



## Dharma doll (white)

The first Dharma dolls are said to have been made some 300 years ago at the Sorensen Dharma Temple in Takasaki City in Gunma Prefecture, modeled after the Zen monk, Bodhidharma. The eyebrows and beard represent the crane and the turtle, long considered symbols of longevity in Japan, and the dolls are popular as good luck charms.

It is traditional to paint in the left pupil (the right one facing you) when you make a wish, and then paint in the right pupil when the wish comes true.

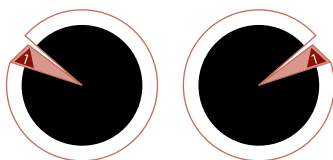
Also, it is said to be most lucky to place the doll so that it faces south.

In Japan, red and white are considered lucky and these are the usual colors for a Dharma doll. There are other dolls with different colors, based on oriental astrology, so you can select the color of the doll based on the nature of your wish and your lucky color, increasing the fun and perhaps the efficacy of the charm.

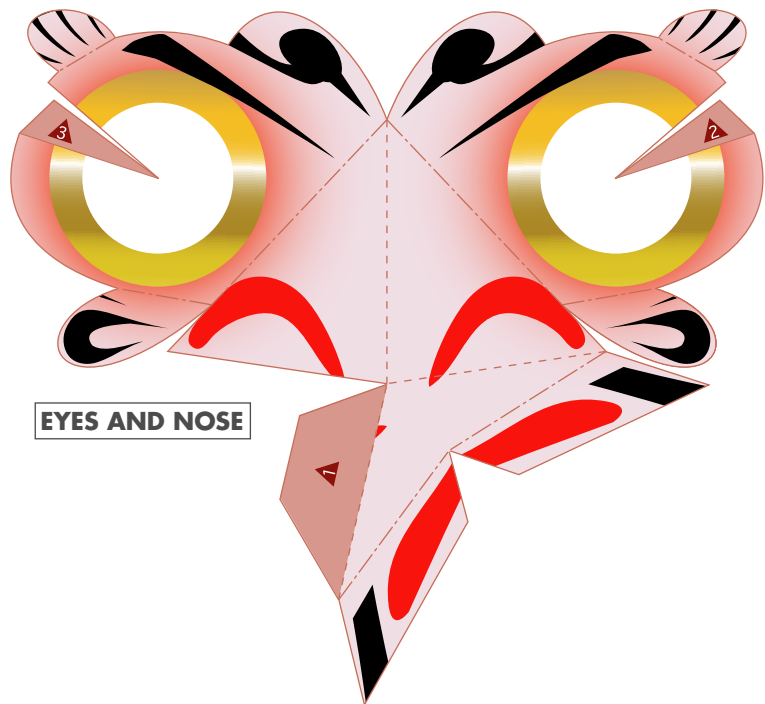
The color white is believed to have the power of purification and of new birth. It is used when one wishes to clean the slate and start afresh.



