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Tōji National Treasure Five-Story Pagoda

Original Papercraft

【Assembly Manual】



About the instruction on the net

 Mountain fold. Fold the paper along these lines downward behind the rest of the sheet .

 Valley fold. Fold the paper along these lines upward and toward yourself.

Please paste together the margins with the circle of the same color.

Tools

- Adhesive (polyvinyl acetate glue is recommended)
- Tooth pick (to apply the glue on the margins to paste)
- Tweezers (useful to assembly the small parts)

How to Assemble

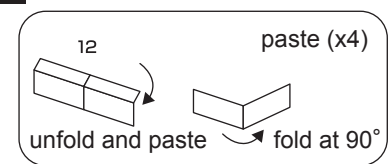
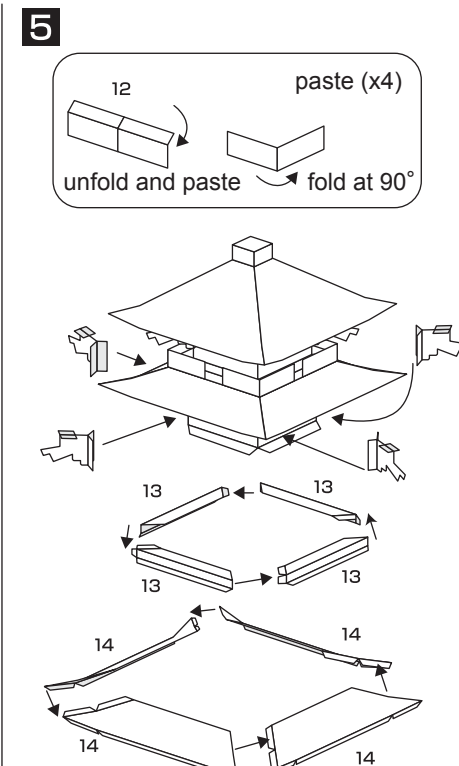
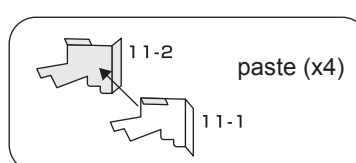
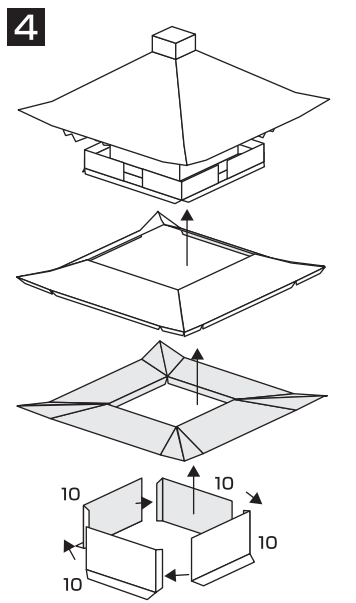
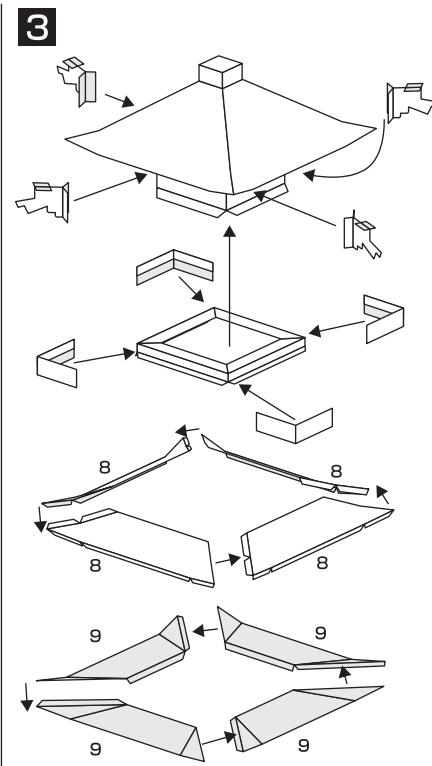
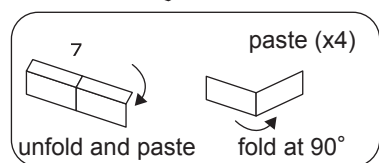
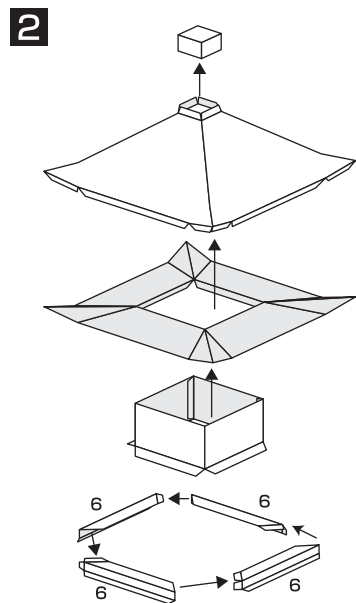
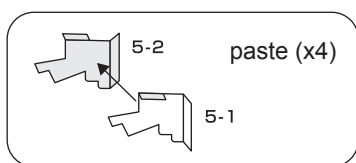
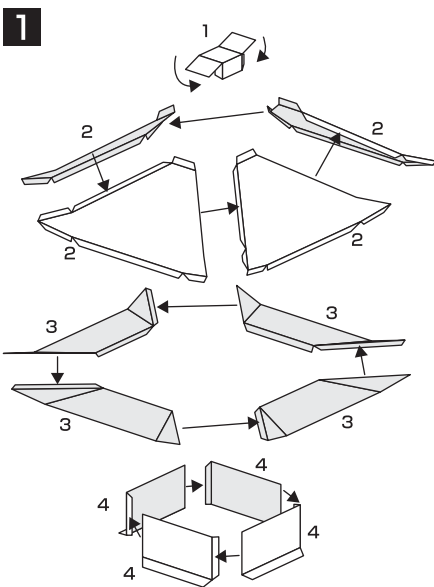
Read carefully the assembly manual and follow the building procedure. Paste the margins carefully and one by one.



