



Rabbit

The Rabbit (Latin: Leporidae) is a small furry mammal, which can be found almost anywhere in the world. Its key characteristics are of course its long ears, which have the ability to sense potential approaching enemies. In this case, a rabbit can dash very fast, to one of several rabbit holes. A rabbit usually digs several holes, to prevent more clever enemies, such as foxes, from trapping them in one

of them. Rabbits eat any kind of grass, leaf or vegetables, but also sometimes eat their own droppings to help them digest.

Rabbits are infamous for their fast rate of reproduction. A rabbit doe can already be pregnant at the age of six months. The pregnancy takes about one month, after which four to twelve babies are born. Rabbits are born naked and grow their fur twice a year. Rabbits are very popular as pets, but in domestication, they can only lead a good life, if kept in the

garden, not in a flat. Rabbits can usually grow 9–12 years old, the eldest recorded age for rabbits is 18 years.

In China, the Rabbit has a special meaning, as it is considered one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac. Unlike the Western zodiac, which is based on stars, the Chinese zodiac is based on the succession of years. This assigns one of the 12 animals to every year. According to the Chinese lunar calendar, 2011 is the year of the rabbit, as have been all years 12, 24, 36 and so on years before and as

will be after.

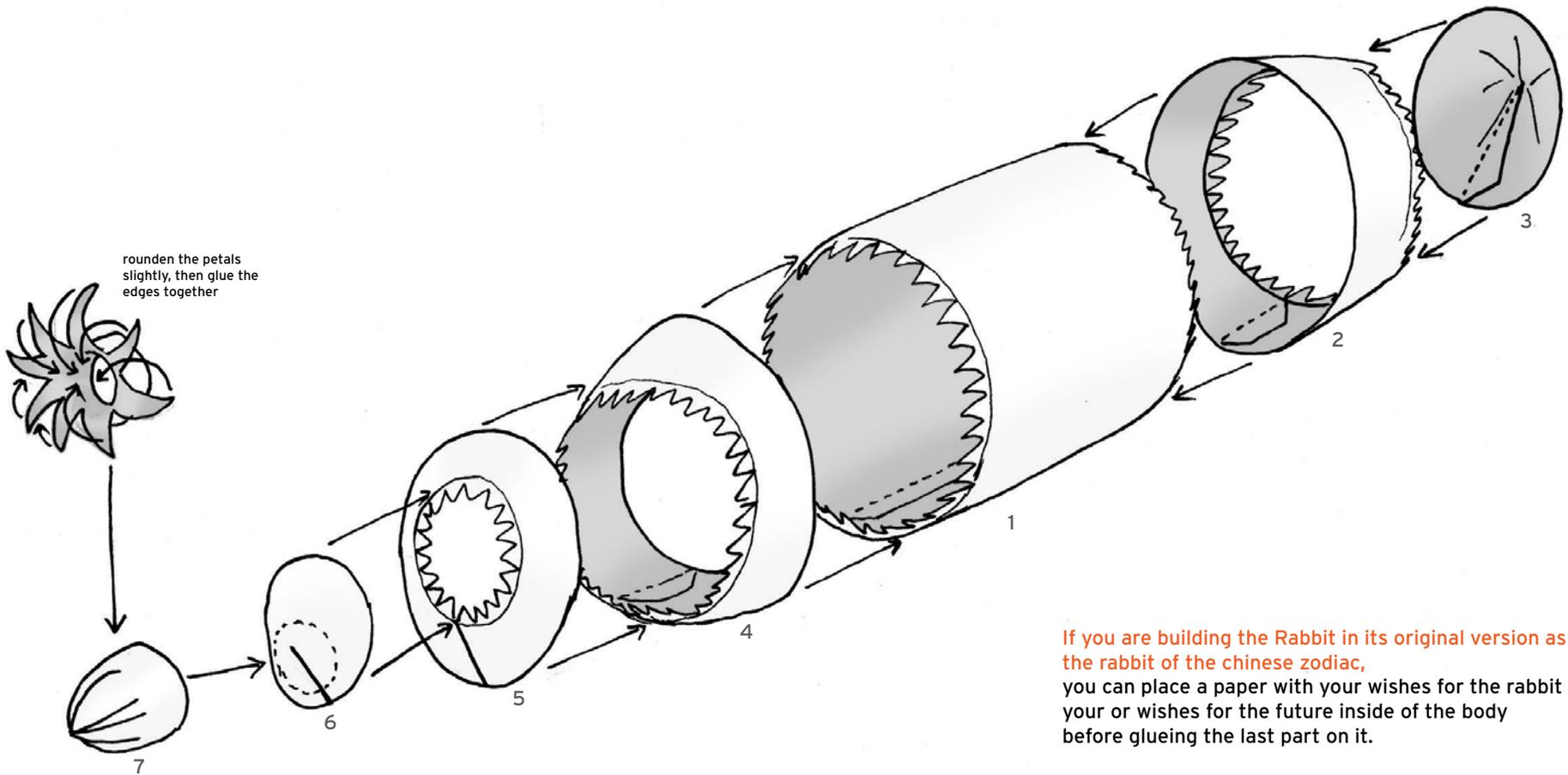
For the Chinese New Year, rabbit dolls and puppets are offered as gifts, in all kinds of shapes, sizes, materials and prices. Such rabbit dolls are traditionally red, as red is considered the most lucky colour. They are painted with ornaments and Chinese characters (Hanzi). The most common character for this use is fu 福, which means happiness, and is also pinned on the doors of Chinese homes for luck. Some rabbit dolls have a zipper at the bottom, which can be used to place a piece of paper with a wish in them.

