

Tantō (short sword), with kozuka, kōgai and shishi menuki, lacquer scabbard with design of stone texture

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	5472.1-4 
Type:	weapons and armament; metalwork; lacquers
Date of production:	Late 18th century–early 19th century Edo (Tokugawa) period
Place of production:	Japan
Materials/Techniques:	steel, bronze, gold, lacquer, wood, rayskin, bamboo, iron, silk; damask blade
Dimensions:	length: 42.5 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

From the artistic point of view, the most important were the sword fittings (kodōgu). The grip, which was often covered in rayskin, was wrapped with braided silk cord, with small pieces of hammered sheet metal (menuki) matching the adornments of the sword placed under the wrapping on both sides. Source: Fajcsák Györgyi (ed.): Japán vörös és fekete. Hagyományos japán viselet és kortárs magyar ékszerek / Japanese 'Rouge et Noir'. Traditional Japanese Wear and Traditional Hungarian Jewellery. Budapest, Iparművészeti Múzeum, 2013.