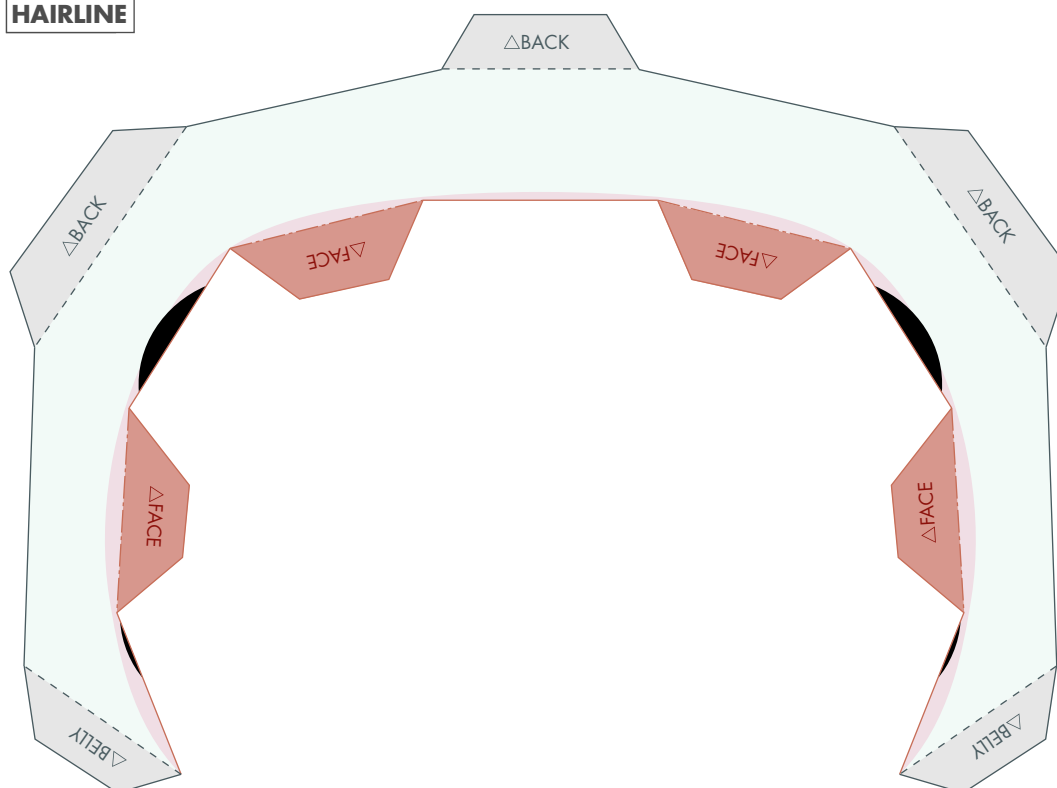
PUPIL



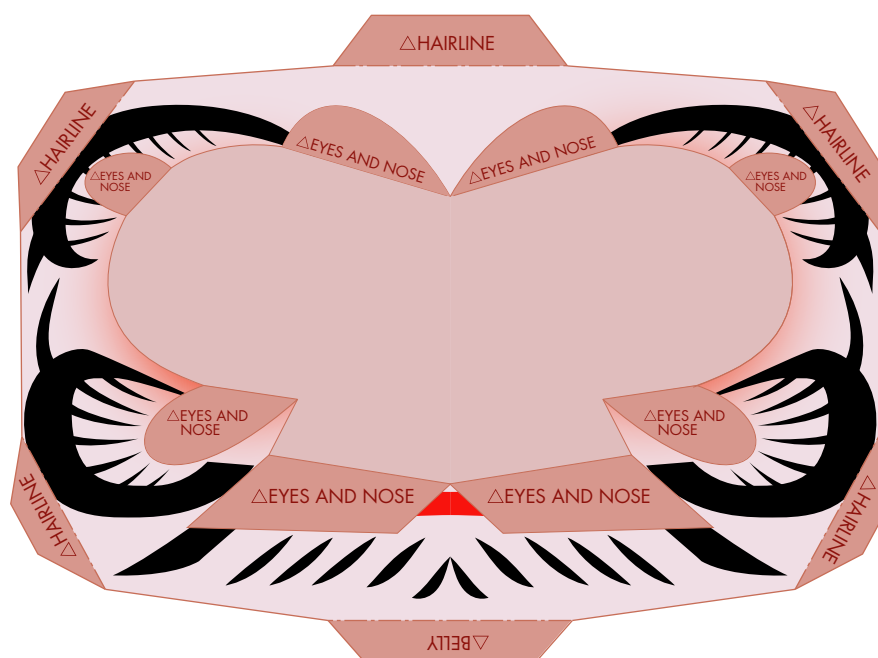
EYES AND NOSE

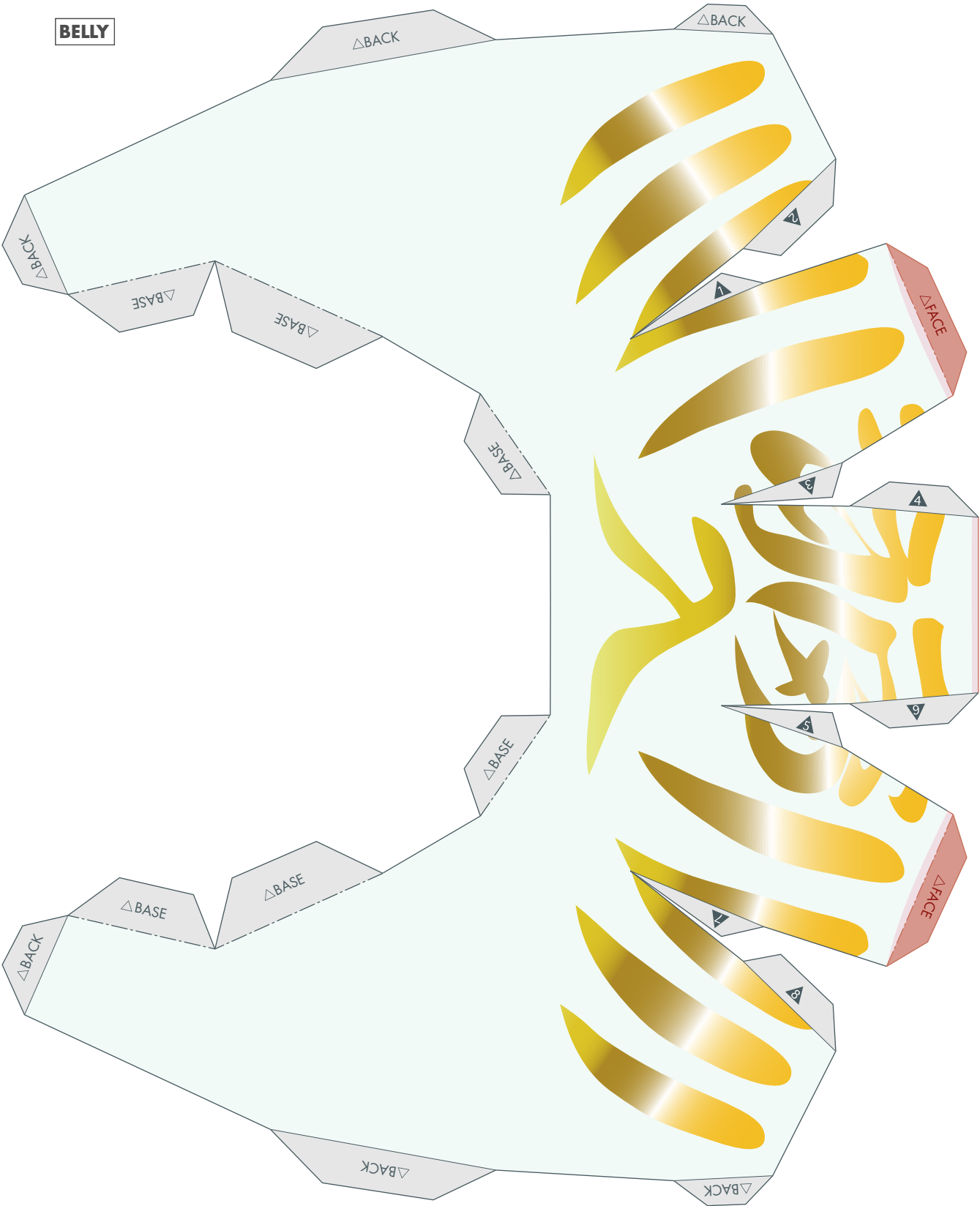


