

《Chinese Arts and Crafts: Making Kuitou》

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Kuitou is a kind of hat worn by Chinese opera actors. Making Kuitou is an art requiring both deft hands and a sharp mind.

Mr. Li Jizong has devoted his whole life to making Kuitou. Even after retirement, he's still involved in Kuitou-making. To him, any simple and lightweight paper can be transformed into delicate Kuitou.

Following every step in Kuitou making process, let's explore the thoughts of the old craftsman and his attitude to life.



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