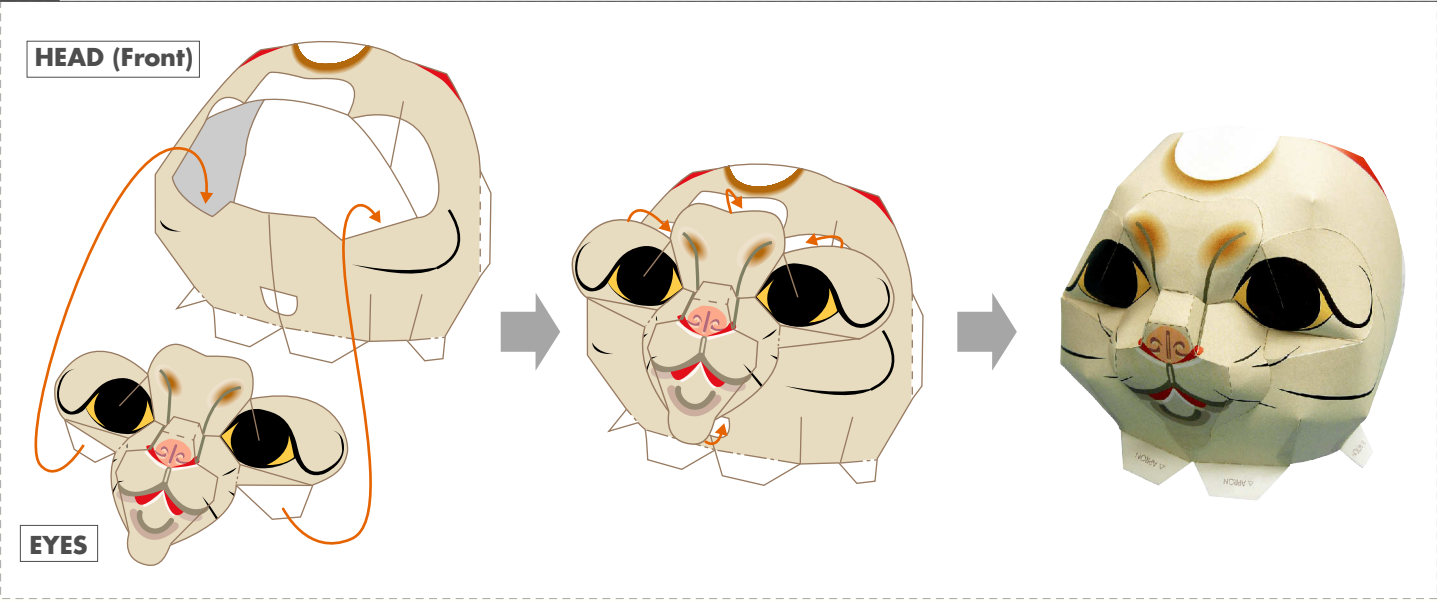
5 APRON



6 Glue the EYES, MUZZLE together

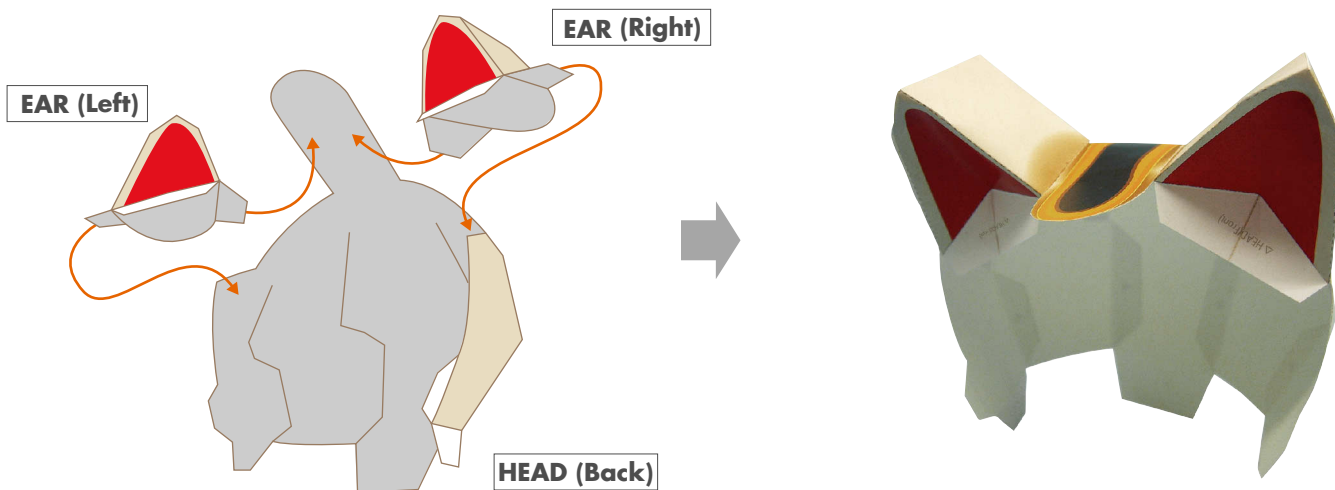


