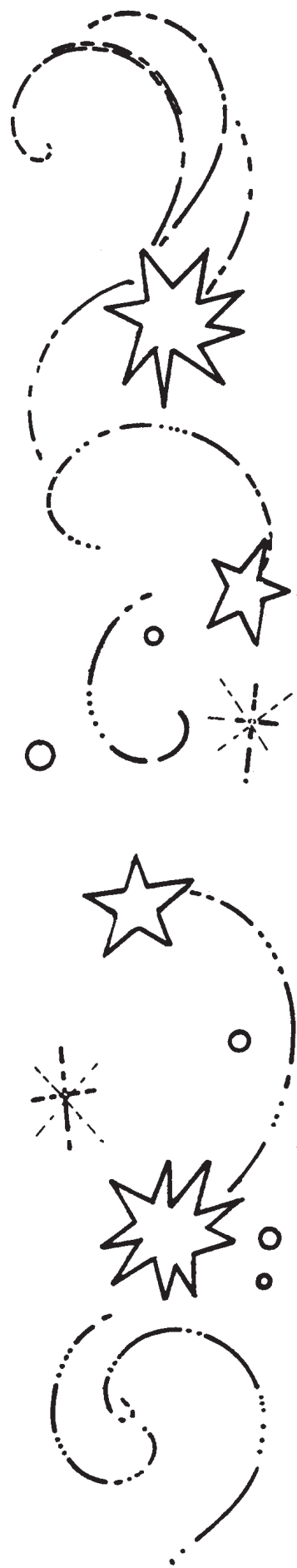


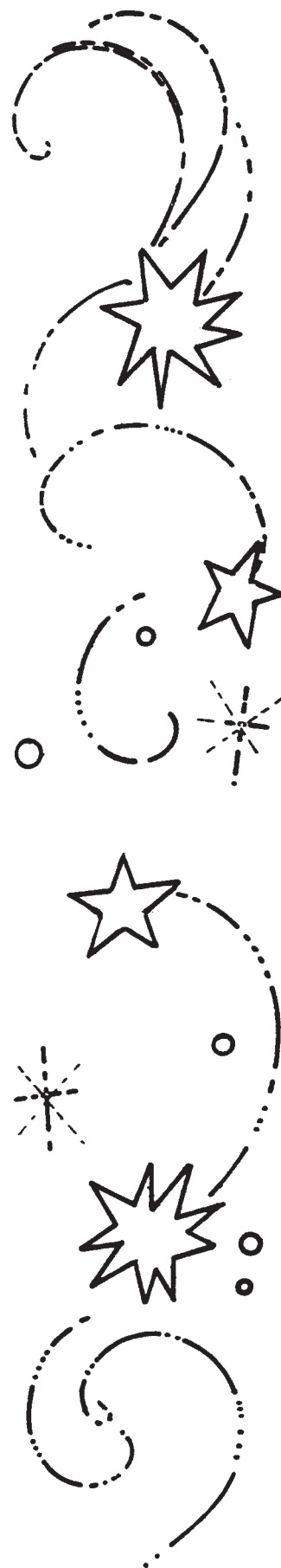
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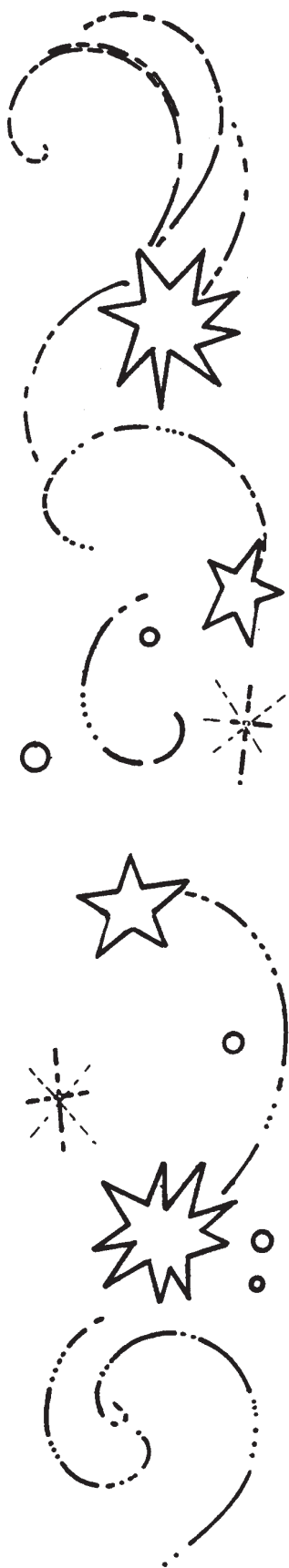
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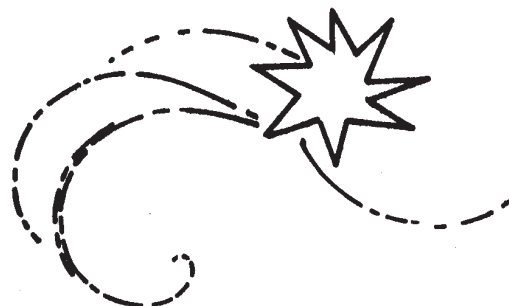
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# Christmas Trees from Germany

