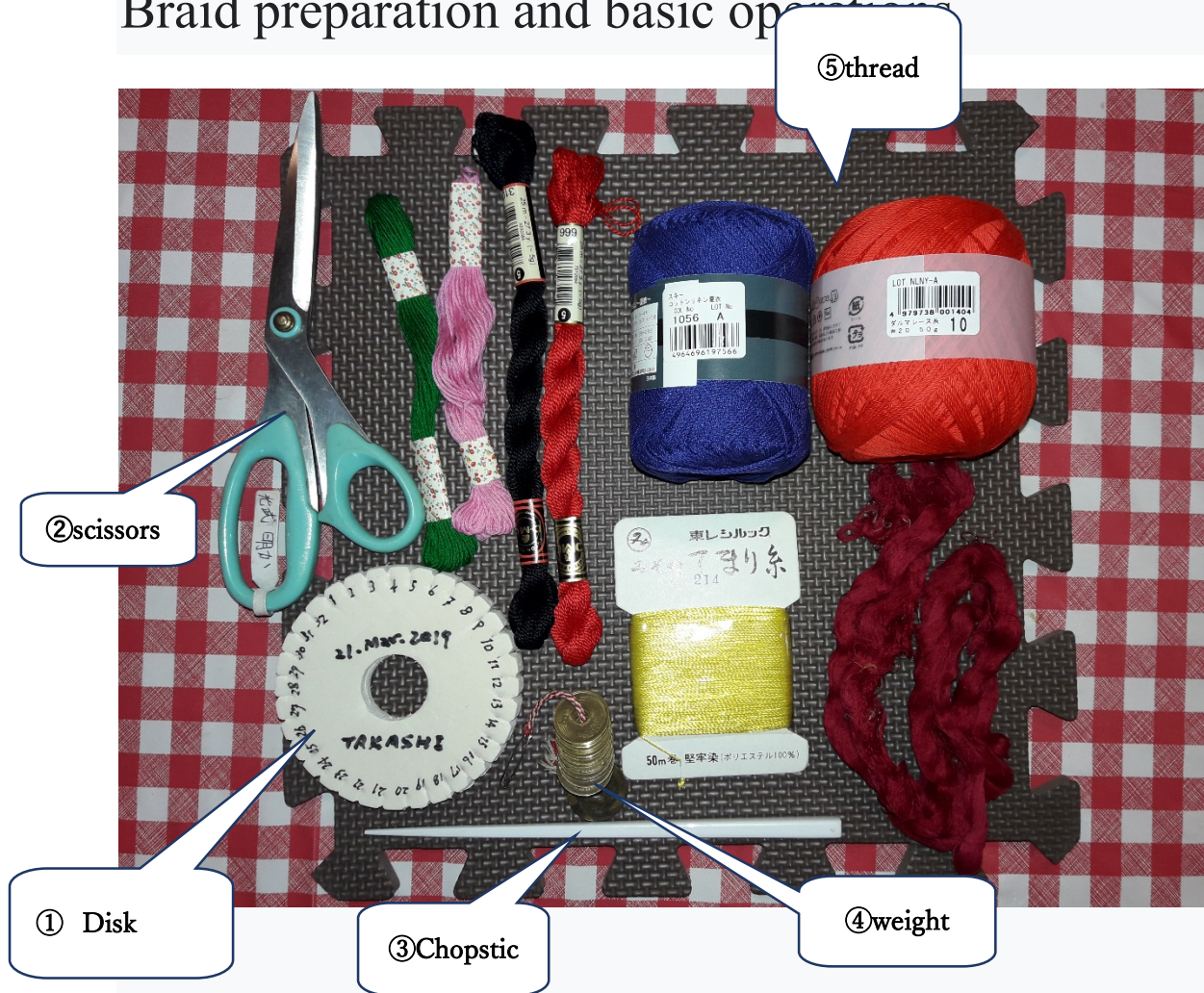


Braid preparation and basic operations



Things to prepare

- ① Disk
- ② You can use a commercially available one or make your own. The easiest type to use is the type with 32 cuts. A firm spongy one is best. When making your own, you can also use cardboard or gift boxes cut into circles.

- ③ scissors

Preferably something that cuts well.

④ chopstic
a pointy stick like chopsticks

⑤ weight
about 30 grams (1 oz.)

⑥ thread
Any thread can be used for braiding, but we recommend embroidery thread or knitting thread.
Wool Yarn may be difficult to use for first-time users.