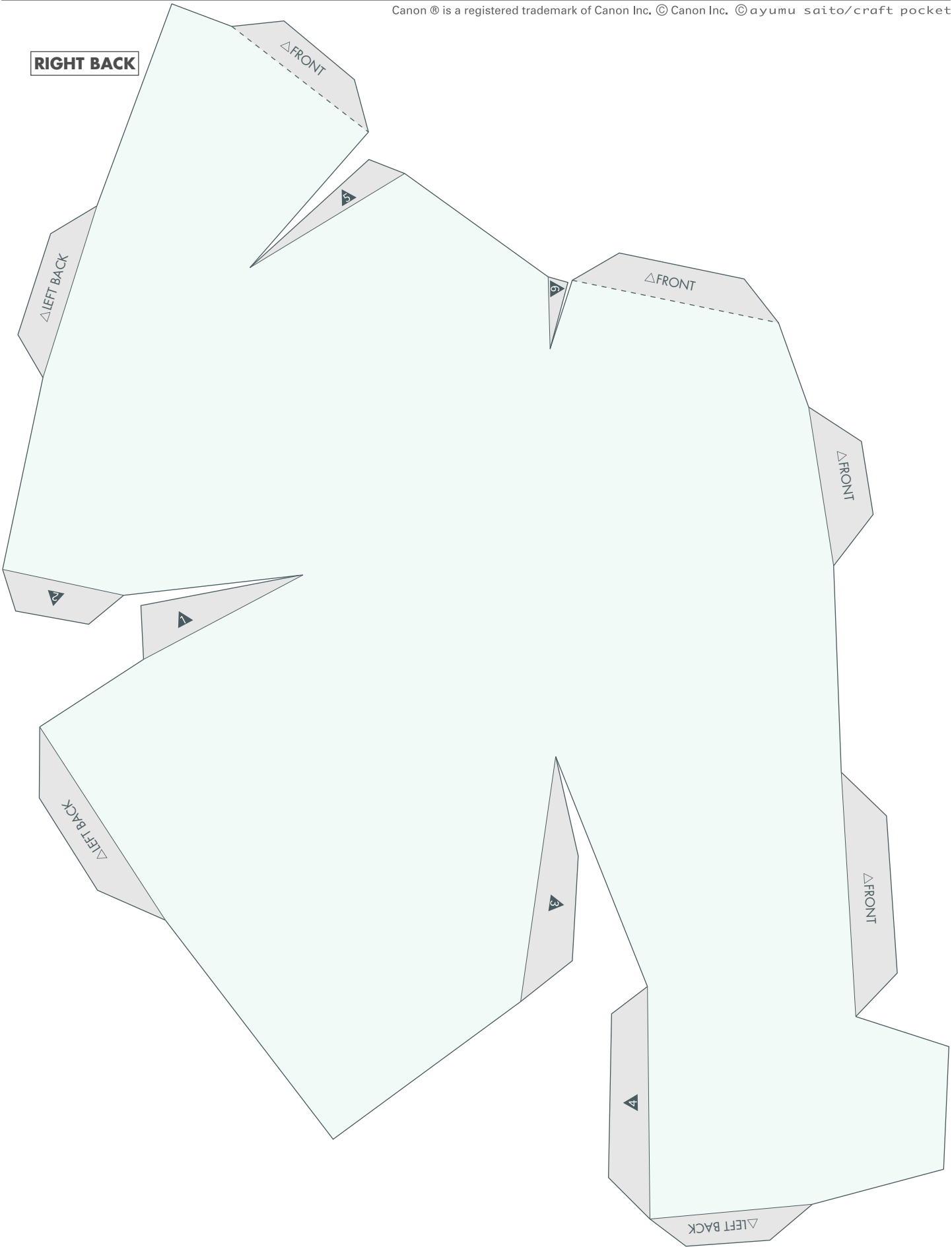
**HAIRLINE**

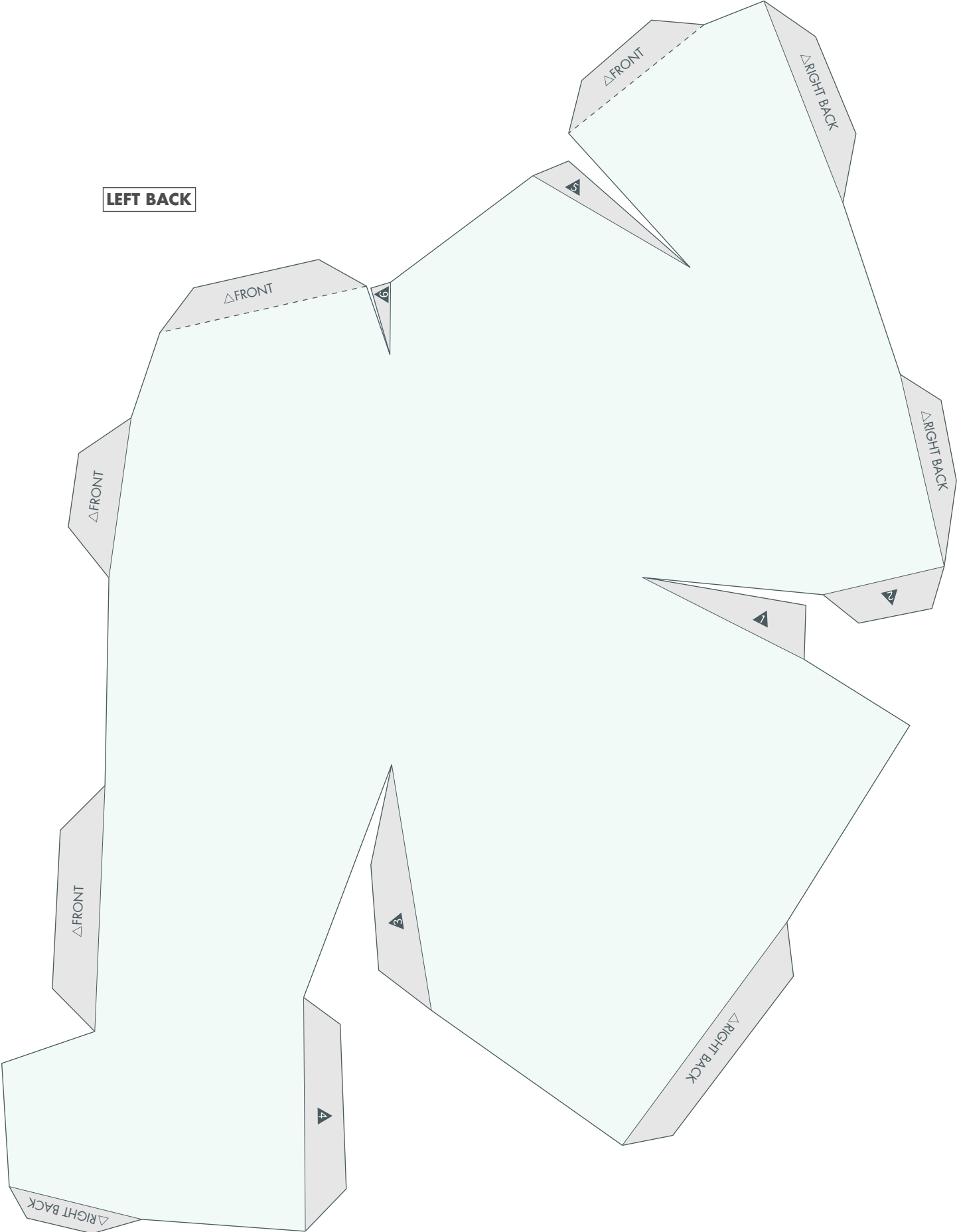


**FACE**