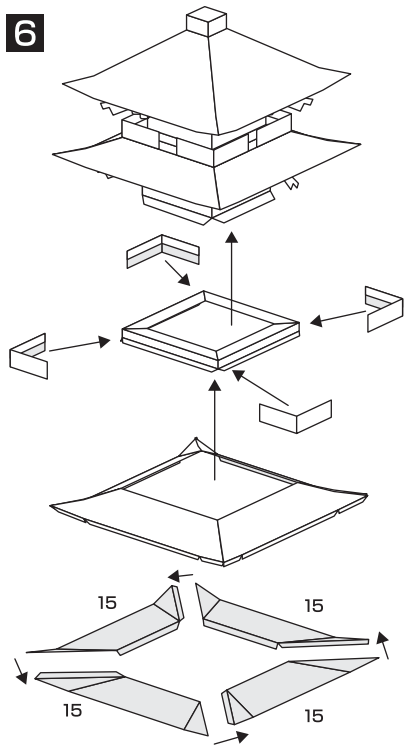
Warnings

※Please read carefully

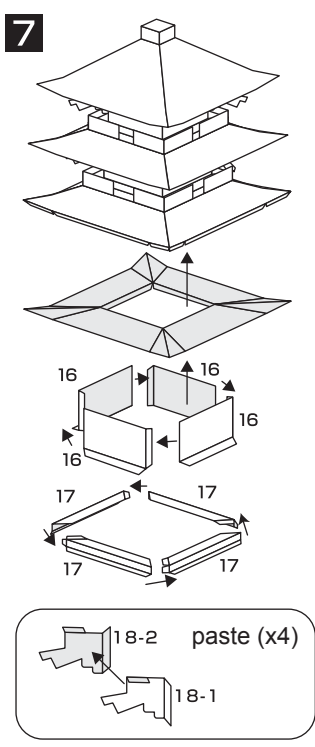
- Keep out from the direct sunlight and in a dry cool place. Light , high temperature and humidity could change the shape and the color of the papercraft.
- Keep out of children's reach during and after the building. The tools used for the assembly and the small parts could be dangerous.
- Keep out of heat sources, it may cause fire.
- Do not put plastic bag over your head or on your nose, you may asphyxiate yourself.