⑦ others
作った組紐を利用するための金具類、たとえばブレスレット用、ネックレス用、ストラップ用金具などが必要です。練習用には事務用の二重リングなど。糸通しと終わりの始末のための残り糸 15cm ほどを準備してください。

You will need metal fittings to use the braid you made, such as metal fittings for bracelets, necklaces, straps, etc. For practice, double office rings etc. Please prepare about 15cm of remaining thread for threading and finishing.

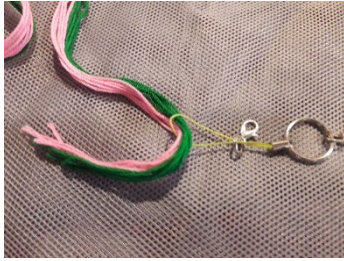
Let's start



Prepare and arrange the required number of threads (count from the pattern diagram) cut to a length 5 times the length of the finished product (50 cm if the finished product is 10 cm).



First, pass the threader loop through the ring on the metal fittings.
When I'm not making this tool, I cut a piece of string about 15cm long and loop it through the ring.



Pass about 3cm of the end of the braided thread through this thread loop and pull it out. This allows you to easily thread a large number of threads through a small hole.

Divide the threads so that they are evenly distributed on the left and right sides.



Next, set the thread on the Disk.

The starting position of the braid is indicated at the top right of each page of this text.



While looking at the illustrations in the text, insert the thread into the notches (slits) of the Disk.

At this time, orient the metal fittings so that they are on the back side of the disc.

Hold the thread with your other hand so that the center of the thread does not shift as much as possible.

You can easily use chopsticks to twist out the threads one by one.

Once the threads are set, keep them taut so they don't come loose and start braiding.

Check occasionally to make sure there are no loose parts while assembling.

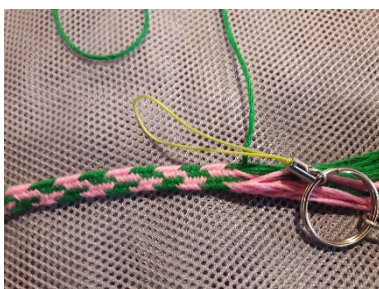
Next, hang the weight to the metal fittings and start braiding.

After this, just follow the steps and move the threads to create the braid of your choice.

If you get confused along the way, slowly retrace the steps in reverse.

"Don't give up and don't rush" is the secret to becoming good at it.

After braiding



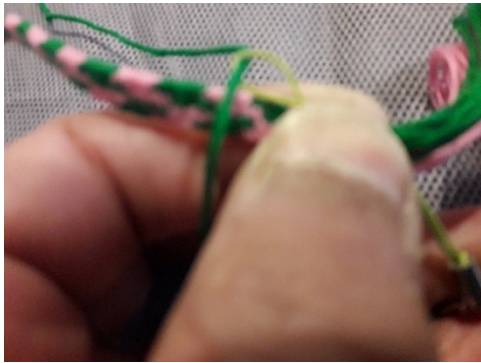
To finish the end of the braid we will make "Makiage"

Twist one of the braided threads (the green thread facing upward in the diagram).

Select one thread of the braid(see green thread)

Fold back about 15cm of another thread and place it along the braid from the end of the braid as shown in the picture on the left.

Wrap this green thread along with other threads, starting from the end of the braid and aligning the eyes in the direction of the beginning. Wrap it approximately 5 times.



Thread the end of the wound thread through another loop of thread.

At this time, if you leave some leeway, things will go well.

Pull out another thread. Another loop of thread is passed under the wound thread and pulled out.

After pulling it out, firmly hold the wound part of the thread and pull the thread tightly.

Finally, trim the tassels neatly.

