

# FUKUWARAI— A GAME FROM JAPAN

Materials: The printout from the next page  
Scissors  
Markers/crayons  
Glue

This Japanese game is traditionally played at New Years. Originally, the face was that of Otafuku, a good natured Japanese goddess whose motto is “laugh and grow fat!” Because of her motto, the Japanese people thought Otafuku wouldn’t mind how her face looked in this game...

To play, print out the image on the next page. Cut out the facial features at the bottom of the Fukuwarai page. Players each take a turn to close their eyes and place all the features on the face outline. The player whose turn it is can only use one hand, and must put the other one behind his or her back while playing. When all the features are placed, each player looks at what he/she did before giving someone else a turn.

