



THE SEASONS

Spring Festivities

“Hanami”

Assembly Instructions



Thank you for downloading this paper craft model of Cherry Blossoms.
By following these instructions while referring to the names and numbers shown on the parts sheet, you can complete a paper craft of Cherry Blossoms.

Why not try making this traditional Japanese paper craft with your whole family!

- Assembly instructions: Three A4-sized sheets
- Paper craft: Two A4-sized sheets with 5 parts in all

These instructions apply only to the "Cherry Blossom".
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).

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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

Items of Caution

- * Take care when using sharp or pointed objects. 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.

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How to assemble


Cutting technique

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

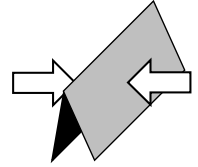
One - point Advice


- Use caution when using a blade cutter.
- 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

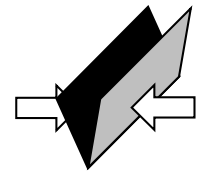
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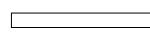
Fold along these lines. The printed surface should be on the outside of the folded shape.



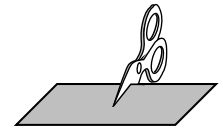
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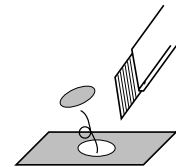


 (White line)

Cut along these lines.



Please cut out parts marked with an asterisk. (*)

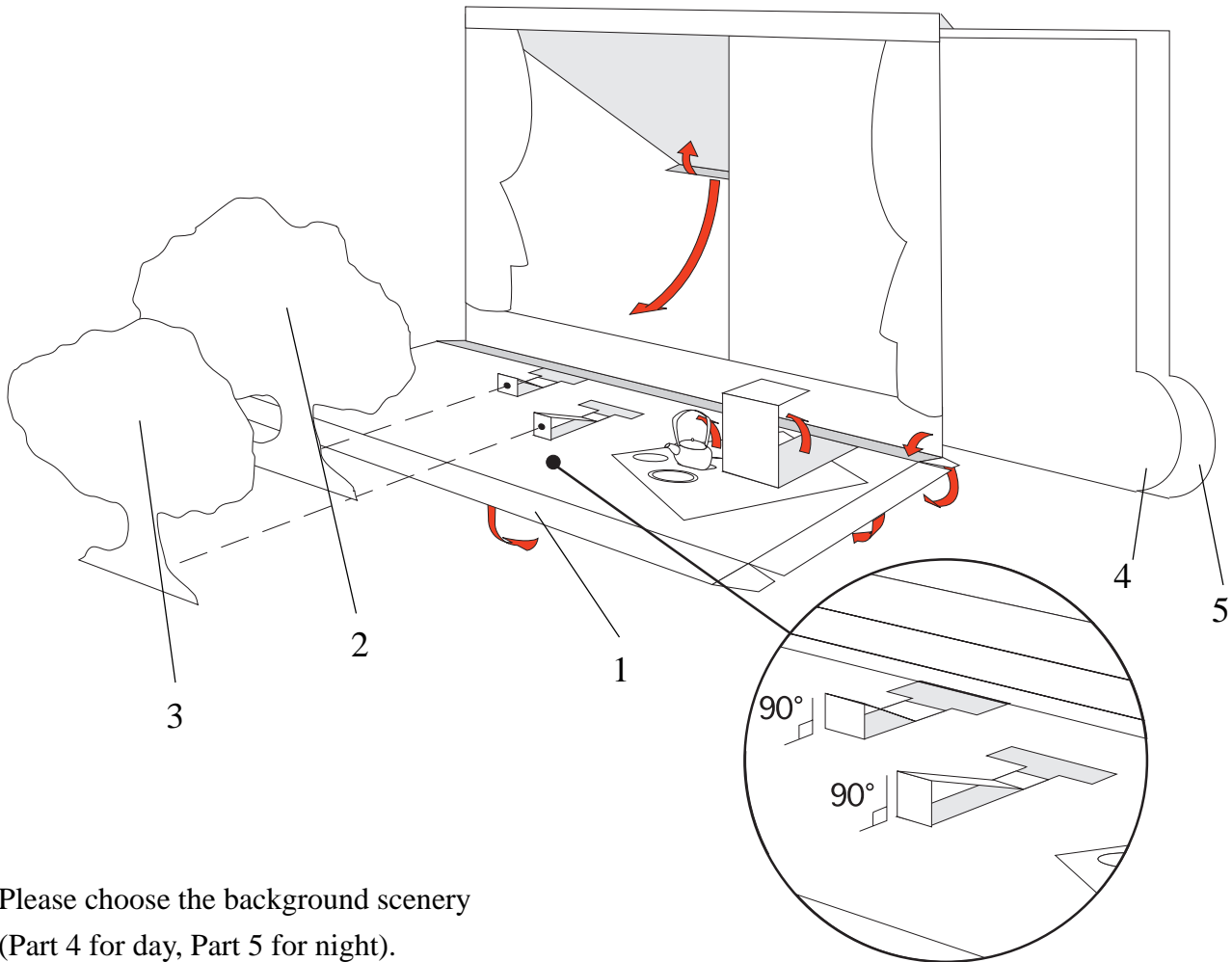


3 Assembly

Please refer to the "Basic working method and markings" symbol chart.
Once the parts are folded properly, begin gluing and insertion.

Instructions

Please refer to this illustration for assembly.



Please choose the background scenery
(Part 4 for day, Part 5 for night).

4 The Finished Model

The finished model



What is "Hanami" (Cherry Blossoms)?

The Japanese have long thought of the sakura (cherry blossom) as the flower which symbolizes the nation.

It is mentioned in ancient myths, and the way its petals fall while still at the height of their beauty was interpreted by the old warrior class as symbolic of resignation and grace in death, qualities which the warriors rated highly.

There are numerous cherry blossom viewing spots throughout the country and one of the pleasures of life among the Japanese is the chance to hold a sake drinking party beneath a grove of cherry trees in full bloom.