7 Glue the HEAD (Front), FACE together

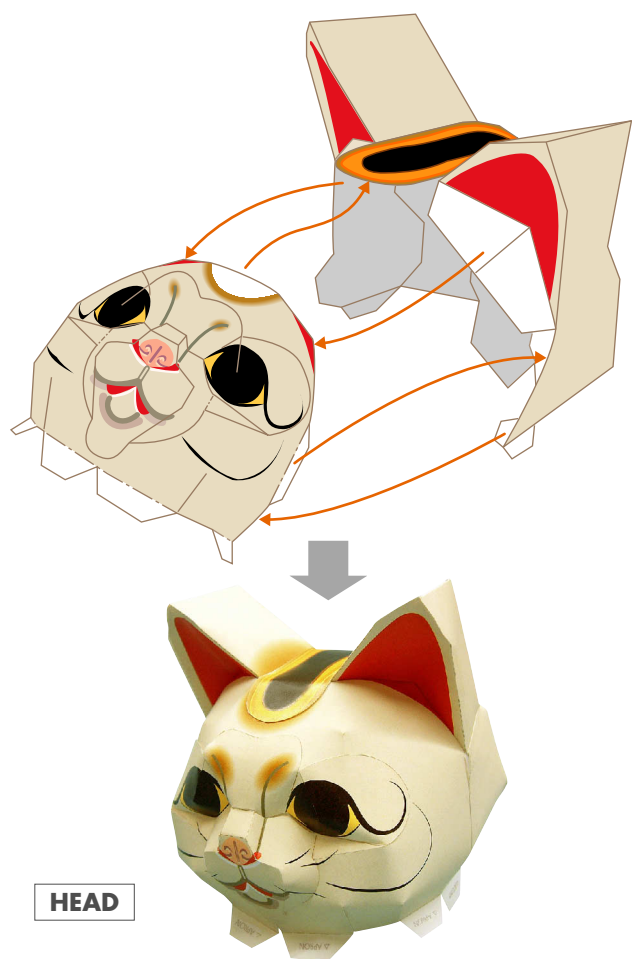


★ Build the HEAD (2)

