Shiba

**Height:** 37 to 40 cm  
**Weight:** 9 to 14 kg is considered ideal  
**Origin:** Japan (Mountainous regions of Honshu and Shikoku)  
**Personality:** Loyal, cautious, with very sharp senses.

The Shiba is a dog that is native to Japan. It is thought that the Shiba came to Japan with the peoples who migrated to Japan from the south in the Jomon Period (about 8000 B.C. to 200 B.C.). The shiba lived primarily in the mountainous regions near the Sea of Japan, and served as hunting dog for small game. However, the shiba was bred with the many varieties of foreign dogs which were brought to Japan from 1868 through 1912, and the number of purebred Japanese Shiba declined drastically. The danger of the purebred Shiba’s extinction was felt, and starting in 1926, a variety of activities were carried out to preserve the purebred Shiba. In 1936, the Shiba was designated a “natural monument” by the Japanese government. The Shiba we know today is a result of these protective activities. The Shiba is classified as a small dog, but it is known for being very muscular. According to one theory, the name “Shiba” comes from an ancient word meaning “small”. Shiba are very loyal to their masters, and are easy dogs to keep. However, Shiba are also very cautious and have sharp senses. Shiba don’t bark much, and have a distinctive and unusual bark.

This Papercraft model is a 1/3 scale model of a real Shiba.

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### Tools and materials

- Scissors, straightedge, glue (we recommend craft glue), a round stick such as a pencil (used for applying a curvature to paper).

### Assembly tip

Crease all mountain folds and valley folds before gluing, and apply curvature to curved portions.

### Caution

Keep glue away from small children.
Assembling the parts

A HEAD

Attach Curve ----->

B SNOUT

C EAR (Left) D EAR (Right)

Apply glue to the inside surfaces and glue together.

E NECK

F FRONT LEG 1 (Left) G FRONT LEG 1 (Right)

Assembled parts
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Attach → Curve

H  FRONT LEG 2 (Left)  I  FRONT LEG 2 (Right)

FRONT LEG 3 (Left)  K  FRONT LEG 3 (Right)

L  HIND LEG 1 (Left)  M  HIND LEG 1 (Right)

N  HIND LEG 2 (Left)  O  HIND LEG 2 (Right)

P  HIND LEG 3 (Left)  Q  HIND LEG 3 (Right)
Complete assembly

- Glue HIND LEG 3 to HIND LEG 2.
- Glue HIND LEG 2 to HIND LEG 1.
- Glue HIND LEG 1 to THIGH.
- Glue THIGH (Right) to THIGH (Left).
- Glue TAIL to BACK.
- Glue THIGH to BACK.
- Glue BELLY to BACK.
- Glue NECK to BACK.
- Glue FRONT LEG 3 to FRONT LEG 2.
- Glue FRONT LEG 2 to FRONT LEG 1.
- Glue FRONT LEG 1 to BACK.
- Glue SNOUT to HEAD.
- Glue EAR to HEAD.
- Glue HEAD to NECK.
- Wrap COLLAR around NECK.
- Glue ends of COLLAR together.

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Shiba: Assembly Instructions

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