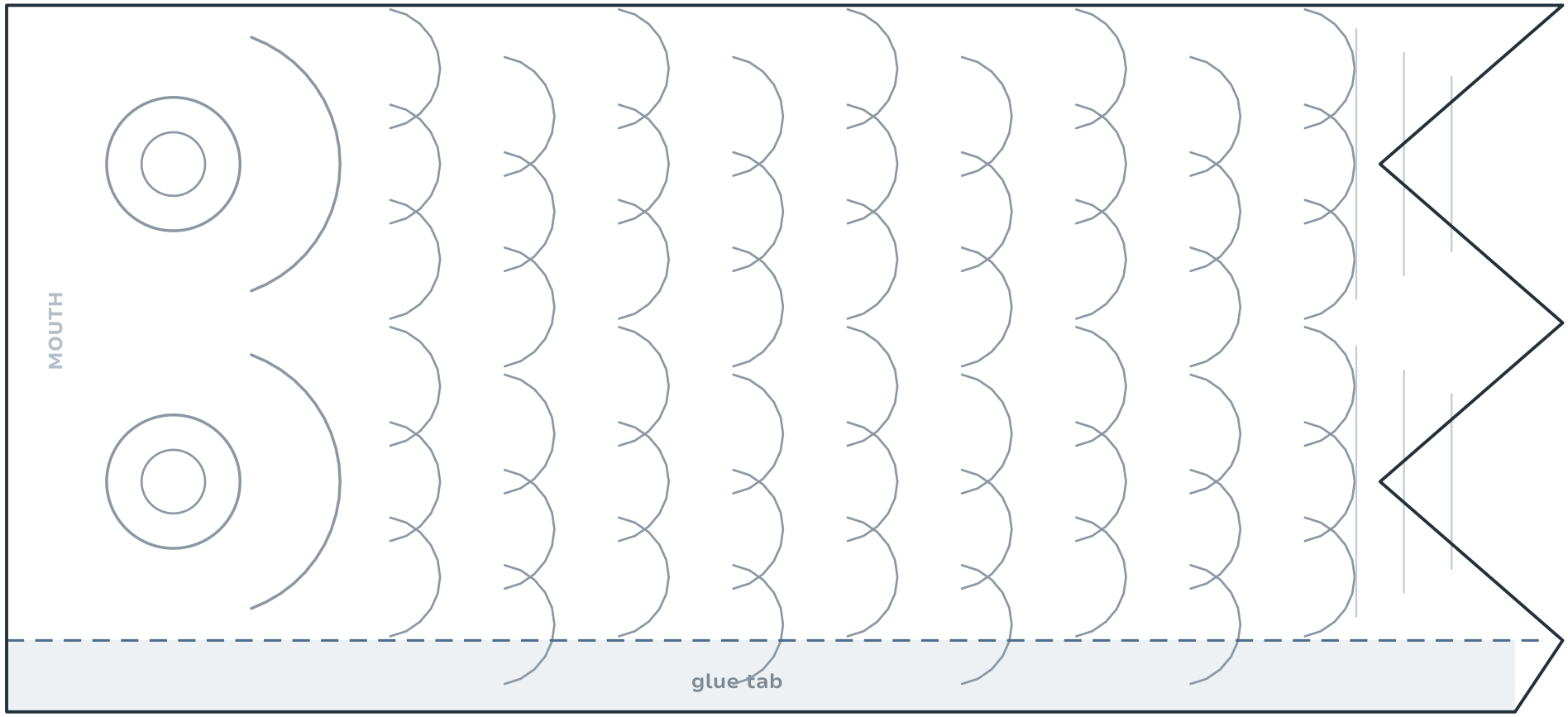
Koinobori carp streamer

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Koinobori carp streamer

Ages 6-12 | 30 min | Mess: Medium (glue) | Copy paper, printed landscape

You need

- Printed sheet
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Hole punch
- String

Skills practiced

- Rolling a tube
- Decorating both sides

LESSON LINK

On Children's Day in Japan (May 5), families fly koinobori, carp streamers made of cloth. The carp stands for strength.

Grades: 1-5

Ties to: Social studies: holidays around the world.

Source: MIT Japan Program (JPNET), https://web.mit.edu/JPNET/holidays/May/kodomonohi.shtml

Steps

1. Color the scales, eyes and tail. The top half is one side of the fish and the bottom half is the other.
2. Cut out the body, the mouth ring and the fins.
3. Roll the body into a tube, printing outside, and glue the top edge onto the gray glue tab.
4. Curl the mouth ring into a circle and glue it inside the mouth to keep it round.
5. Glue on the fins if you like. Punch two holes near the mouth, tie on a string and let it catch the breeze.

Tip: Make a family of carp in different colors and hang them one above the other on a stick.

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