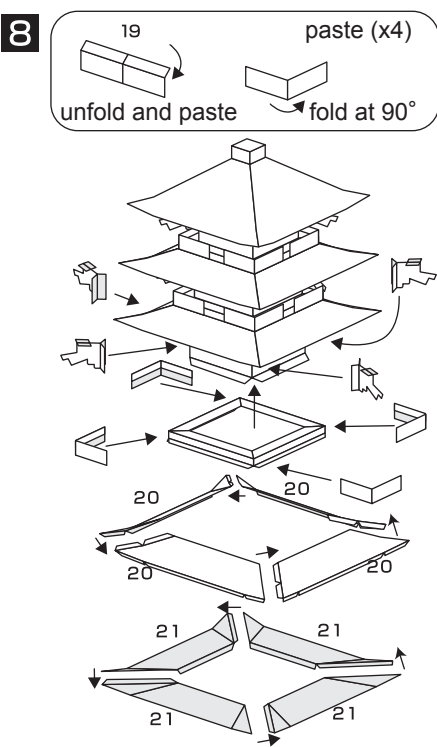
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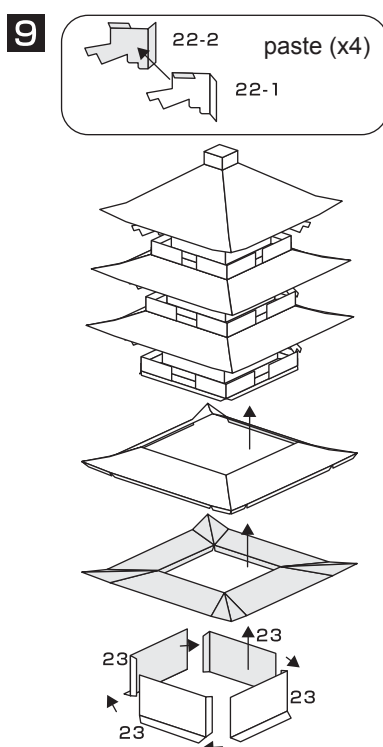
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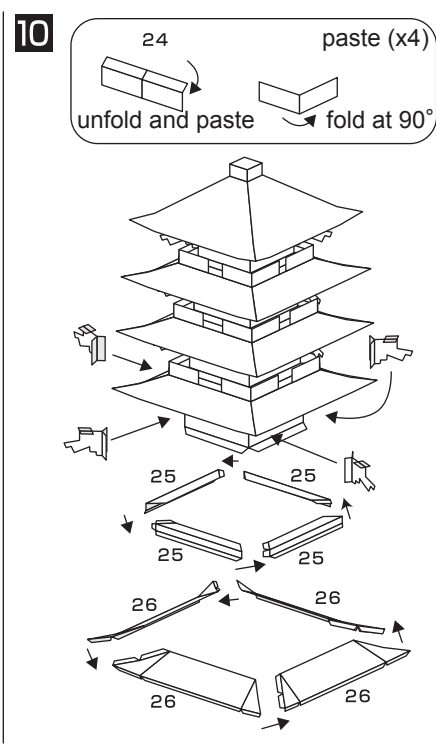
