

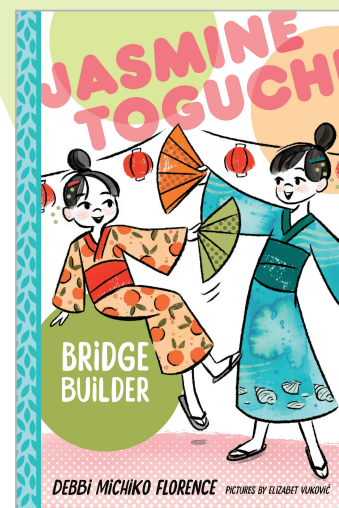
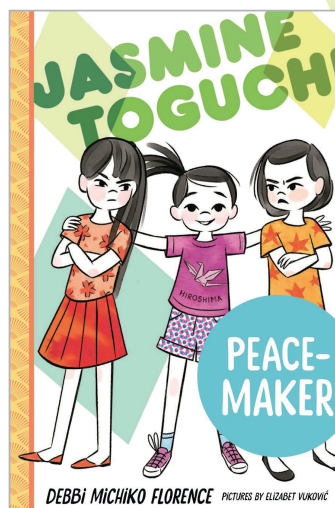
EXPLORE
WITH

JASMINE!

THE
JASMINE TOGUCHI
ACTIVITY KIT



ACTIVITIES INSPIRED BY
THE JASMINE TOGUCHI SERIES BY DEBBI MICHIKO FLORENCE



DEBBI MICHIKO FLORENCE'S CHARMING CHAPTER BOOK SERIES FOR YOUNG READERS, illustrated by Elizabet Vuković, stars Jasmine Toguchi—a spunky, eight-year-old Japanese American heroine unafraid to try new things while learning life lessons about family, friendship, and sisterhood along the way.

THE AUTHOR: DEBBI MICHIKO FLORENCE is a third-generation Japanese American and has many fond memories of sharing in her family's traditions while growing up in California and visiting relatives in Japan. Debbi is also the author of novels and picture books, including *Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites*. She now lives in Connecticut with her husband and their many animals (but no flamingo).

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LET'S MAKE MOCHI!



YOU WILL NEED

- 1 cup sweetened red bean paste
- 1 cup glutinous rice flour
- 1 teaspoon green tea powder (matcha)
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ½ cup cornstarch, for rolling out the dough

STEPS

1. Ask a parent to help!
2. Roll red bean paste into 8 equal balls.
3. Wrap the balls in aluminum foil and place in the freezer for an hour until they are solid
4. Mix glutinous rice flour and green tea powder in a microwave-safe bowl. Stir in water, then sugar. Mix until smooth.
5. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and microwave for 3 minutes and 30 seconds.
6. Remove balls of red bean paste from the freezer and set aside.
7. Remove rice flour mixture from the microwave. Stir, then cover it again, and microwave for another 15 to 30 seconds.
8. Put a handful of cornstarch on your work surface.
9. Roll 2 tablespoons of hot rice flour mixture into a ball. Flatten the ball and place a ball of frozen red bean paste in the center. Pinch and press the rice flour mixture around the bean paste until completely covered.
10. Sprinkle with additional cornstarch and place mochi, seam-side down, in a paper muffin liner to prevent sticking.

ENJOY!

MATCHING GAME

RULES Taking turns, players will flip over two cards. If the cards match, you have made a pair! Keep those cards and the player who found the match gets another turn. If they don't match, turn them back over and the next player gets a turn. When all the pairs have been found, the player with the most cards wins!

HAVE FUN!