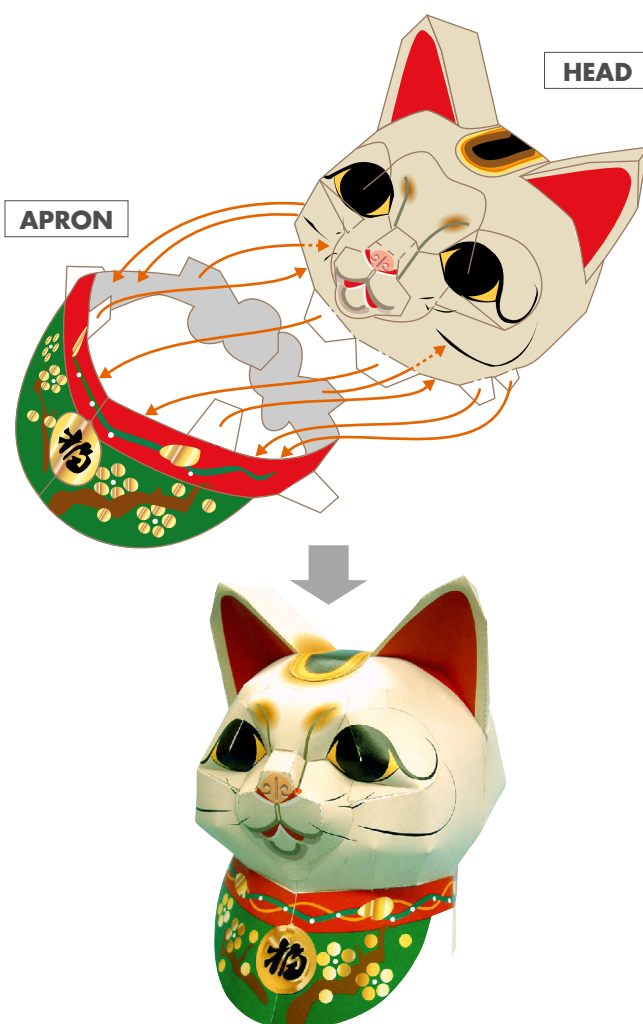
8 Glue the HEAD (Back), EARS together



9 Build the HEAD

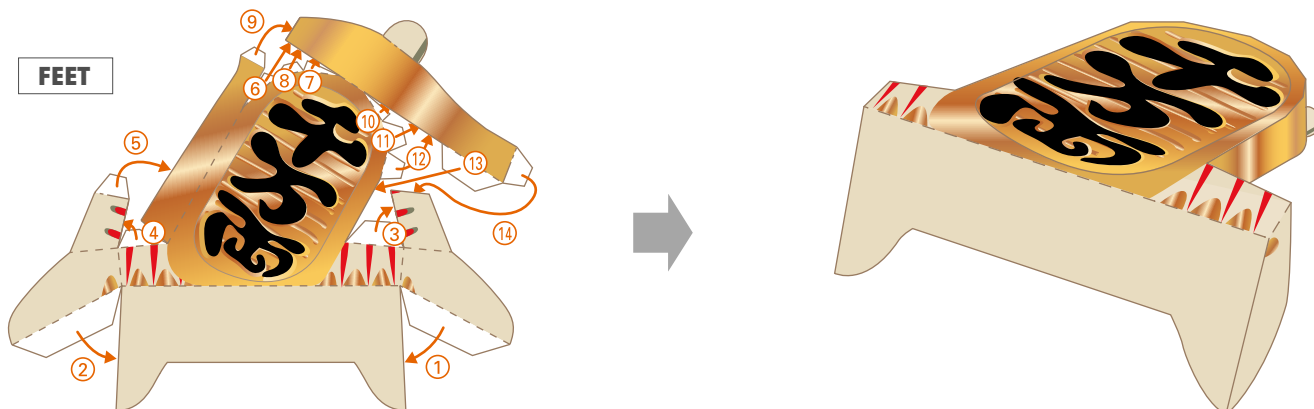


10 Glue the HEAD, APRON together

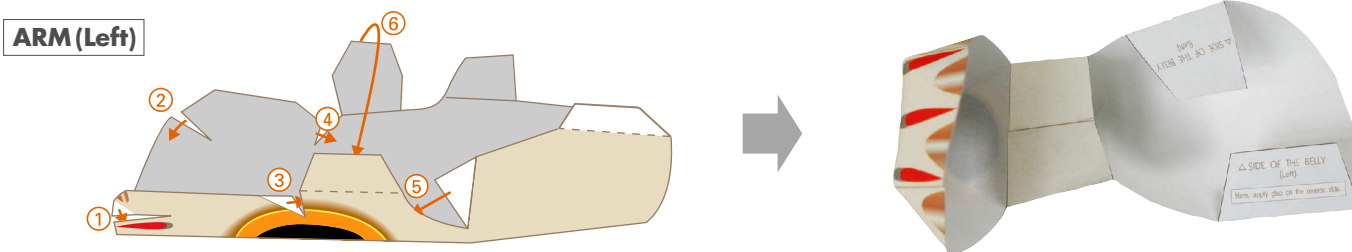


★ Build the FEET, ARM (Left) and ARM (Right)

