Chinese paper folding

Chinese paper folding, or zhezhi (Chinese [1]: ??; pinyin [2]: zhézh?), is the art [3] of paper folding that originated in China [4].

History

The history of Chinese paper folding can be traced back to 583 AD. When Buddhist monks from China traveled via North Korea to Japan, they brought a lot of paper there. Since the paper was very expensive at that time, they folded some of the paper and gave them to people there as a gift. Paper cutting then played an important part in international intercourse between China and other countries. And since then, paper cutting was handed down from generations.

Development

In the past decades, through the untiring efforts of many paper folding masters, the development of a modern technology of paper folding has reached an unprecedented level. As it is hard to imagine that the extremely complicated and lifelike work of paper folding is folded with only paper without even cutting it, modern paper folding is no longer a game only for children. Instead, it is a handwork that is challenging and beneficial for the development of the brain.

With paper folding, we can get lots of lively and lovely shapes. Paper cutting requires the using of both brain and hand and needs imagination and creativity. A small paper can be made into thousands of shapes, which is the fun of paper folding.
This class my partner and I will teach you to make several Chinese zodiac animal signs. Now let’s enjoy it together.

What Is Your Chinese Zodiac Animal Sign?

Do you want to fold your Chinese Zodiac Animal Sign?

The Chinese animal zodiac, or shengxiao (born resembling?), is a repeating cycle of 12 years, with each year being represented by an animal and its reputed attributes.

In order, the 12 animals are Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig. Each year is associated with a zodiac animal.