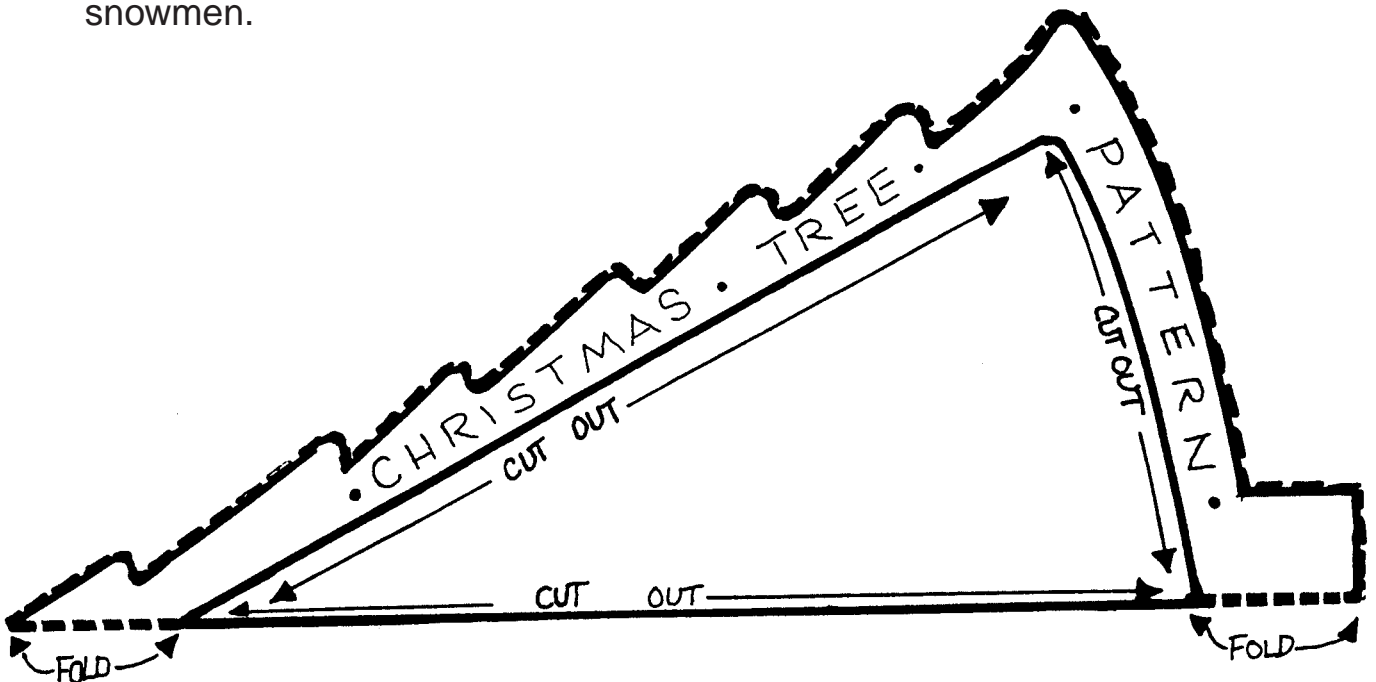
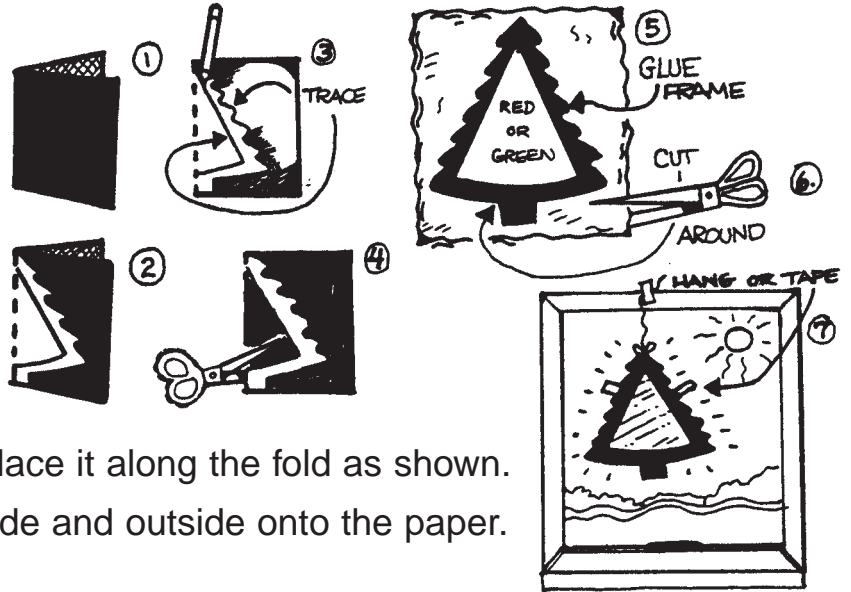
The Christmas tree began as a custom in Germany. There are many legends that tell from where the first tree came. See how many different legends you can find. Then, make the special Christmas trees below.

