

# FOLD IT UP!

How do you thank someone when they help you or give you a gift?

In Japan, people can say thank you by giving a **pochibukuro**. A *pochibukuro* is a small envelope covered in beautiful colours and designs, and often contains a small gift, such as money. You can see some *pochibukuro* by searching for 'envelopes' at [ngv.melbourne/collection](http://ngv.melbourne/collection).

Let's make a *pochibukuro*! Put a surprise drawing or note inside your *pochibukuro* and give it to a friend, grandparent, parent or special person!

Say *pochibukuro* like this:  
POH-CHI-BU-KU-RO

## You will need:

- \* A printout of the activity sheet and the template on page 3
- \* Scissors
- \* Glue stick
- \* Drawing materials
- \* Paper

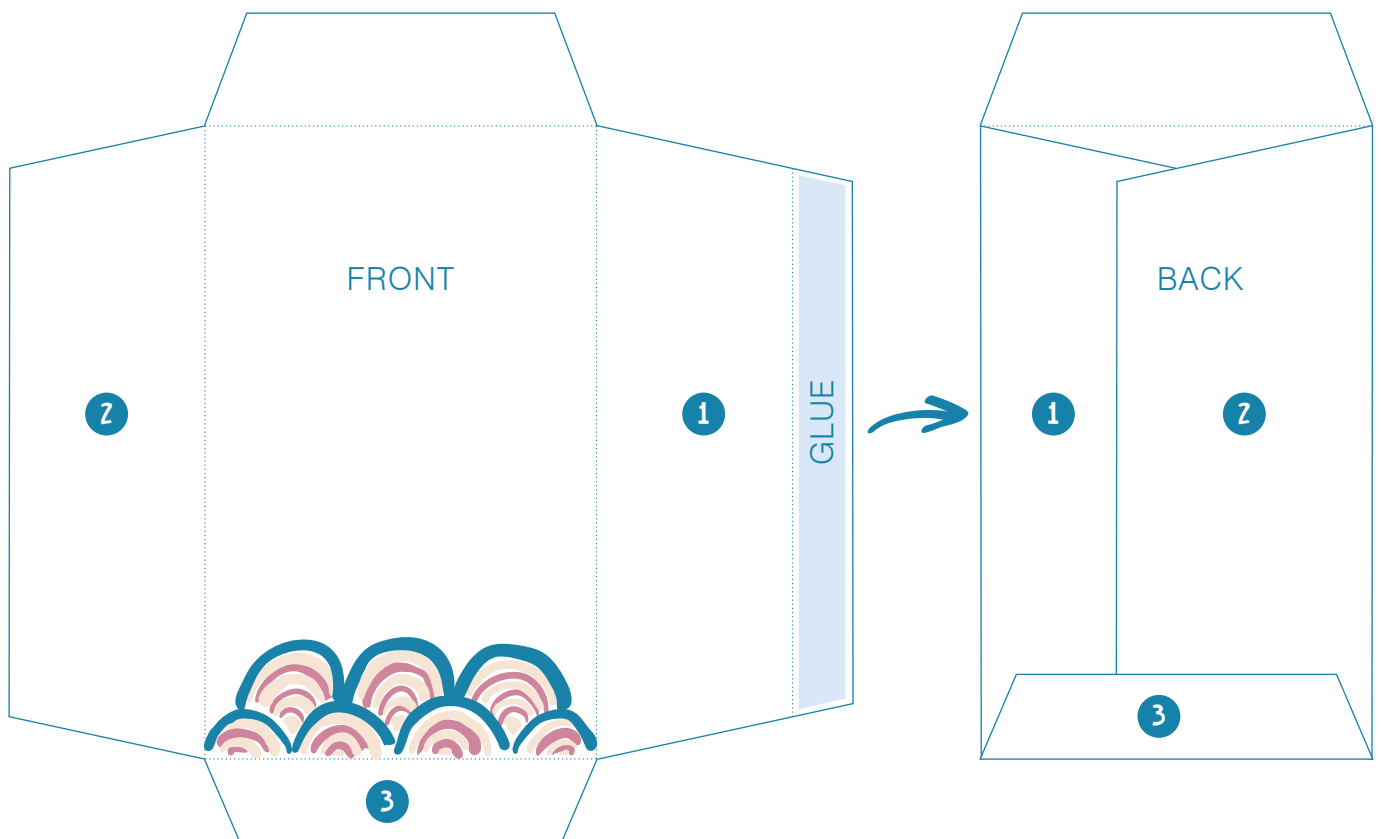
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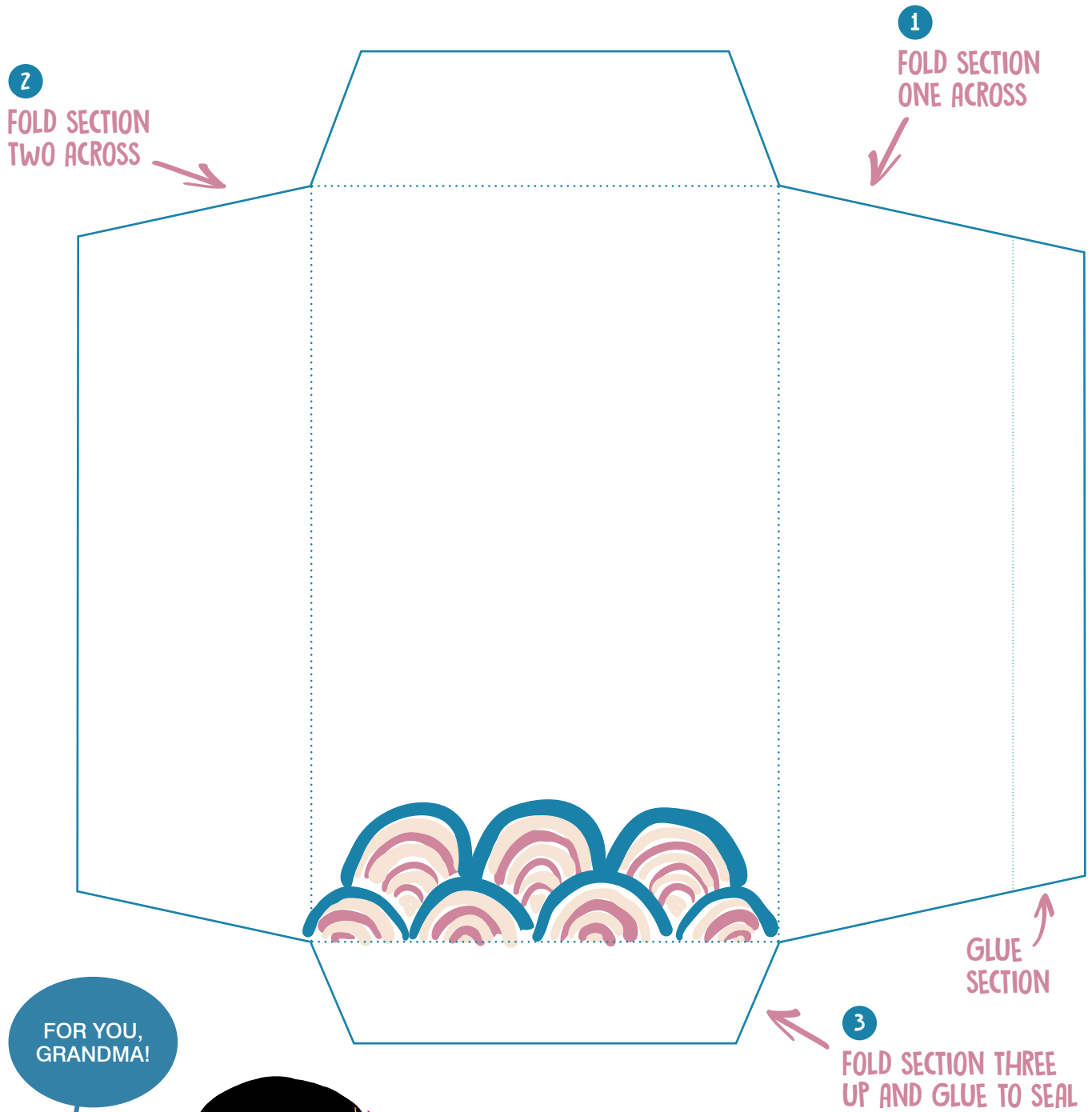
## MAKE A POCHIBUKURO!

- ▶ On a small piece of paper, create a note or drawing to put inside your *pochibukuro*
  - ▶ Cut out the *pochibukuro* template following the solid blue line
  - ▶ Create a coloured drawing, pattern or decoration all over one side of the *pochibukuro*
  - ▶ Flip over your *pochibukuro* so your design is facing down
- 1 Fold section one across at the dotted line
    - ▶ Apply glue along the glue section
  - 2 Fold section two across at the dotted line and press down so sections one and two are stuck together
  - 3 Fold section three up at the dotted line, then use glue to stick section three to sections one and two
- ▶ Put your note or drawing inside your *pochibukuro*, then glue to seal the last flap shut.  
**Your *pochibukuro* is ready!**

## POCHIBUKURO DIAGRAM



## POCHIBUKURO TEMPLATE



FOR YOU,  
GRANDMA!



Remember to **FLIP**  
your pochibukuro  
over so your design  
is facing down  
before you start  
folding!