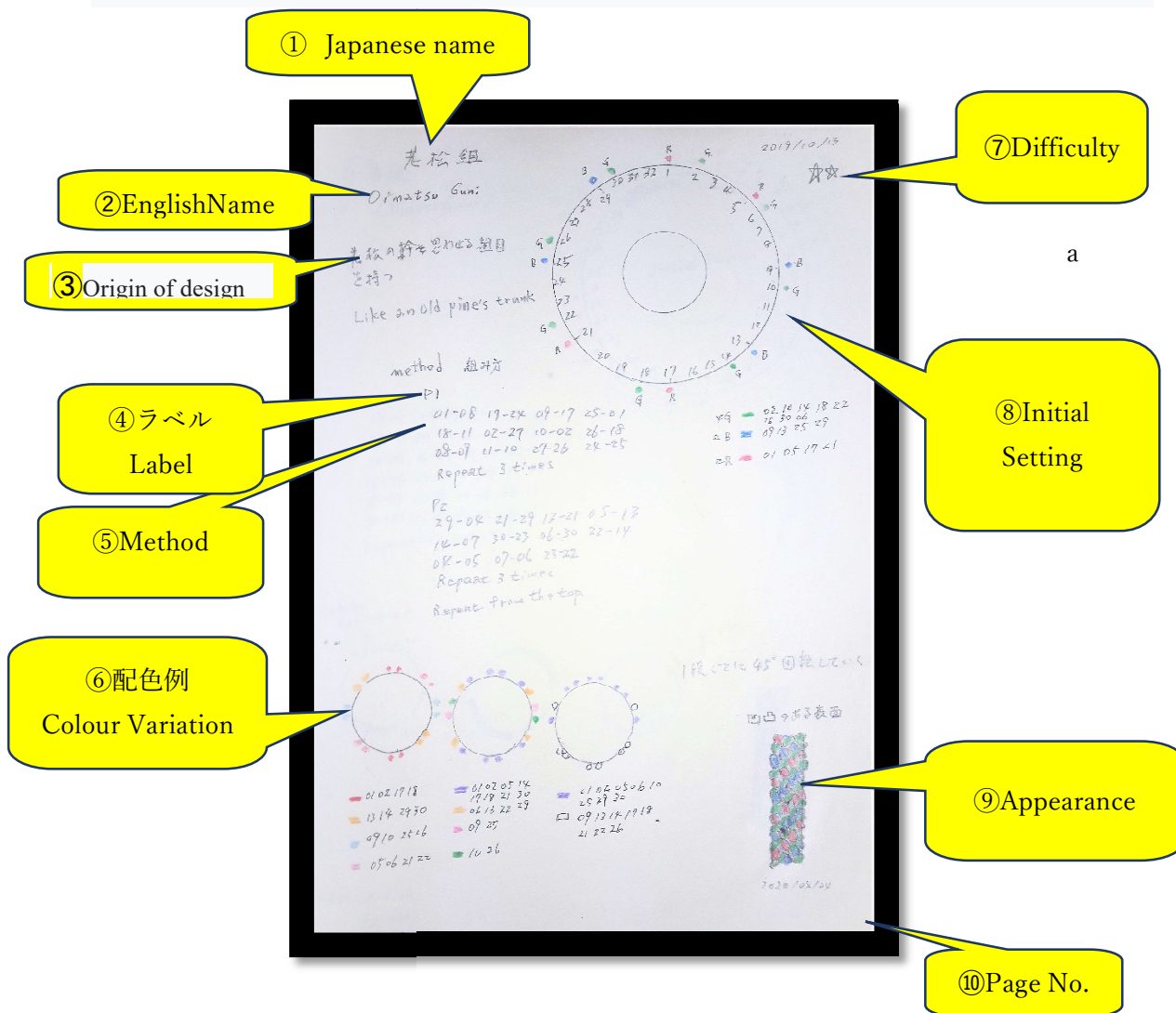


If you roll a bunch of thin paper like this and cut it with scissors, you can make a neat cut.

Finally, adjust the overall shape.

(Caution) Once Kongo-gumi members are assembled, stretching them will not yield good results, so please do not stretch them until you are confident. The whole thing may come loose. It may be better to stretch the Hei Genji lineage braid evenly. You will gradually acquire the skills through experience, so there is no need to worry too much about them.

How to use this text



① Japanese name

If there is a traditional pattern name, it will be displayed. If it is original, it is named by the author.

② English name or design explanation in English

③ Explanation of design name

④ Label of method

A signboard indicating a group of steps.

⑤ Method of braiding

01-08 indicates that the thread in slot No. 1 (the position where the thread of the disc is sandwiched) is moved to slot No. 8. Move the thread from left to right and from top to bottom in this order. You are free to use your right or left hand. Keep your other hand firmly supporting the Disk.

⑥ color Variation

Here is another color scheme example.

⑦ Difficulty

⑧ The difficulty level of production is indicated with a star. The more stars there are, the higher the difficulty level.

⑨ Initial Setting

⑩ Work design

⑪ Figure number

Useful tools to make



Threading tool

And

Weight coins (Japanese coin with a hole)