

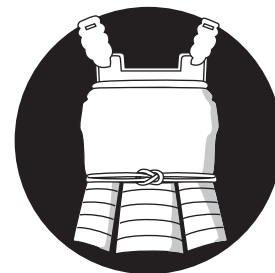
Scissors  
Hole punch  
Red or blue yarn

## MATERIALS

Cardstock sheets of 8 1/2" x 14" paper

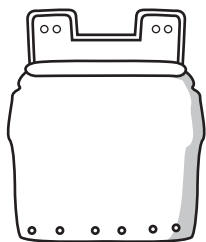
Print *Armor Template 1* and *Armor Template 2* onto this cardstock

NOTE: This size of armor fits a kindergartener. For older children, print larger onto tabloid size paper.



## TOSEI GUSOKU-TYPE ARMOR Assembly Instructions

### PARTS



Cuirass (breast plate)



Straps



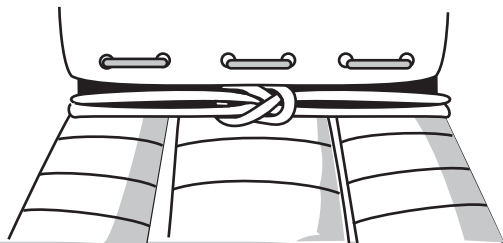
Tassets (Skirt Armor)



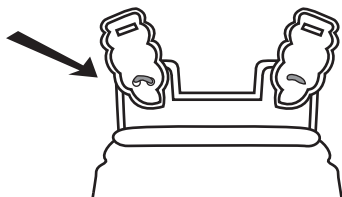
Yarn

**STEP 1:** Cut out pieces on templates 1 and 2.  
Using a hole punch, make 6 holes on bottom of cuirass.  
Using a hole punch, make 6 holes on top of tassets.  
Punch 2 holes in each straps.  
Cut out the rectangles on the straps. Hint: pinch the paper and make a small cut inside the rectangle to start the opening.

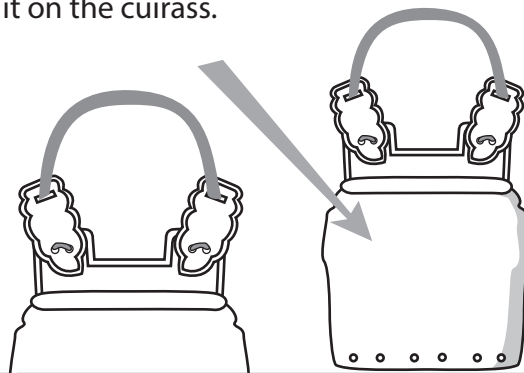
**STEP 2:** Attach tassets to cuirass by weaving yarn in and out of the holes. (The color of the cording was important to the samurai and the armor was named after the cord coloring)



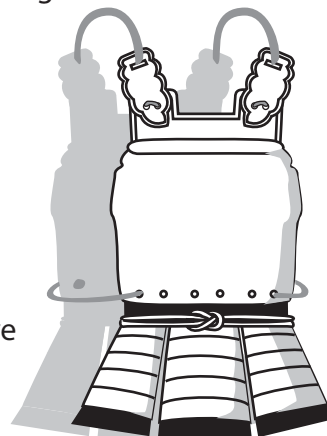
**STEP 3:** Line up the two hole on the strap to the two holes at the top of the cuirass. Attach each strap to the cuirass by weaving yarn in and out of these holes.



**STEP 4:** Tie a piece of yarn through each rectangle on the top of the straps to loop around the neck. Many suites of samurai armor are decorated with a guardian figure on the cuirass to protect the samurai in battle.  
**What would you draw to keep you safe in battle?**  
Draw it on the cuirass.



**STEP 5:** If you are ambitious, you can make a front and back and lace them together.



Congratulations! You have completed your samurai body armor!