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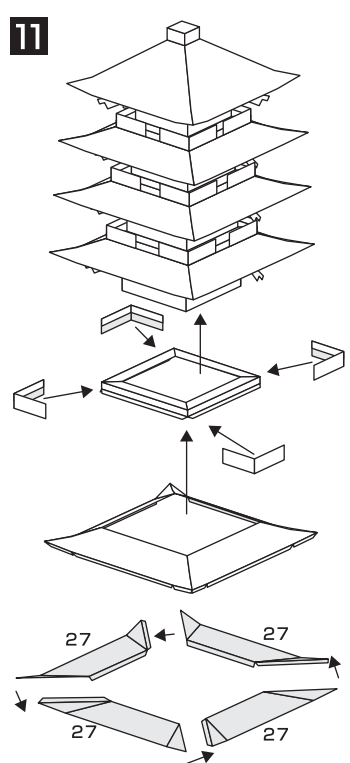
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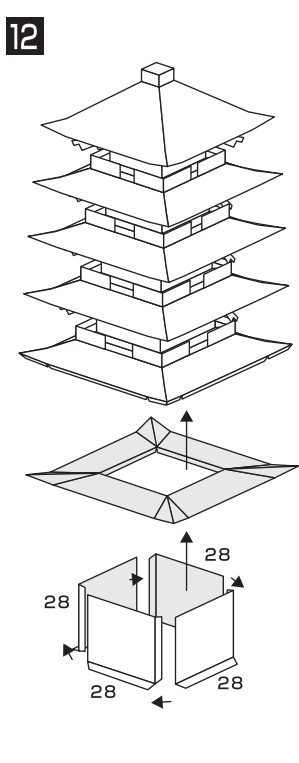
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