

Kozuka knife handle decorated with suzumushi (bell cricket) and an openwork chrysanthemum motif

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	4440 
Type:	weapons and armament; metalwork; martial accessory
Date of production:	early 19th century Edo (Tokugawa) period
Place of production:	Japan
Materials:	bronze; gold; silver
Techniques:	inlay
Dimensions:	height: 9.8 cm width: 1.5 cm depth: 0.5 cm
Acquisition:	collected by Péter Vay

Unsigned. Smaller blades and hairpins (kozuka and kōgai) with similarly ornamented handles and carried in a slot cut in the scabbard had their own place on either side of the handle.

