

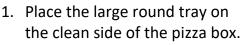


## **Paper Sumo Game**

Sumo is Japan's most popular spectator sport. It requires a great deal of skill and self-control. In Sumo, wrestlers do not hit or kick each other. Instead, they can only either push or lift the opponent by holding onto the loincloth. The first wrestler to fall or be forced out of the ring loses. Over the years Sumo wrestlers have developed many patterns and strategies. This is a game fashioned after Sumo.

## You will need:

- 2 paper sumo wrestlers
- A large pizza box
- A black marker
- Colored pencils, markers or crayons
- A large round tray



Trace around it with a black marker to draw a large circle. This will be the arena.

- 2. Fold the wrestler templates in half to make the front and the back of the wrestlers.
- 3. Color the wrestlers and draw their faces in.
- 4. Fold the wrestlers as shown.

## Rules:

- The game is played by two players at a time.
- Players sit across from each other with the pizza box on a flat surface in between them.
- Each player stands his wrestler in front of him in the circle facing the opponent.
- Players lightly tap the corners of the box to jar the wrestlers into motion. They
  are not allowed to grab or move the box.
- Once the match begins, players are not to touch the wrestlers or the inside of the arena at all.
- The first wrestler to fall or to cross the line loses the match.