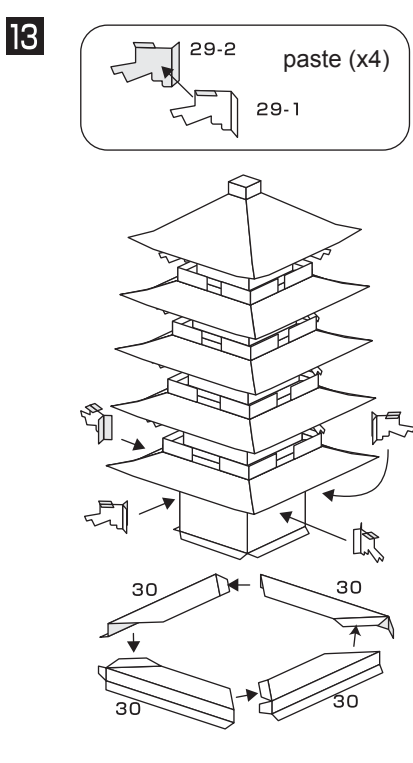
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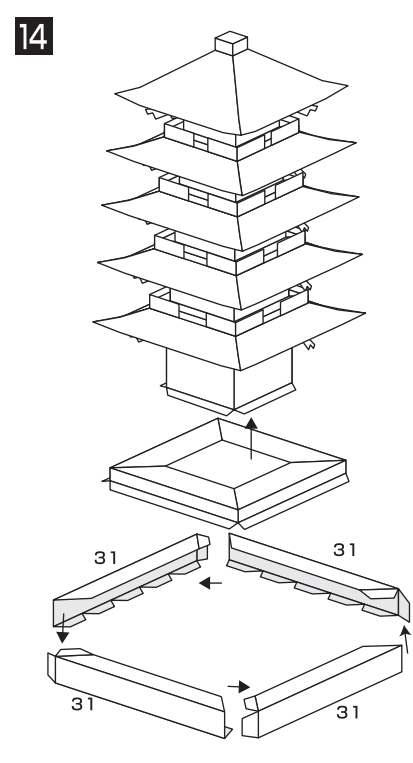
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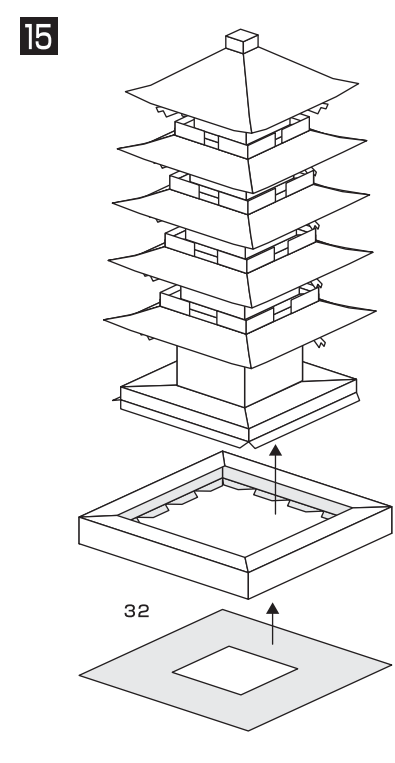