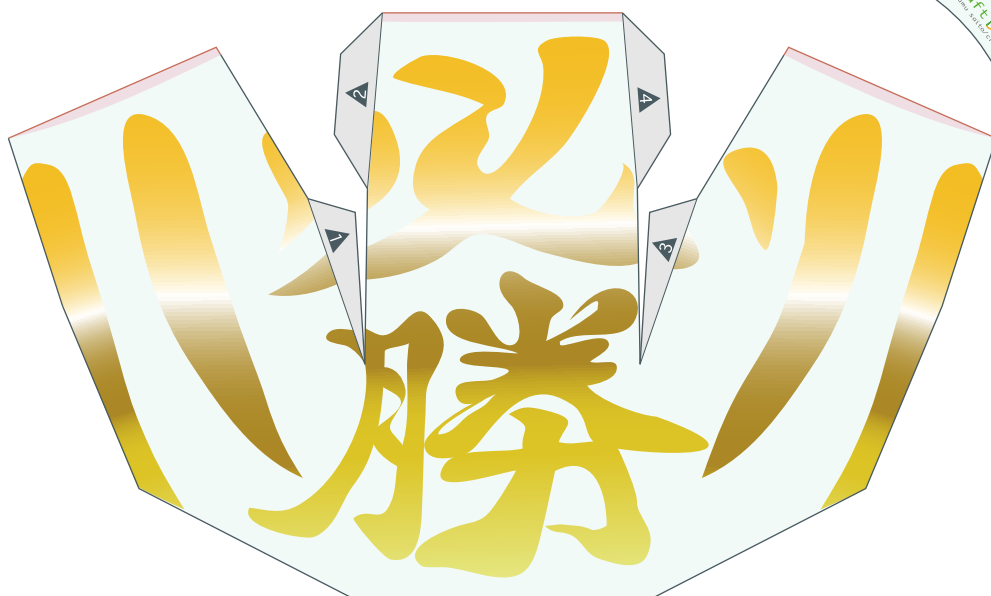




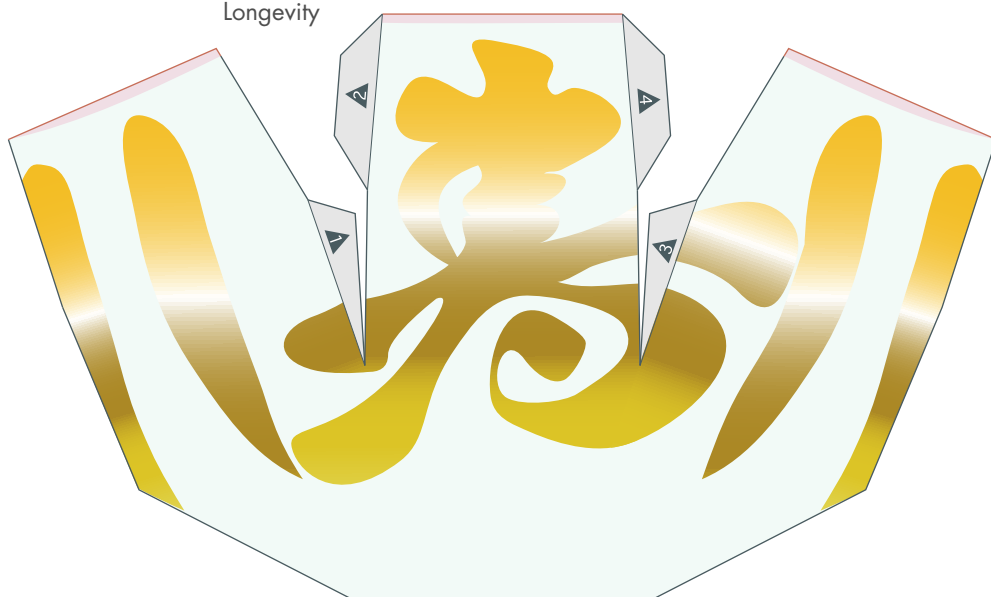
BASE

Interchangeable front characters

Victory

