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Exhibition **Kirigami: Scissors + Paper** with Tokyo artist Kanako Yaguchi



The Japan Foundation, Sydney is pleased to host the exhibition **Kirigami: Scissors + Paper** from **Thursday 30 May** to **Friday 28 June** at The Japan Foundation Gallery.

Combine the Japanese words *kiru* (to cut) and *kami* (paper), and you get kirigami—like origami, but with scissors. The exhibition showcases the work of Tokyo artist **Kanako Yaguchi**, whose work is highly sought after in fields as varied as book binding and interior design. Using only simple items, she explores the possibilities of kirigami, creating **intricate and heart-felt works that will delight and inspire.**

A series of events will run in conjunction with the exhibition, including a **talk and demo**, a **Japanese-language workshop** and a **kirigami crafternoon**. Each one offers the chance to interact with Kanako Yaguchi, here in Australia for the first time.

“I started making kirigami while studying design at university,” says Yaguchi. “From there, I moved to holding exhibitions and teaching kirigami all over the world. Kirigami has given me the chance to work with so many different people, which is what I enjoy most. I’m really looking forward to sharing kirigami with Australia soon.”

Exhibition

Kirigami: Scissors + Paper

30 May – 28 June 2013

Japan Foundation Gallery

Level 1, Chifley Plaza, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney

Monday—Friday, plus selected Saturdays (1 June, 15 June)

11.00am – 4.00pm

Free admission.

Kirigami Events

KIRIGAMI: Talk & Demo

Friday 31 May, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Free admission. Bookings essential.

Kirigami Workshop for Language Learners

Saturday 1 June, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Admission: \$15.00. Bookings essential.

Kirigami Crafternoon Workshop

Saturday 1 June, 11am – 12:30pm

Free admission. Bookings essential.

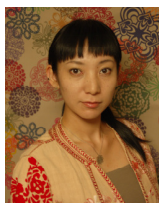


All events will take place at The Japan Foundation, Sydney.

Seats are limited.

All enquiries and bookings to reception@jpf.org.au / 02 8239 0055

KANAKO YAGUCHI



Kanako Yaguchi's fascination with kirigami began over 15 years ago. Since then, she has travelled with paper and scissors to Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam, as well as across Japan, holding workshops and exhibiting her work. In addition to collaborating with magazines, businesses and book binders, Kanako also lectures at art universities in Japan and is the author of nine books on kirigami.

THE JAPAN FOUNDATION

The Japan Foundation aims to promote cultural and intellectual exchange between Japan and other nations through a diverse range of programs and events. The Japan Foundation, Sydney runs a gallery space, library and Japanese language courses for all levels catering from beginner to advanced. The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 with a global network of 23 offices in 21 countries. The Australian office was founded in 1977.

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