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Los Angeles Tanabata Festival Seeks Entries for Community Kazari Design Contest By March 31
Winner receives a \$100 gift certificate from Sushi Gen restaurant.

LOS ANGELES, CA— The **Los Angeles Tanabata Festival (LATF)** is conducting a kazari design contest and integrate the winning design into the community kazari. Kazari are large, colorful paper-made decorations.

The deadline to submit an entry is March 31, 2019. One winner will be chosen by April 15.

Design Guidelines

- Follow the festival theme: “Romance in the Stars”
- Use the designated [template](#)
- Use art supplies such as markers, color pencils, or crayons.

Submission

Participants can submit more than one design per person. The design can be submitted by email info@TanabataLosAngeles.org or mailed to Los Angeles Tanabata Festival: 307 E. First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Mailed entries must be postmarked March 31, 2019.

The completion of the Community Kazari

After the winner is selected, LATF will order special paper to make the design come to life. The paper is ordered from the Narumi-ya paper company in Sendai. Then the kazari will be constructed with public participation. The completed Kazari will be revealed at the 11th Annual Los Angeles Tanabata Festival. The total height of the kazari is 22.5 feet: ball diameter is 48 inches, middle diameter is 48 inches wide and 30 inches tall, and the streamers part’s diameter are 48 inches wide and 14.5 feet in length.

About the Los Angeles Tanabata Festival

This year’s 11th Annual Los Angeles Tanabata Festival is on Saturday & Sunday, August 10 and 11, both days start from 11 a.m. in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The theme for this year is “Romance in the Stars ★ 星のロマンス.” The Festival is highlighted with over 150 kazari (paper-made decorations) that are created by members of the community and is anchored by award-winning kazari shipped from Sendai, Japan. The festival also features Japanese traditional music, dance, J-Pop, martial arts, food booths, arts and crafts, and anime. For more information, visit www.tanabatalosangeles.org or [11th Annual Los Angeles Tanabata Festival Facebook event page](#).

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