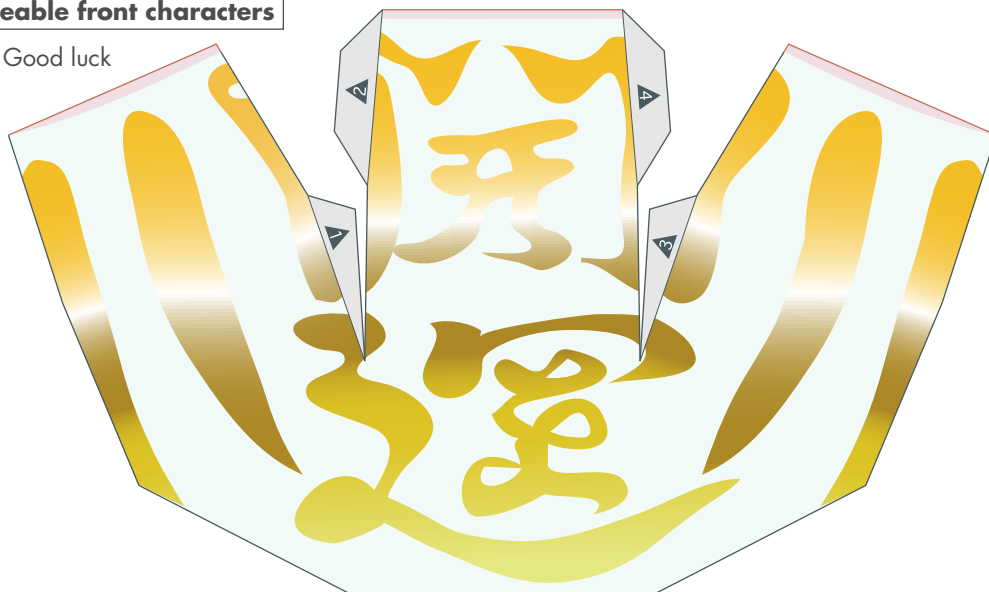


Longevity

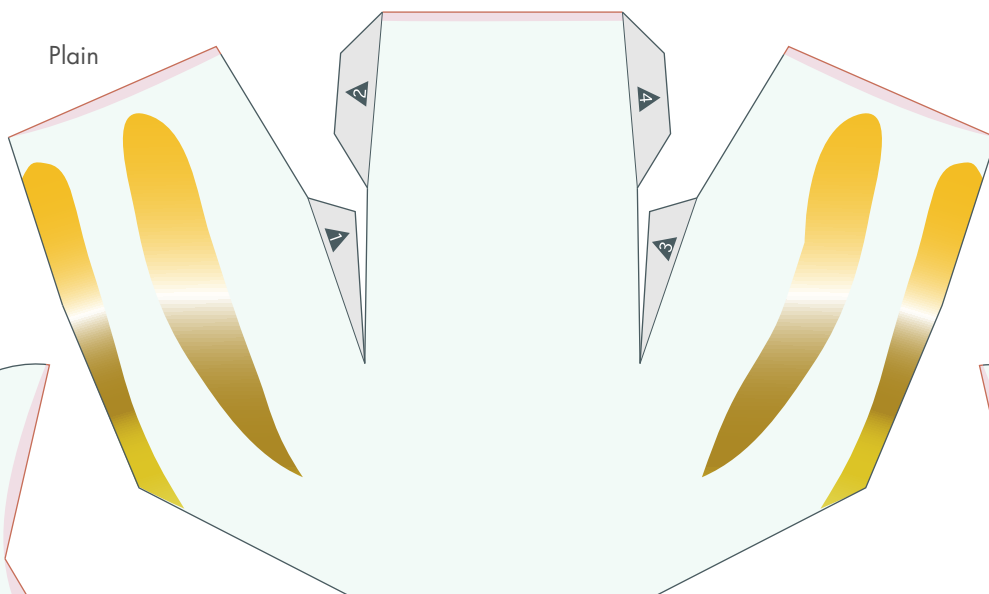


**Interchangeable front characters**

Good luck