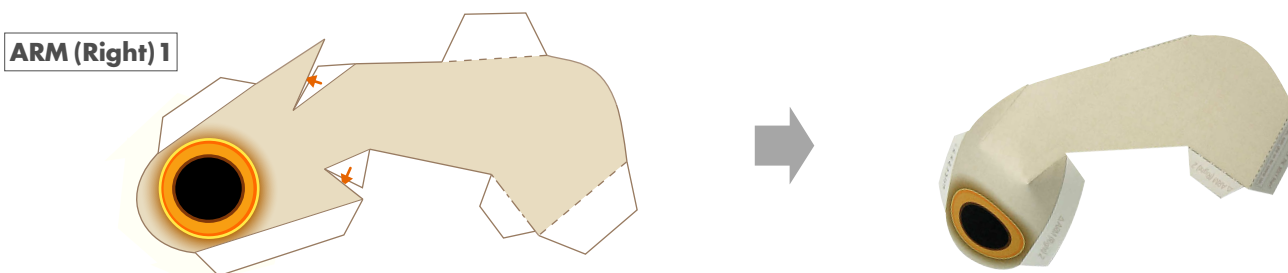
11 FEET



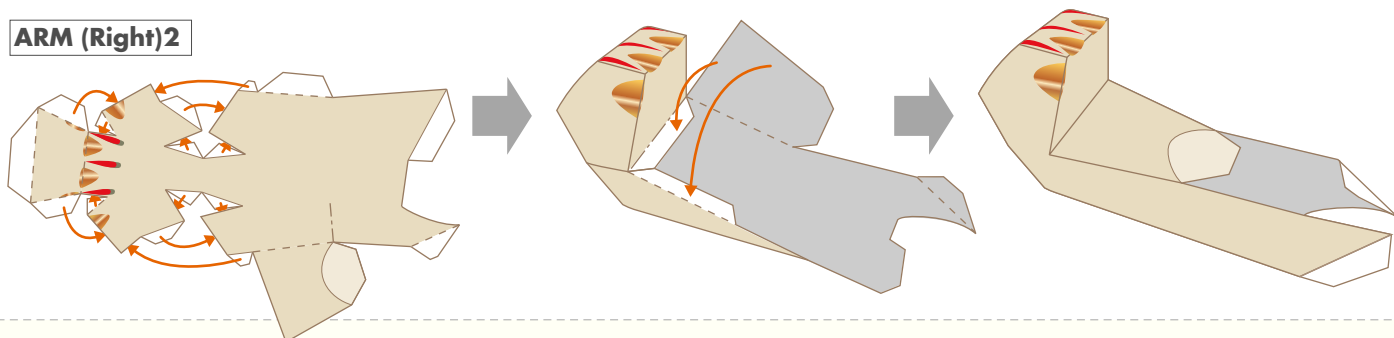
12 ARM (Left)



