

Tools required: Scissors and a needle to thread kite line through reinforced hole

Materials required: This pattern; two wooden spars from shish-ka-bob skewers (one for length of kite; one for width of kite); one paper reinforcement for hole; four pieces of tape; 120 cm long tail (2.5 cm wide -crepe paper or cut from plastic bag); light flying line (thread or light cotton string).

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Sode Kite

The Sode-dako is traditional in the Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo. In Japan, it is known as the "fisherman's coat" kite. It is often decorated with pictures of cranes, turtles, or carp symbolizing long life or good luck.

Historical background source: Masaaki Modegi - *The Making of Japanese Kites*, 2007.

BUILDING THE 'SODE' KITE

1. Cut out the kite along the black line.
2. Stick paper reinforcement over black dot.
3. Carefully fold the kite in half along it's length.
4. Turn kite over and place LONG SPAR along fold line. Tape in place at top and bottom.
5. Place SHORT SPAR along top edge of kite sail and tape at both ends.
6. Tape 120 cm long kite tail to bottom of kite, centred over the long spar.
7. Attach flying line from the front, through the reinforced hole and tie around main, long spar.

TO FLY YOUR KITE:

1. Stand with the wind at your back.
2. Let out about one metre of flying line.
3. Kite should fly out of your hand.
4. Let out kite line and enjoy flying your kite!

**CUT KITE OUT
ALONG BLACK OUTLINE**
Apply paper reinforcement
over black dot.