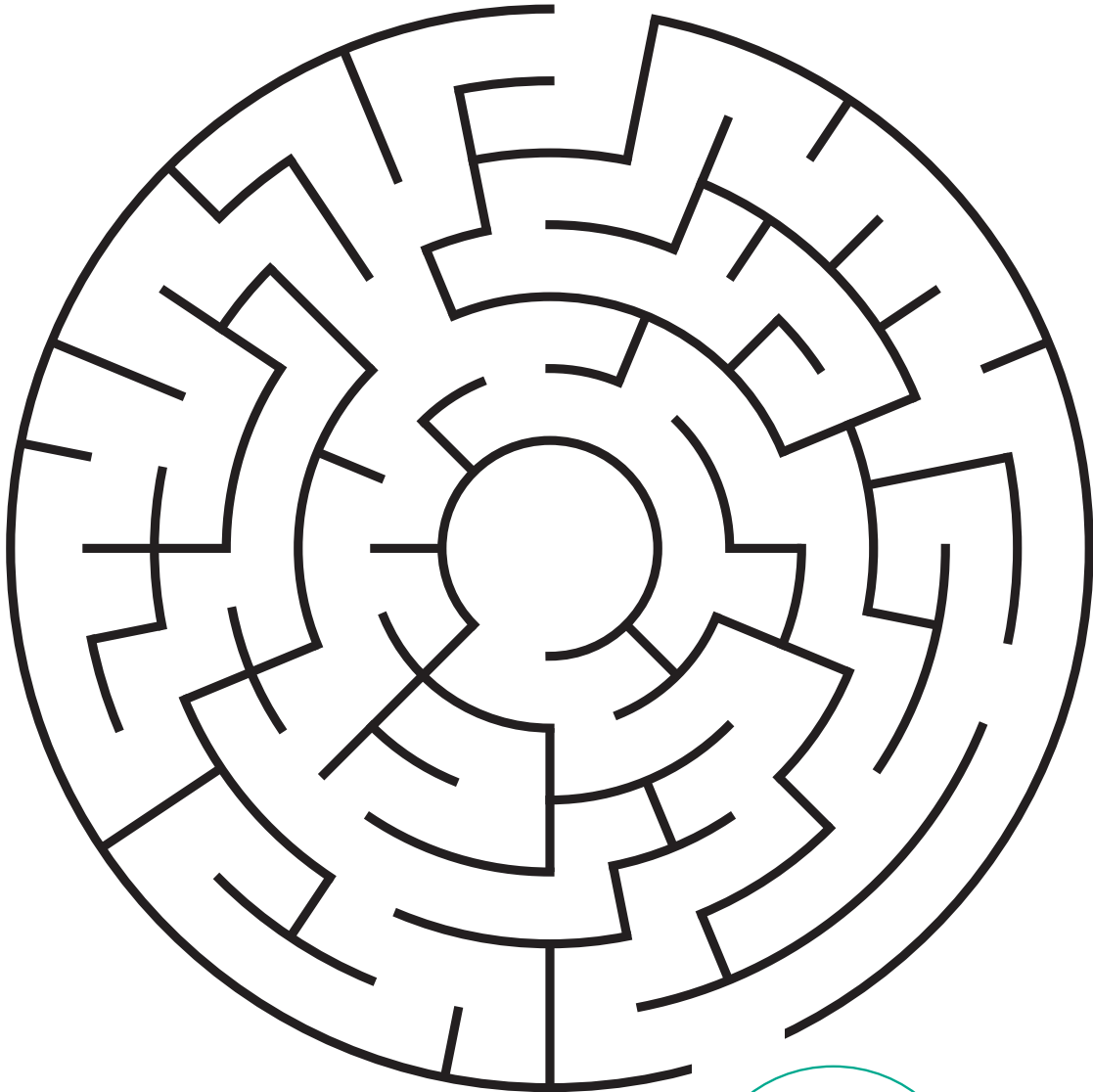
DRAW YOUR DREAM PET!

Jasmine's dream is to have her very own pet flamingo.
What's your dream pet?



WHERE'S JASMINE?

Oh no! While on vacation with her family, Jasmine lost her stuffed flamingo.
Can you help her find it?



WORD SEARCH

Find the words listed below!

FLAMINGO, JASMINE, MOCHI, DRUMS, DARUMA,
SOPHIE, TAIKO, COLLAGE, JOURNAL, VACATION



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