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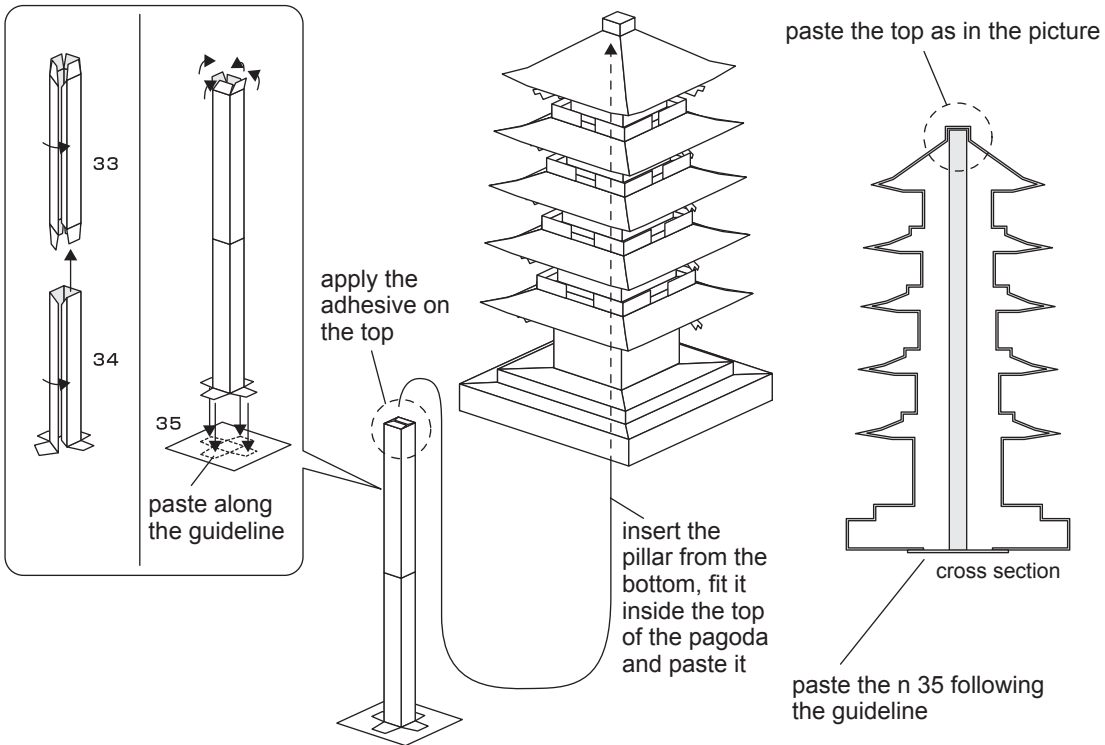
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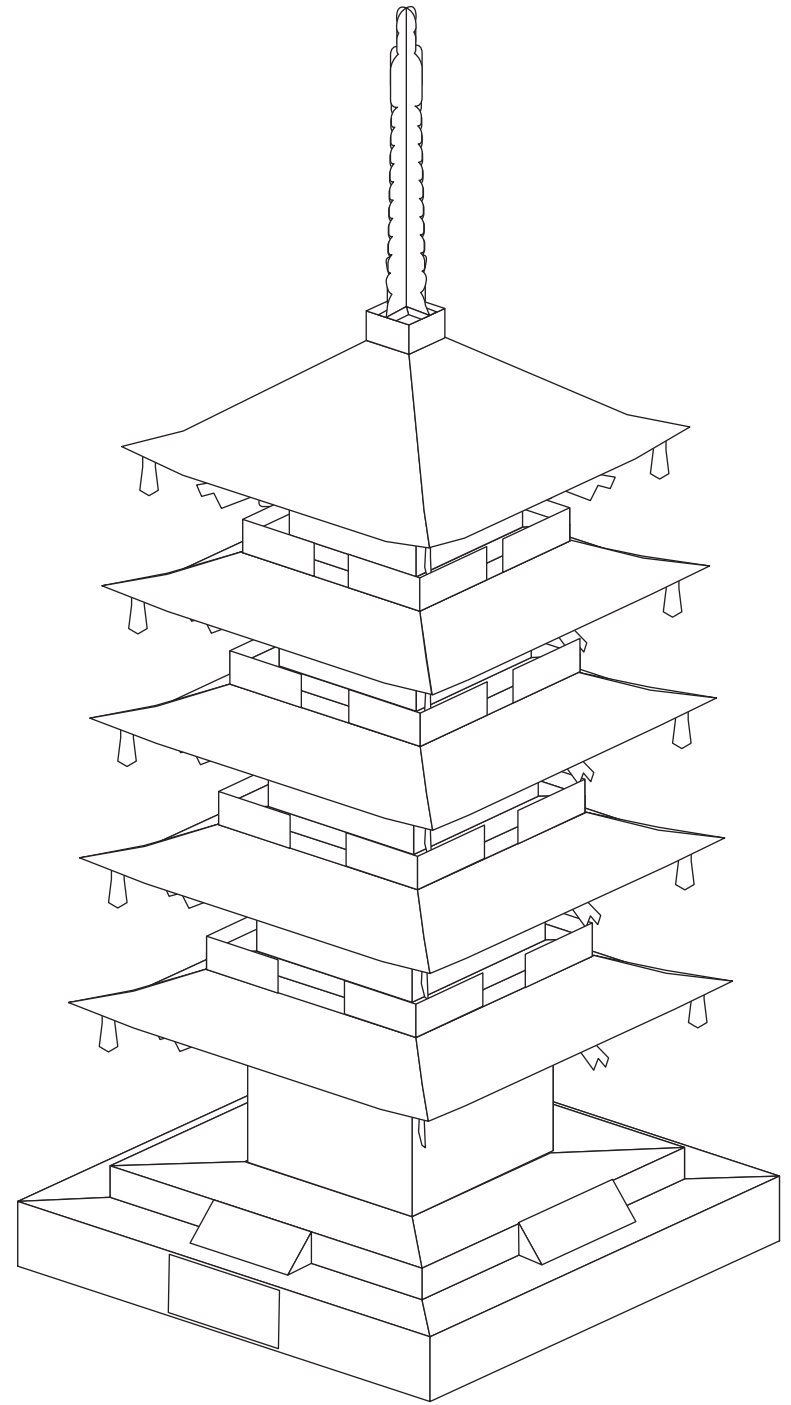
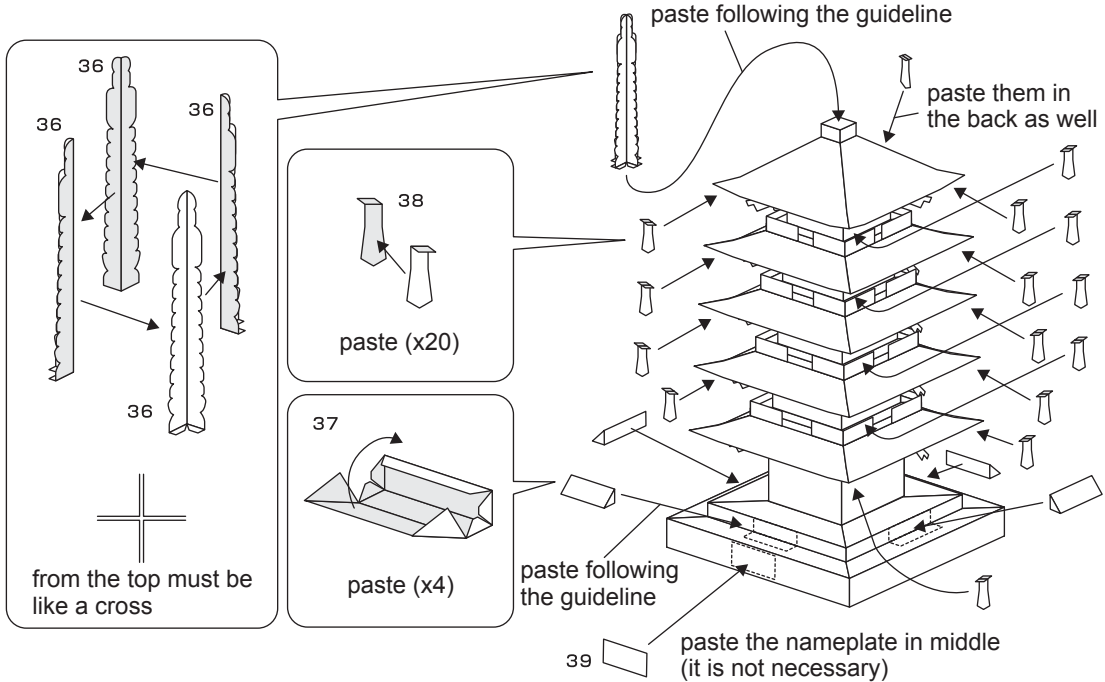