According to Chinese zodiac, the year in which they are born affects people's personalities.

People born in the year of the rabbit are considered to be graceful and cultivated. They get along with everyone quite well, but are rather shy and reserved deep in their hearts. They are very sensitive to the world around them and like to learn more about everything. But when they are placed in a competitive or aggressive situation, they will feel uncomfortable and try to escape, just like a real rabbit would. Rabbit-born people are said to lead a very conservative, safe lifestyle and often choose safety and stagnation over risk and progress.

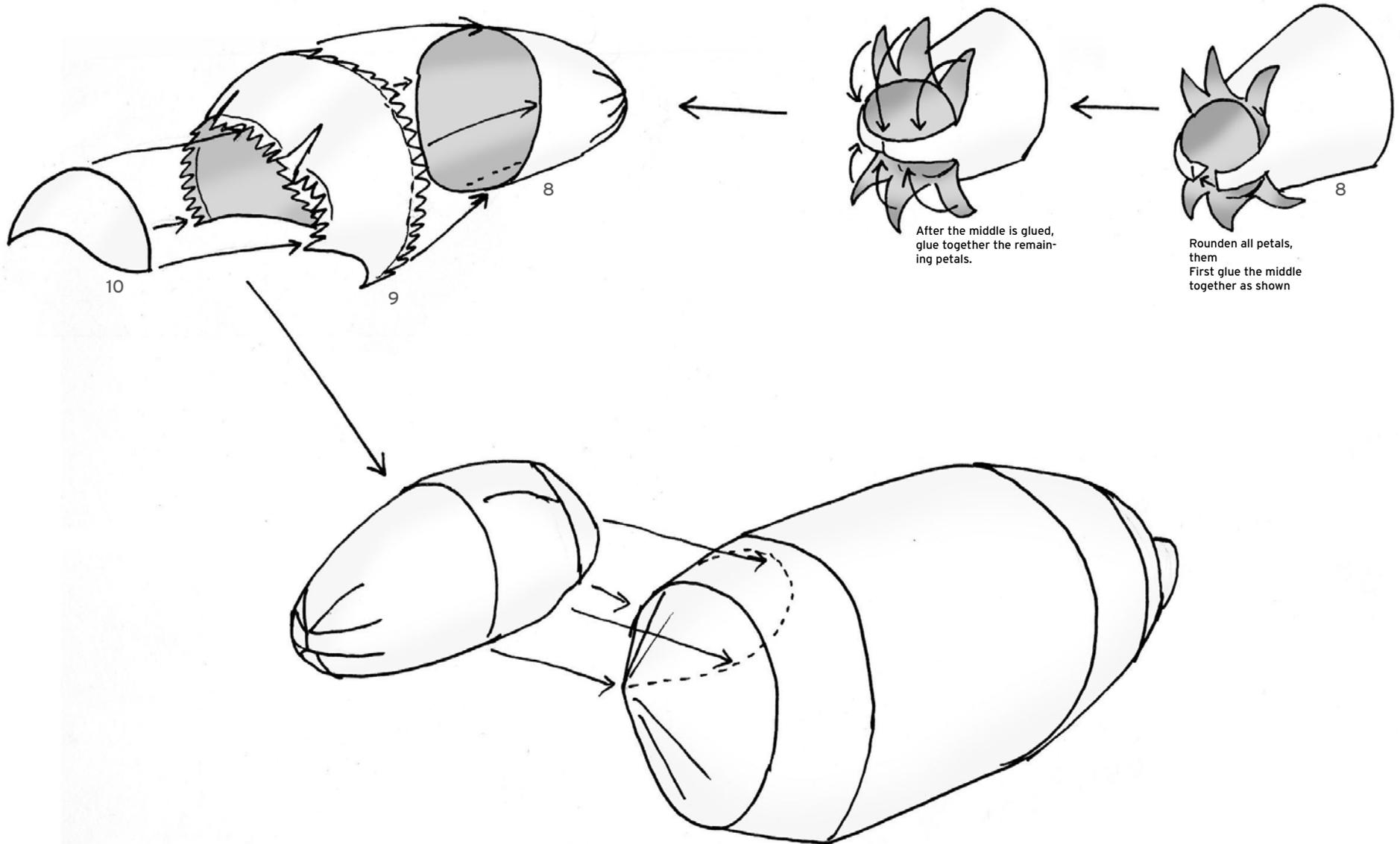
An interesting fact about the rabbit in the Chinese zodiac is, that originally it should actually refer to a hare. Rabbits are not native animals in China, and were first brought there a long time after the zodiac must have been developed. Today, the zodiac is usually translated as Rabbit. This is not a mistake, as there is only one Chinese character for both hare and rabbit, which is tu 兔.

