

# Suki's Kimono

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### THE ARTS

#### DANCE

Create a dance that represents something in Japanese culture. Perform the dance for the class or a small group.



#### MAKE A KOI FISH

Materials: 2 pieces of paper, tissue paper, stapler, glue, magazines, markers, string

1. Draw a fish on one piece of paper. Place the other piece of paper underneath and cut out to get two fish.
2. Cut tissue paper into streamers.
3. Staple the two fish together. Staple the streamers inside the fish tail so that most of the streamer is outside the fish.
4. Cut out circles from magazines to use for fish scales. Glue circles onto both sides of fish.
5. Use markers to decorate the fish's head, fins and tail.
6. Punch two holes on the fish's head. Thread some string through the holes to hang the fish up.



#### MAKE A KOKESHI DOLL

Materials: small bottles, ping pong balls, glue gun, markers, paint

1. Hot glue a ping pong ball to the top of a small plastic bottle.
2. Paint the bottle and let dry.
3. Use markers to draw the doll's face and hair on the ping pong ball.
4. Use markers to draw a kimono on the body (bottle).



#### WRITING

1. What is your favorite outfit? Describe the outfit and tell why it is your favorite.
2. The illustrator dedicated the book to "spunky little kids everywhere." What does that mean? Why do you think he chose this for his dedication? Is Suki "spunky"? How so?
3. Interview one of your grandparents or another older adult. Ask them to tell you about something special they remember about growing up. Write their answers to share with your classmates.

