

Hagoita Paddles

Background:

Hanetsuki is a traditional Japanese New Year's game played with a wooden paddle called a *hagoita*. The game is similar to badminton, but played without a net. The paddles are beautifully decorated and contain portraits of *kabuki* actors and celebrities from the entertainment, sports and political world. The *hagoita* is an ornament that is believed to bring good luck.

Directions:

1. Fold the cardstock in half. Cut along the dotted line to form the shape of the paddle.
2. Using masking tape, tape two craft sticks together to make a longer stick. Open the 'paddle'. On the inside, use the masking tape to tape a craft stick to the right side of the cardstock.
3. Use a glue stick to place glue on the inside of the paddle. Fold the paddle together to seal the stick inside.
4. Color the Kabuki actress outline and glue it onto your paddle.
5. Make a shuttlecock by wrapping a cotton ball in tissue paper.
6. How many times can you bounce the shuttlecock up and down without it falling to the floor?



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