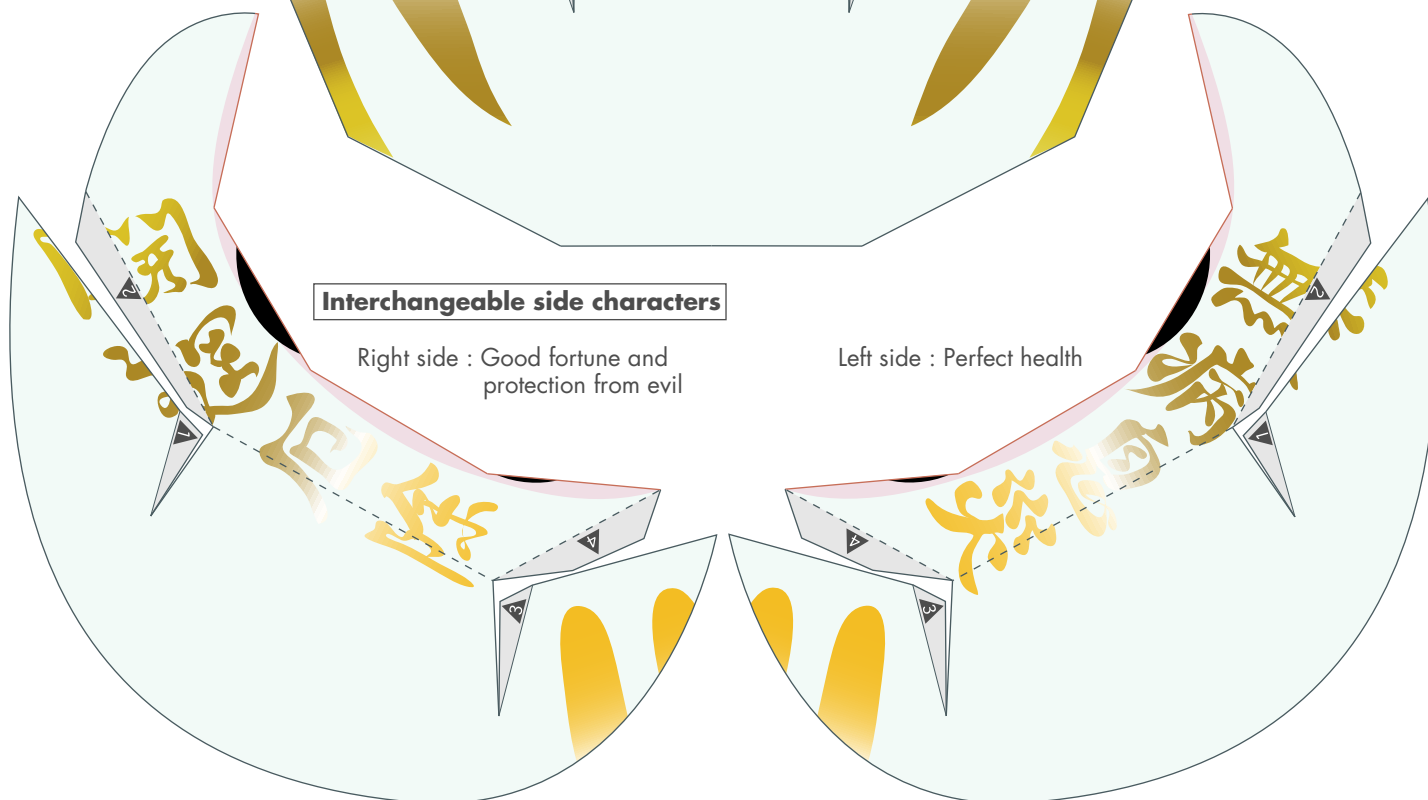
Plain

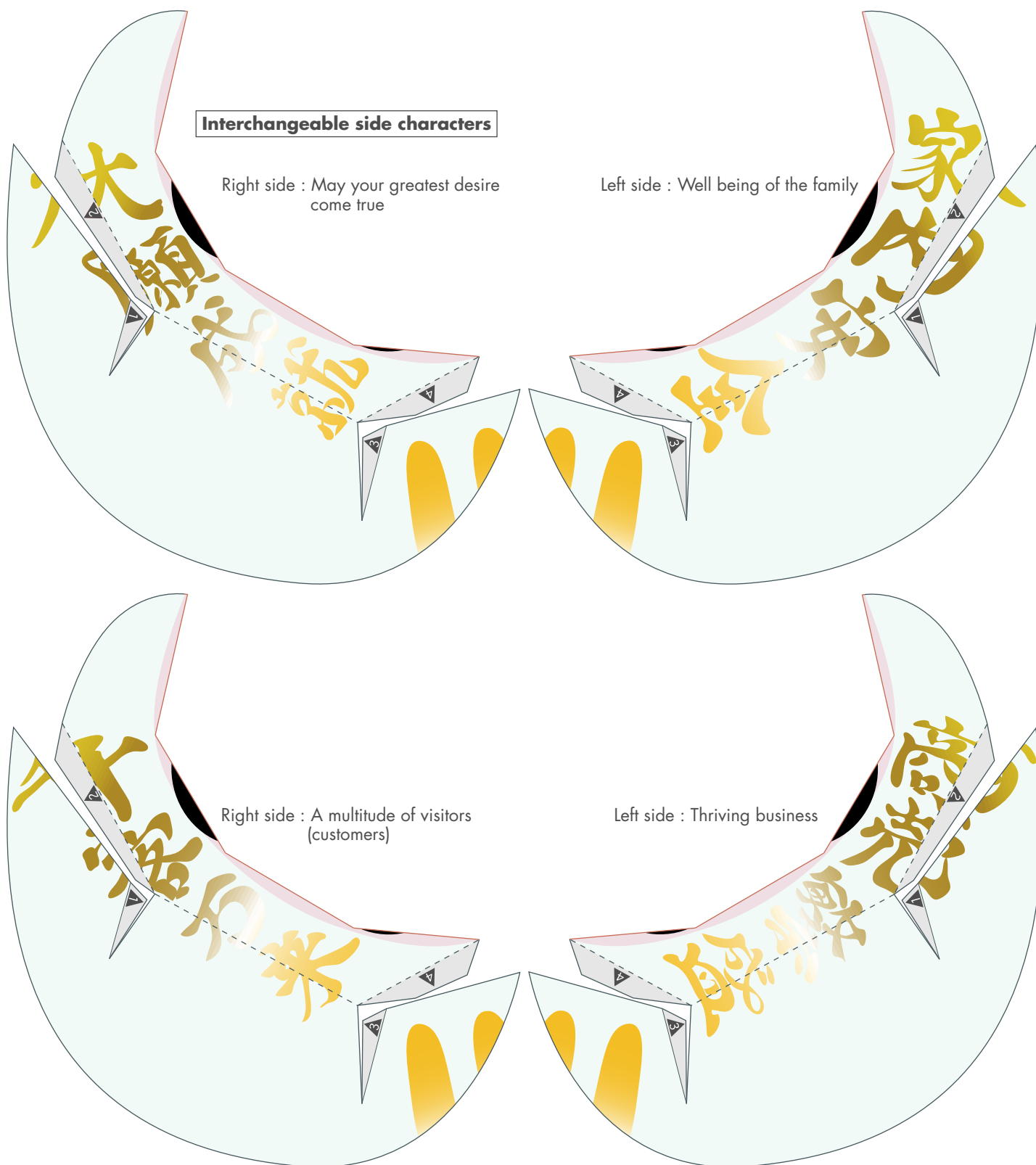


**Interchangeable side characters**