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Kyoto landmark: learn about the Tōji

With this papercraft you can experience the majesty of the National Treasure of Tōji and his Five-Story Pagoda in a 1/150 scale model. Building the model you can also learn about the characteristic structure of the main pillar, of the shape of the roof, of the pinnacle, the balusters and the wind bells. It' will be our pleasure if you could feel the Tōji and its Five-Story Pagoda right in your hands.

■ The Tōji

The Tōji (literally *East Temple*), is the main temple of the Buddhist sect called Shingon (*True-Words*). It's formally known as Kyō ō gokokuji (*The Temple for the Defense of the Nation by Means of the Lord of Doctrines*). It was founded in 796 A.D., two years after the capital moved to Heian- Kyō. It was built at the eastside of the Rashōmon, the gate of the city, as a protection for the nation.

After the Buddhist priest Kōbō Daishi, known as Kūkai, was put in charge in 823, the temple became the main *dōjō* of the Shingon sect.

Known as the Kōbō Daishi's temple, it's still destination of religious believers that every morning come to visit and make offer to the deity . Every 21th of the month, the death anniversary of Kōbō Daishi, the temple is crowded of devoted who come on pilgrimage and a market is held there. The market is called "Kōbō san".

In 1994 UNESCO designed it as part of the "Historic Monument of the Ancient Kyoto", World Heritage Site.

■ The Five-Story Pagoda

The Five-Story Pagoda, widely considered the symbol of the Tōji, was founded in 823 by Kōbō Daishi. But it was destroyed 4 times by a fire and was rebuilt as we know it now in 1644, by order of Tokugawa Shōgun, Iemitsu. It stands 55 m high and it's the tallest wooden tower in Japan.

The central pillar which pierces the five strata of the pagoda, is compared with Dainichi Nyorai (Mahavairocana Buddha) surrounded by four Tathagata Buddha and eight bodhisattva.

