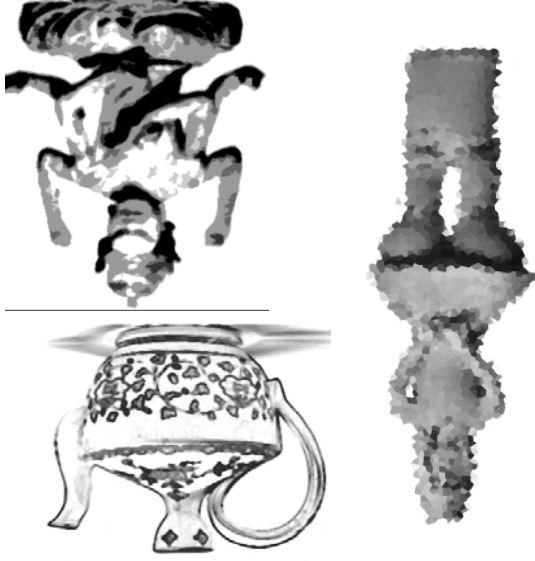


Search for these objects in the Japan galleries. What are they called?

Can You Find It?



The Way of Tea - 2nd Fl. - Gallery 29

Many samurai were devoted to the “Way of Tea” (*chado* or *chanoyu*). Sometimes a tea gathering could serve as a place for negotiations or for building alliances. But at its heart, it is a way of practicing harmony and respect.

Why do you think it was important for a samurai to practice harmony and respect?

How do people today show respect?

Find the Meditative Alcove in the Japan gallery. Sit quietly and comfortably. In your mind slowly count from 1 to 10. Clear your mind and focus only on counting the numbers. If any other thought comes into your mind, go back to 1 and start again. Can you reach 10?



Quieting the Mind
In Zen Buddhism meditation was the most important practice. Many samurai followed Zen because it helped to focus their minds and taught them how to concentrate.

The Arts of the Samurai of Medieval Japan



Samurai used art to display their wealth and power. Art was also an important way for samurai to improve the mental skills they needed on the battlefield and also the practical skills they needed as government leaders.

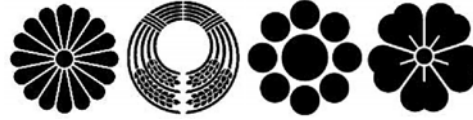
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A Display of Wealth And Power

Some samurai lords used works of art and decoration to impress people with their wealth, good taste, and knowledge of art.

What do you notice about the artwork here that impresses you?

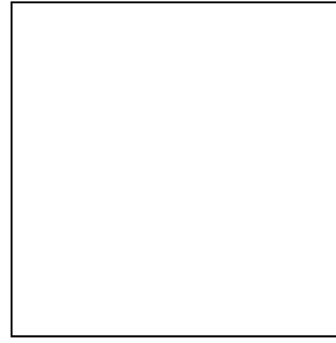
What kinds of decorations do people today use to impress others?



SAMPLES:

What was the inspiration for your design?

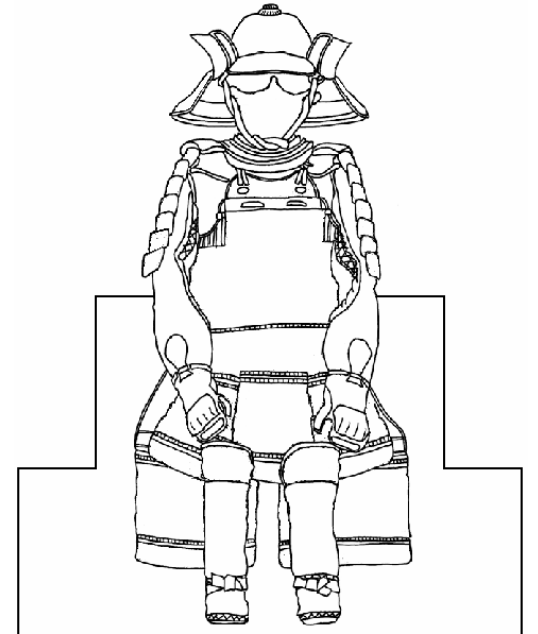
Design a crest that represents you or your family in the box below



Design a Mon

Arms and Armor - 2nd Fl. - Gallery 27

Decorate the armor below!



Can you find more examples of clan crests in this gallery? Draw them below.

Samurai placed their clan crest or *mon* on their clothing, armor, weapons, and objects. Crests were often inspired by nature and placed within a geometric shape like a square or circle. Look for the *mon* on the throat guard of the armor.

