

BEYOND ANIME: 100+ ideas to keep your otaku happy!

CRAFTS

- **Kokeshi dolls:** ninja, geisha, characters, etc
 - **Polymer clay:** kawaii critters, domo, sushi, lucky cats, etc (check etsy for TONS of ideas!)
 - **Felt crafts:** felt orchids, animal ear barrettes, felt character bookmarks, fandom finger puppets, plushies
 - **Paper crafts:** paper bonsai, cherry blossom trees, readymechs, Koinobori (fish) pencils, geisha bookmarks, bookmarks/necklaces/magnets from old manga & magazines
 - **Origami:** stars, swans, flowers... start with the basics & keep moving them up to more complicated folding! Challenge them to make 100 stars or swans!
 - **Miscellaneous:** Japanese tie-dye, Pokeball necklaces, Naruto headbands, print making, bookbinding, calligraphy, washi tape, soot sprites, brush painting (sumi-e - use crayola's brush markers!)
 - **Drawing:** Anime/manga artist visit, local artist, basics, fan art show & tell, fan art contest, tablets/digital coloring, watch YouTube tutorials, comparison of American vs Japanese styles & discussion on how they've merged, teens put on a program for adults on that topic!
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COSPLAY

- **Costume creation:** character & animal hats, felt plushie familiars, ears & tails, sewing lessons, provide "workshop" days where a sewing machine is available, get donations of clothes from staff for cosplay!
 - **Cosplay ideas:** runway, skits, cross-play challenge
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FOOD

- **Sushi:** candy sushi, peep sushi, pb&j sushi, making rice balls, making real sushi, sushi demonstrations (buy a rice cooker for the library!!)
 - **Bento:** creating food, decorating boxes, nutritional differences. To make: you'll need mini cutters (look in the cake decorating section) & paring knives. Pick up food like cherry tomatoes, broccoli, rice, mini salami, cheese slices, carrots, celery, ham, & lettuce.
 - **Ramen:** Great food for a "marathon!" Make unflavored noodles & offer different herbs & spices, host an eating contest (pro-tip: make ramen using hot water brewer; allow to cool before they eat!)
 - **Treats:** Ramune, mochi (try different varieties & maybe try to make some!), pocky, seaweed snacks, gummy candy - get a bunch of different kinds & have a taste-off!
 - **Miscellaneous:** Make traditional Japanese food, try different foods, look in the Manga Cookbook (ISBN-13: 978-4-921205-07-2) for fun snack ideas, host a Japanese potluck, learn to eat with chopsticks, try various types of noodles
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JAPANESE CULTURE

- Haiku
 - History & travel films
 - Mini zen gardens, Japanese garden
 - Bonsai presentation
 - Teens care for bonsai in teen space
 - Tea ceremony
 - Sumo documentary
 - Kimono presentation
 - Traditional hair styles
 - Learn Japanese, watch movies without subtitles
 - Japanese pen pals
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GAMES

- Go: learn to play, host a tournament, watch Hikaru No Go
- Fruits Basket: a lot like musical chairs!

- Anime/Manga bingo: how well do you know your anime/manga? Put screencaps from anime/scans from the manga on bingo sheet, then call out the titles!
- Sumo suits: expensive! Doable with a donation?
- Tournaments: Mortal Kombat (get the original - watch the movie, too!), Naruto tournaments (fighting games for every system), Tetris, Pokemon, DDR
- Prizes: puzzle erasers, pocky, ramune, sushi packs (from Annie Chung)

MUSIC

- J-Pop
- J-Rock
- Karaoke
- Watch favorite anime theme song videos
- Listening party
- Create fanvids
- Choose albums to add to collection
- Watch videos

BOOKS & MANGA

- Manga discussion (themes or specific titles)
- What should we add to collection?
- Manga-to-Anime discussions
- Manga/anime character "cage matches"
- Japanese light novels/translations discussion
- Asian-inspired fantasy discussion
- *Battle Royale vs Hunger Games* discussion
- Fanfiction workshop/fanfiction contest

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Naruto Ninja School: make swords, shuriken origami, ninja kokeshi, watch Naruto, make headbands, eat ramen!
- Miyazaki Marathon: watch the movies, make polymer clay/plushie Totoro & itty bitty soot sprites!
- Mini-Convention: cosplay, sushi DIY, crafts, & more!
- Iron Chef: Offer a variety of foods & spices, unflavored ramen noodles, & let 'em go!

MORE RESOURCES

- Saturday Night Live "J-Pop America Fun Time Now!" Skit: <http://tinyurl.com/fun-time-now>
- Traditional recipes: <http://www.japanfoodaddict.com>
- Online food ordering: <http://www.asianfoodgrocer.com>
- Origami templates: <http://goorigami.com/> & http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/2005/list_15_1.html
- Printable origami paper: http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/2004/list_15_1.html
- Paper bento: <http://www.beverage.co.jp/fun/papercraft/obento/>
- ReadyMechs: <http://readymech.com/>
- Drawing books: Mastering Manga with Mark Crilley, Manga for the Beginner by Christopher Hart, Basic Anatomy for the Manga Artist by Christopher Hart, Beginner's Guide to Creating Manga Art by Steven Cummings & Gonzalo Ordonez, Drawing Words & Writing Pictures by Jessica Abel & Matt Madden
- Bingo generator: <http://www.eslactivities.com/picturebingo.php>
- Retro Nintendo console: <http://www.thinkgeek.com/product/b76e/>
- My blog: <http://zen-teen.com>
- My Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/aboutsaffron/>
- This presentation online: <http://zen-teen.com/2013/03/23/beyond-anime/>