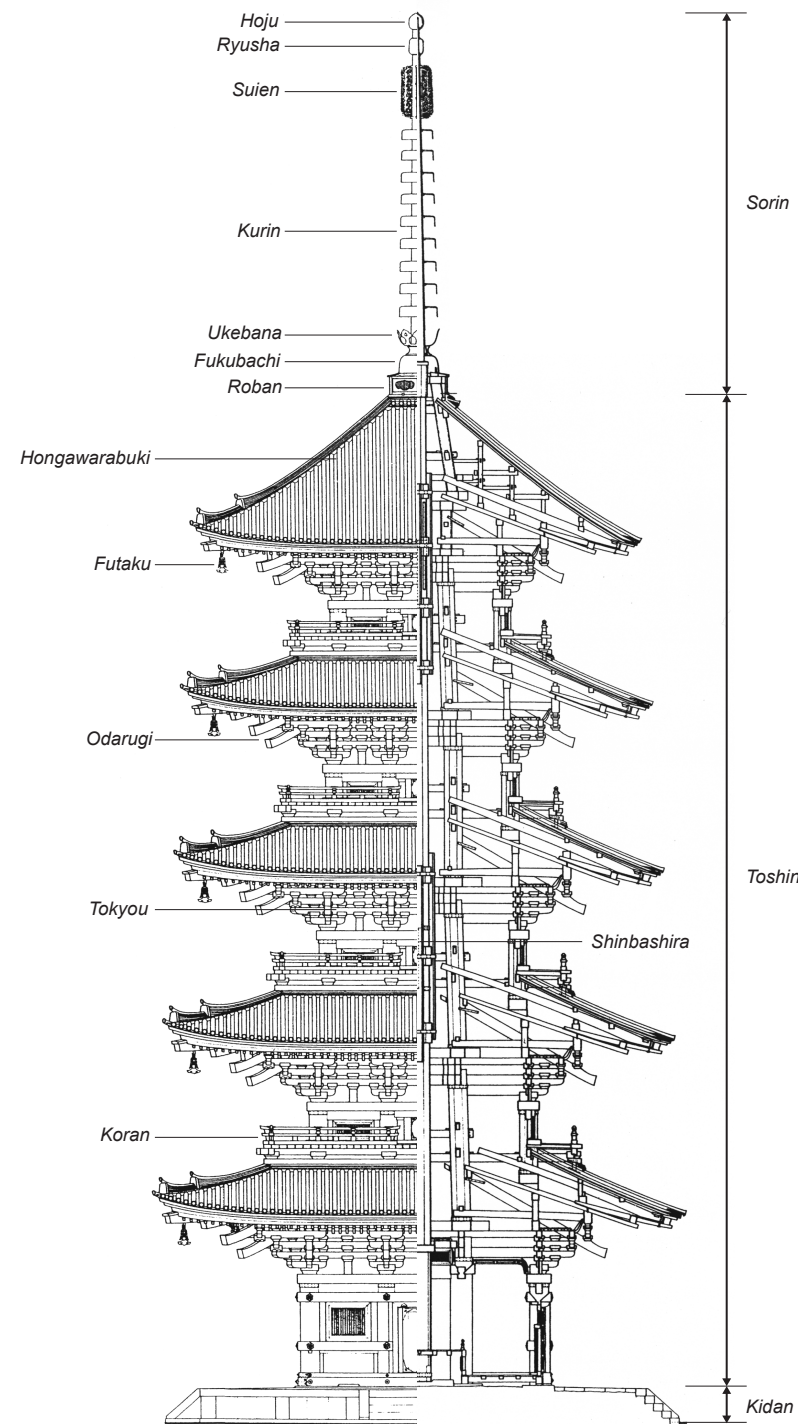
Furthermore, on every pillar is depicted the Mandala of the two realms (Kongōkai Mandala), with the eight naga deities on the surface of the pillars and the eight great patriarchs on the walls. In the inner part of the first story of the pagoda a secret-space is decorated with bright colors. It's been told that ashes of Buddha brought from the Tang China by Kōbō Daishi are kept in the upper part of the central pillar.

【Formal Name】 Kyō ō gokokuji (The Temple for the Defense of the Nation by Means of the Lord Doctrines).

【Address】 601-8473 Kyoto-shi, Minami-ku, Kujō 1

【Object of devotion】 Yakushi Nyorai (Bhaisajyaguru, the Buddha of Healing)

【WEB】 <http://www.toji.or.jp/>



【Five-story Pagoda: elevation and cross section】