

Yatate (writing implement case) in the shape of a closed fan

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	5521.1-2 
Type:	object for daily use; lacquers
Date of production:	early or mid-19th century Edo (Tokugawa) period or Meiji era
Place of production:	Japan
Signed:	Toyotomi Toramasa (?) hitsu (豊臣虎真筆)
Materials/Techniques:	wood, lacquer (maki-e), mother-of-pearl inlay, bronze, leather
Dimensions:	height: 3 cm width: 26.4 cm depth: 3 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Yatate (writing implement case) in the shape of a closed fan with spider and web decoration. Fine accessories of writing – brushes, paper, ink, and ink grinding stone – reflected deep respect of literacy. A smaller, portable writing set called yatate contained the ink and a brush and was worn in the sash.