13 ARM (Right) 1

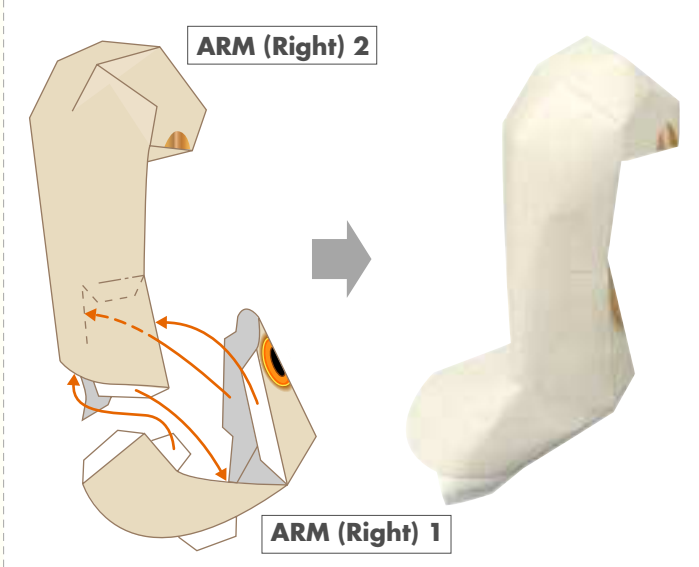


14 ARM (Right) 2

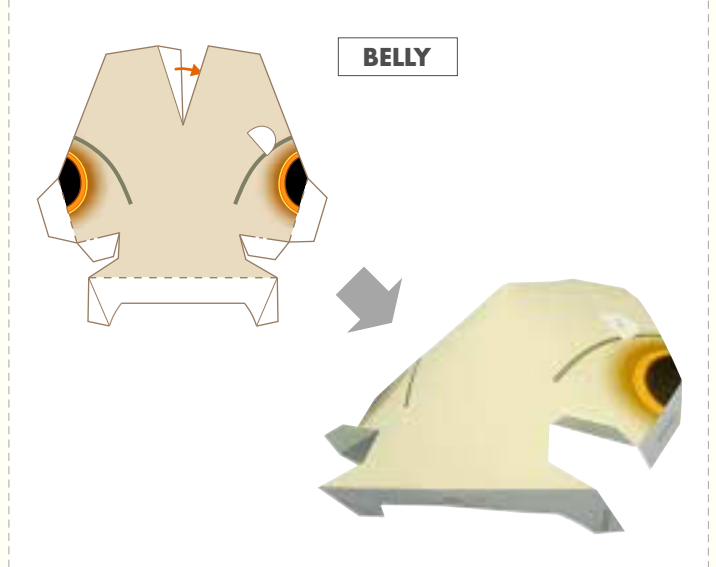


★ Build the ARM (Right), BELLY, AND SIDES

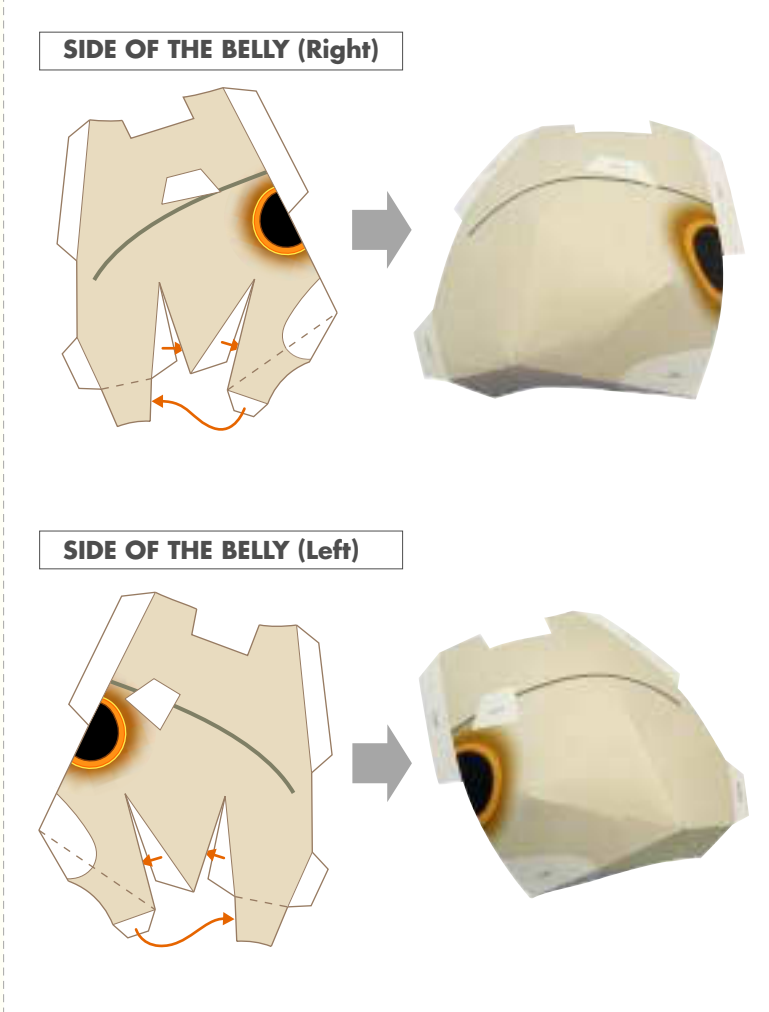
15 Glue the ARM (Right) 1, ARM (Right) 2 together