**Materials:**

- black construction paper
- green or red tissue paper
- scissors
- glue
- transparent tape

**Directions:**

1. Fold black paper in half.
2. Cut out tree pattern and place it along the fold as shown.
3. Trace the pattern both inside and outside onto the paper.
4. Cut out the tree "frame."
5. Glue the frame on top of red or green tissue.
6. Trim the tissue around the outer edges so that it doesn't go beyond the frame.
7. Hang on the windows using transparent tape. The light will shine through giving them a stained-glass effect.
8. You can repeat this process using other shapes as well, such as stars and snowmen.



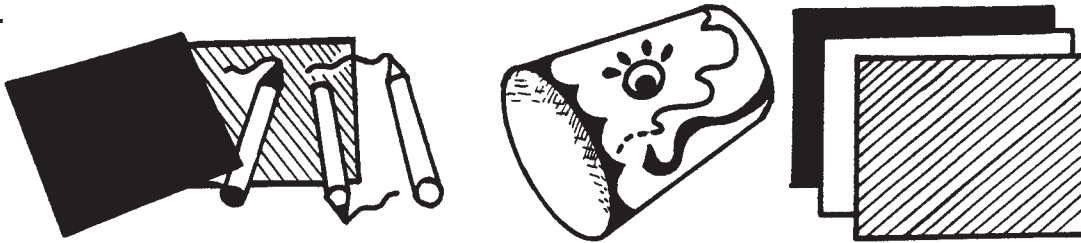
# Making a Japanese Carp Kite

## Materials:

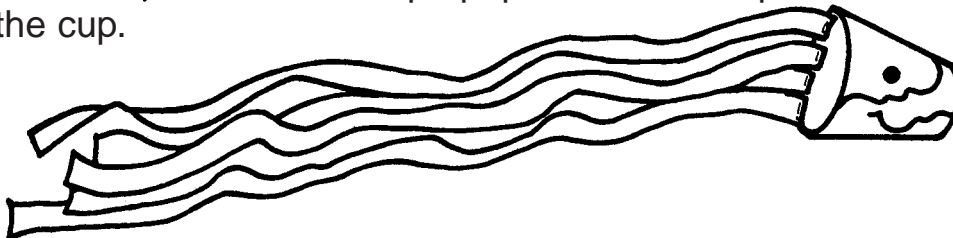
- large paper cup (plain or waxed)
- markers or crayons
- colored paper
- crepe paper for streamers
- glue or stapler
- string

## Directions:

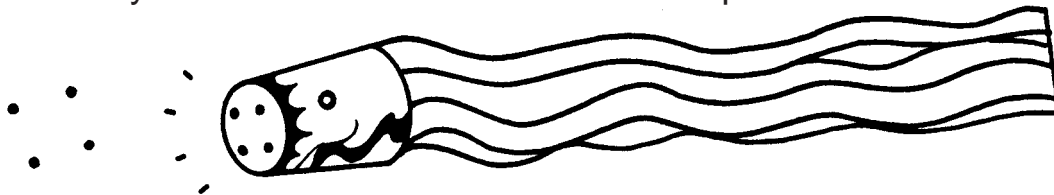
1. Draw the head of a carp on the paper cup, or design the head of a carp using colored paper and attach it to a paper cup. Include eyes and mouth. (The mouth should be near the bottom of the cup.) Use any colors that you like.



2. Cut a dozen streamers from crepe paper. Glue or staple them to the open end of the cup.



3. Poke four tiny holes around the bottom of the cup as shown.



4. Cut four 12" pieces of string, and make a knot in one end of each. Pull the strings through the four holes in the cup from the inside out. Tie the four ends together to make the kite's bridle. Attach a longer string to the bridle to hold.

