

## PROJECT!

## PEACH BLOSSOM SCROLL

In the seventeenth century, an artist painted the fable *The Peach Blossom Spring* on a long piece of silk called a **handscroll**. Handscrolls are viewed from right to left. Design your own handscroll based on the fable.

## SUPPLIES

- \* scrap paper
- \* pencil
- \* large paper bag
- \* ruler
- \* crayons and markers
- \* 2 long straws
- \* clear tape
- \* elastic band

**1** Carefully reread the story *The Peach Blossom Spring* and write down the major events on the scrap paper. For example, one major event is that the fisherman loses his way. Write all the points down on your scrap paper.

**2** From the paper bag, cut out a strip measuring 25 inches long by 5 inches wide. Divide your paper into as many vertical blocks as there are events. Leave room at both ends of the paper to attach the straws to your scroll.

**3** The Chinese read scrolls from right to left. Sketch a picture for each story point from right to left. Use your crayons and markers to color in your picture.

**4** Attach a long straw to each end with tape. To store your scroll, carefully roll both ends toward the middle and secure with an elastic band.

**EXPLORE MORE:** Share your story with your friends. Do they have trouble following the story from right to left? Why?



## WORDS TO KNOW

**handscroll:** a long piece of paper and silk that can be rolled up.