JAPANESE CARP STREAMERS

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These Japanese carp streamers, known as koinobori, are used to celebrate children in Japan during the months of April and May. The windsocks are flown across Japan to wish children good future, health and strength. Make your own carp streamer to fly outside your house!

Gather Supplies:
• Cylindrical Item (toilet paper or paper towel roll)
• Tissue Paper / Construction Paper
• Streamers / Crepe Paper / Ribbon
• Yarn / String
• Hole Puncher
• Scissors
• Glue

Tip:
Cutting your scales into semi circles is harder to do but will give your fish a little more of a 3-dimensional look.

Cut your construction or tissue paper into scales. Cut out eyes for your fish and a strip of another color for the face.
Use your toilet paper or paper towel roll for the body of the fish. Glue down the strip for the face at the top, and then glue the eyes on top.

Cover the remainder of the body with scales – partially overlap each scale on top of each other.

At the bottom of your body, add ribbon or crepe paper streamers to create a flowing fin on your fish.

Alternative:
You can use construction paper as a body if you do not have any cardboard rolls. Glue your scales to your construction paper first. Once your scales dry, connect the ends of your construction paper and glue them together to create a cylinder.
Add a hole with your hole puncher at the top of the body on either side. Tie a string to each hole and secure the ends with a knot or bow to hang it.

Hang the carp fish streamer outside your house to see the wind blow through it!