1. Glue together the main parts of the body.



If you are building the Rabbit in its original version as the rabbit of the chinese zodiac, you can place a paper with your wishes for the rabbit your or wishes for the future inside of the body before glueing the last part on it.

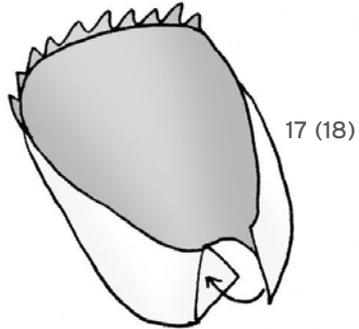
2. Build the head and attach it to the body.



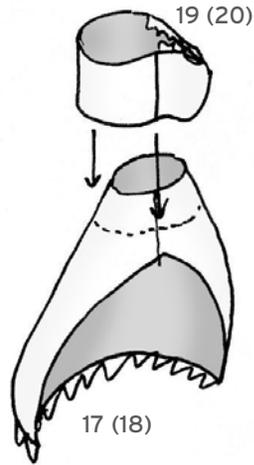
3. Construction of the legs

2x! Repeat for right legs (numbers in Brackets)

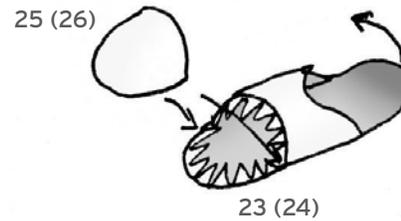
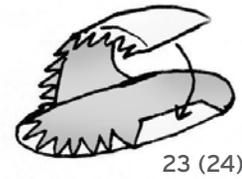
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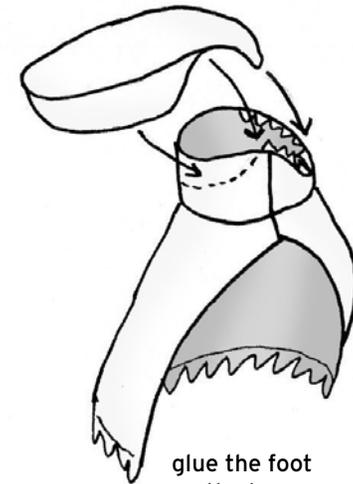
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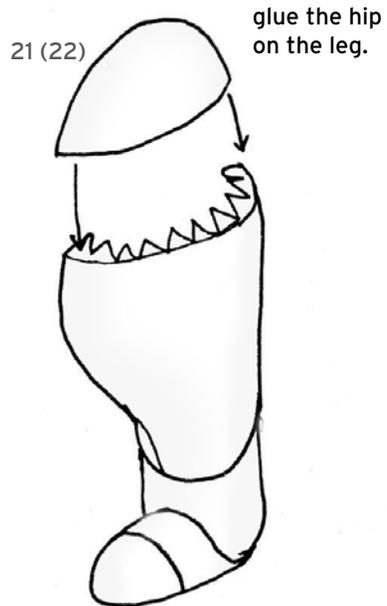
glue together the two leg parts



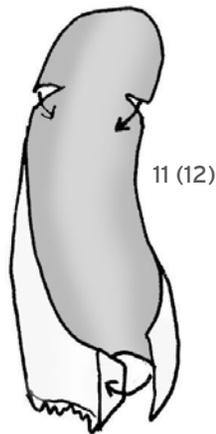
glue together the rear foot and glue the toes on the front



glue the foot on the leg

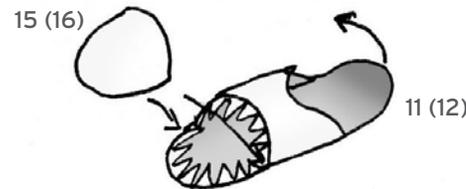


glue the hip on the leg.

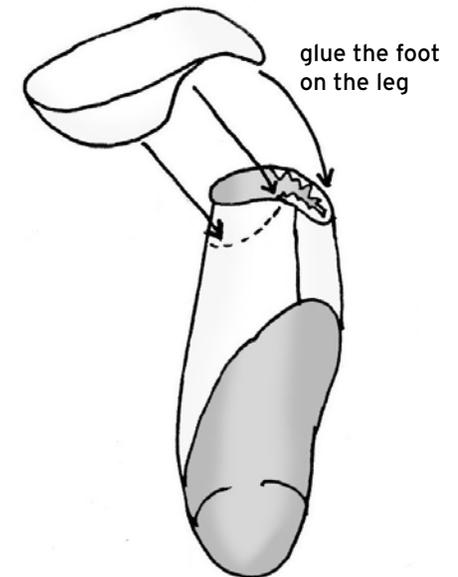


Front leg

glue together the front leg



glue together the front foot and glue the toes on the front



glue the foot on the leg

4. Attach the legs, ears and beard to the body.

2x! Repeat for the right side (numbers in brackets)