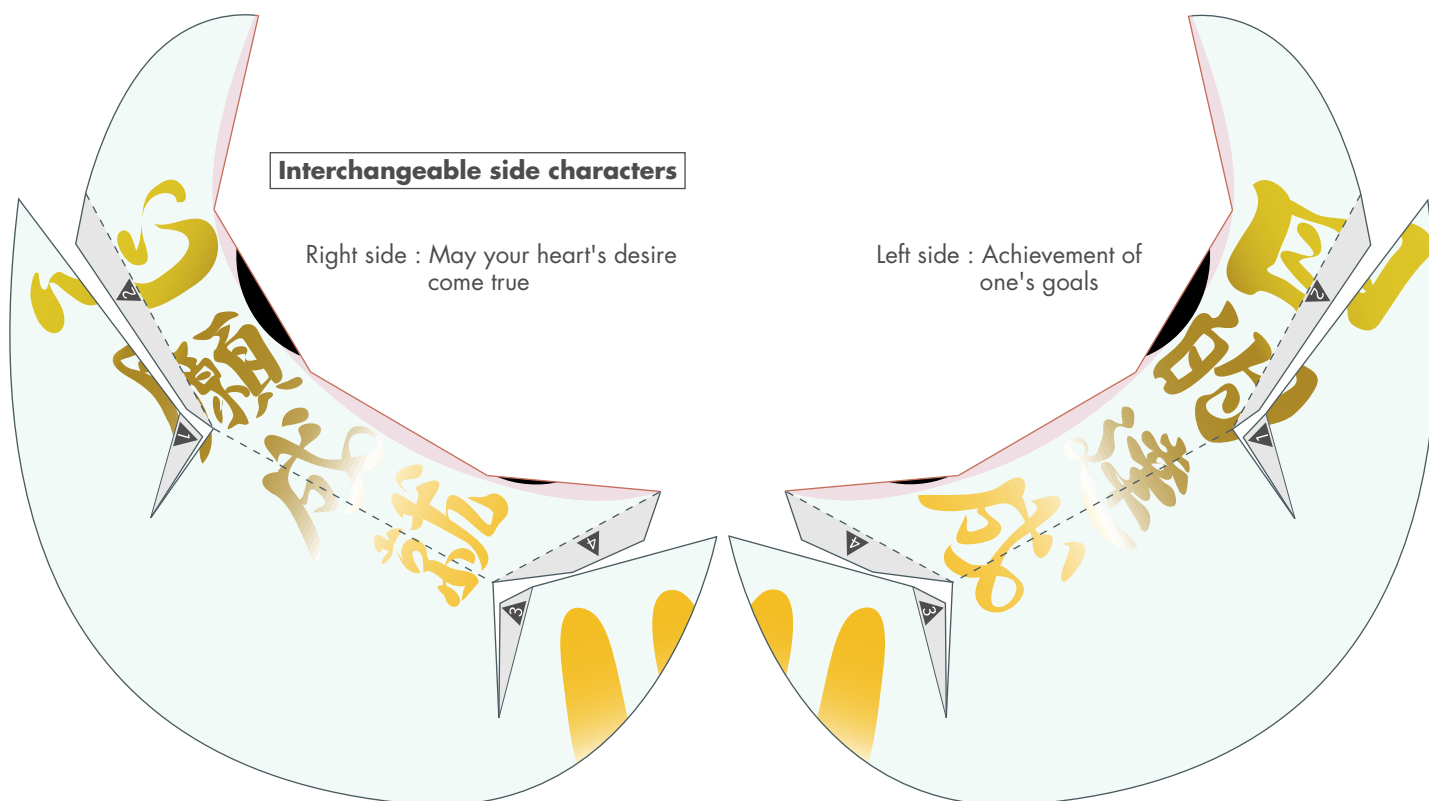
Right side : Good fortune and protection from evil

Left side : Perfect health









**Recommended interchangeable parts**

Body characters : Longevity

Side characters : Good fortune and protection from evil  
Well being of the family