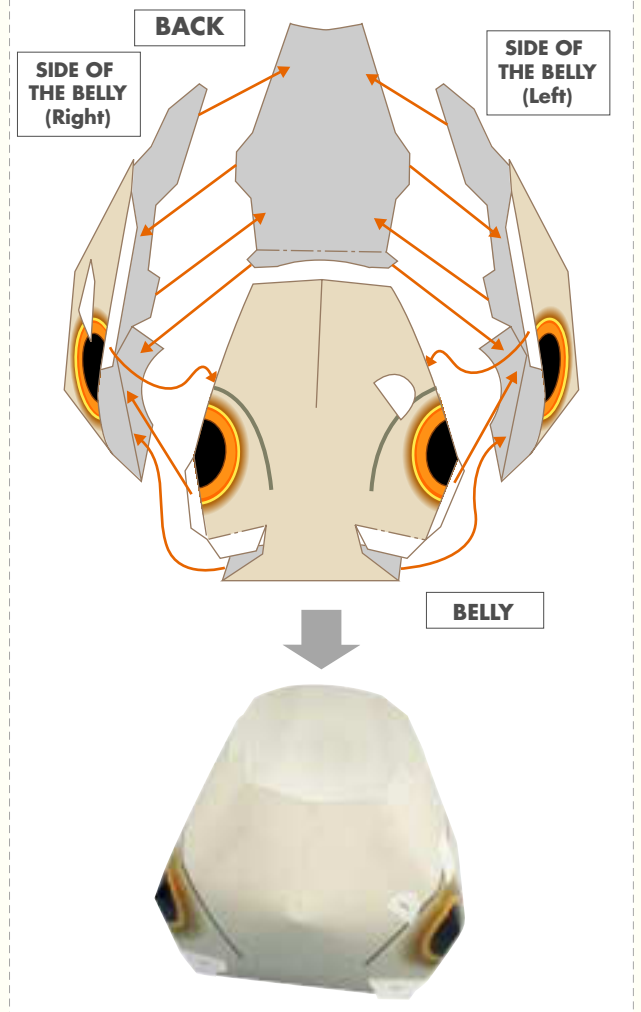
16 BELLY



17 SIDE OF THE BELLY

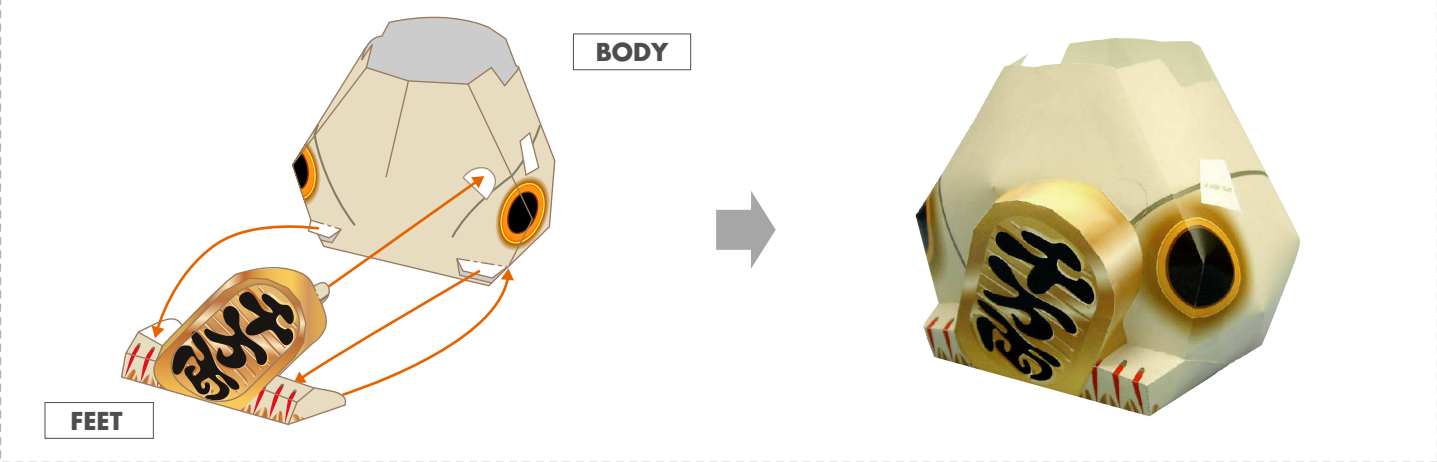


18 Glue the BELLY, SIDES, and BACK together

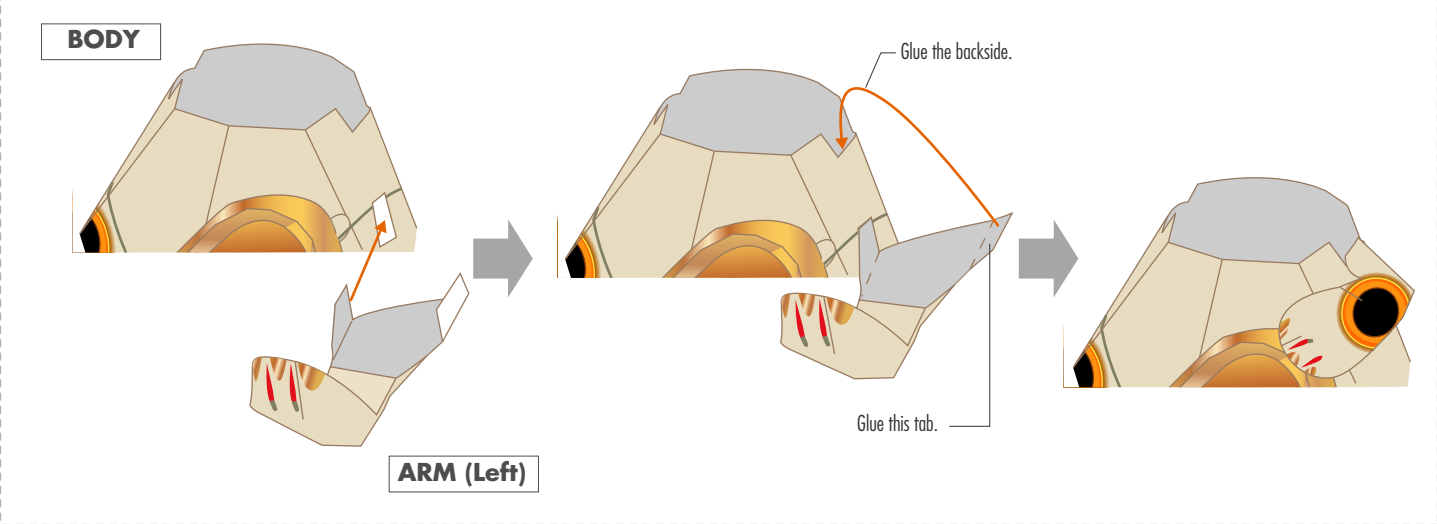


★ Put it all together (1)

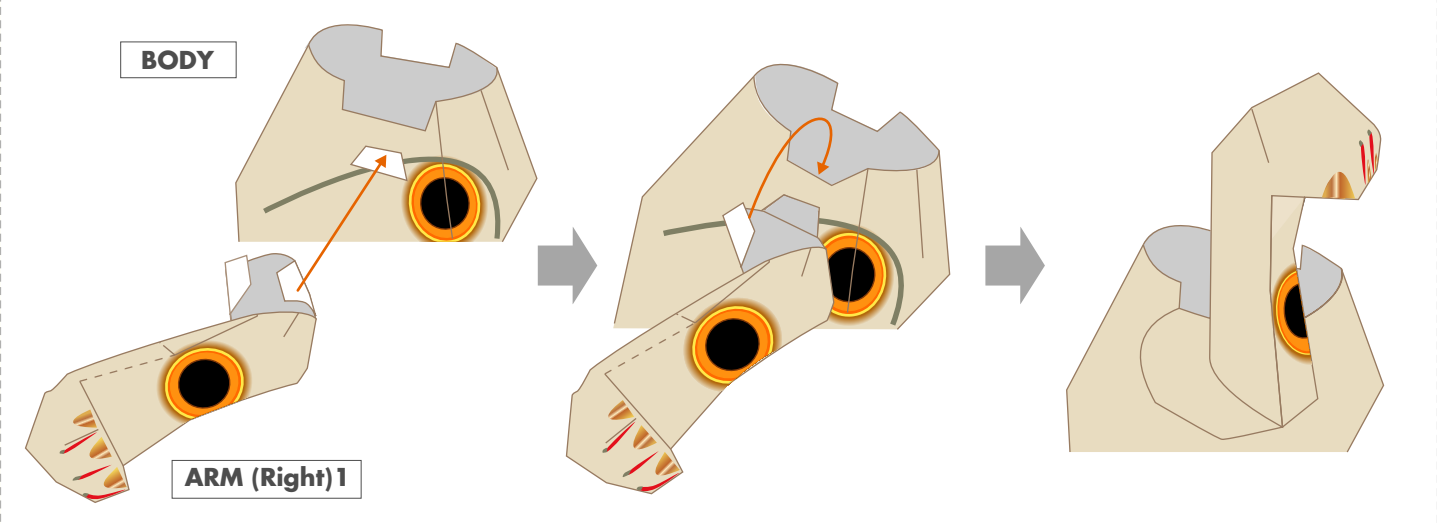
19 Glue the BODY and FEET



20 Glue the BODY and ARM (Left)



21 Glue the BODY and ARM (Right)



★ Put it all together (2) / Complete

22 Glue the BODY and HEAD

Glue the koban (gold coin) of your choice. If you want to make a wish, write it on the plain koban and glue it on.

HEAD

KOBAN

BODY

Glue thoroughly from the inside of the body.

★ Complete!

