



Japanese paper (washi)

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〈Contact us〉

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❖ Corporate profile



BUSINESS NUMBER	
COMPANY NAME(JAPANESE)	紙屋 作左工門
COMPANY NAME	Kamiya Sakuzaemon
YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT	2017
TYPE OF INDUSTRY	Manufacturing of paper
MAIN PRODUCT	Hand made Japanese paper Japanese paper goods
POST CODE	990-0721
COMPANY ADDRESS	4110 Oisawa Nishikawa-machi Nishimurayama Yamagata Japan
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Instagram	kmy_sakuzen
E-commerce Website	https://kizukijapan.official.ec/categories/2650639
MAIN SELLING CHANNELS	In-house store
SALES PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS EC SALES	Domestic EC site (Commission sale)
AVAILABLE LANGUAGE	Japanese

❖ EPISODE OF FOUNDATION FOUNDER'S THOUGHT

Kamiya Sakuzaemon was founded in 2017 to preserve the tradition of washi (Japanese paper) for future generations. Our workshop is located in Nishikawa-machi, a rural location surrounded by the Three Mountains of Dewa (Mt. Gassan, Mt. Yudono and the Asahi Mountain Range) and which receives Yamagata prefecture's greatest amount of snowfall in winter. The rich natural surroundings allow us to live and work in harmony with the natural world. Gassan washi is a type of handmade traditional Japanese paper with a history of nearly 400 years. Its production and use have been closely associated with traditions of mountain worship in the Three Mountains of Dewa area. Kamiya Sakuzaemon produces handmade washi, employing and preserving centuries-old methods. I trained in papermaking in Kyoto and relocated to Yamagata after hearing from papermaking artisan Mr. Miura that the making of Gassan washi was about to die out because of the absence of successors.

❖ CRAFTSMAN'S THOUGHT, COMMITMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

Handmade washi production involves numerous processes, each requiring loving care and attention, which we believe makes each and every sheet special. Although today washi is used less and less in our everyday lives, we look forward to preserving the rich tradition of handmade washi while creating both paper and paper products capable of complementing today's lifestyles.

◆ Product information



※Opened length : 14.5cm

BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Card case (Embossed)
GENERIC NAME	Card case
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Outer size: L 7.5 x W 10.5 x Thickness 1.0cm
WEIGHT	45g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY4,000 (excluding tax)

These business card holders are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. The paper is processed for extra durability and to prevent tearing when exposed to moisture. They are embossed with striking traditional Japanese motifs. The business card holder is designed with the hope of bringing luck and happiness to the user. Part of the product's appeal is the leather-like texture it acquires with use that feels delightful to touch and hold.



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GENERIC NAME	Card case
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PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Outer size: L 7.5 x W 10.5 x Thickness 1.0cm
WEIGHT	45g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY3,500 (excluding tax)

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※Opened length : 13.5cm

BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Coin purse (Accessory case)
GENERIC NAME	Coin purse (Accessory case)
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Outer size: L 7.5 x W 8.2 x Thickness 1.0cm
WEIGHT	10g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY1,500 (excluding tax)

These coin wallets are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. The paper is processed for extra durability and greater resistance to tearing when exposed to moisture. The palm-sized wallets can be placed in your pocket and are designed to prevent coins from falling out. Part of the product's appeal is the leather-like texture it acquires with use that feels delightful to touch and hold.

◆ Product information



※Opened Height : 7.0cm

BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Coin purse(Accessory case) (Folding)
GENERIC NAME	Coin purse (Accessory case)
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Outer size: L 6.5 x W 6.5 x Thickness 1.0cm
WEIGHT	10g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY1,500 (excluding tax)

These coin wallets are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. The paper is processed for extra durability and greater resistance to tearing when exposed to moisture. The palm-sized wallets can be placed in your pocket and are designed to prevent coins from falling out. The wallet opens by pulling the top. Part of the product's appeal is the leather-like texture it acquires with use that feels delightful to touch and hold.



BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Letter set [KUMO]
GENERIC NAME	Letter set
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Stationery:18 x 26cm Envelope:16.2 x 11.5cm
WEIGHT	25g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY1,500 (excluding tax)

These letter pads are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. Dyed Japanese kozo is poured over the furnish during screening to produce this elegant textural effect, referred to as kumo (clouds). Available in a choice of five colors: peach, purple, yellow, blue and green.



BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Letter set [KINOKO]
GENERIC NAME	Letter set
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Stationery:18 x 26cm Envelope:16.2 x 11.5cm
WEIGHT	
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY1,700 (excluding tax)

These letter pads are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. Letter pad sheets are watermarked with mushroom motifs employing a screening method known as sukashi-suki. The sheets can be used for writing letters and for making crafts.

◆ Product information



BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Pochi bag
GENERIC NAME	Pochi bag
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa-machi Yamagata Japan
SIZE	7.0 x 11.5cm
WEIGHT	5g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY520 (excluding tax)

These letter pads are created from sheets of paper that are carefully handmade from home-grown kozo (paper mulberry). Every stage of production, from pulp-making to dyeing, is done in-house. The origami crane motifs are crafted by hand using hand-cut stencils.



BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Raw washi paper
GENERIC NAME	Raw washi paper
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa-machi Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Nisan-ban : 60 x 94cm Gassan-ban : 30 x 78 cm
WEIGHT	Nisan-ban : 15~40g Gassan-ban : 7~15g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	Nisan-ban : JPY850~(excluding tax) Gassan-ban : JPY550~(excluding tax)

Created from kozo (paper mulberry) grown in Japan, each sheet is carefully handmade employing authentic, time-honored methods. Sheets are available in a choice of two sizes, including a standard sheet size unique to Gassan washi.



BRAND NAME	KAMIYA SAKUZAEMON
PRODUCT NAME	Raw washi paper [KUMO]
GENERIC NAME	Raw washi paper
MATERIALS	Japanese Kozo(日本産楮)100%
PERSON IN CHARGE	Naoko SHIBUYA
PRODUCTION AREA	Nishikawa-machi Yamagata Japan
SIZE	Gassan-ban : 30 x 78cm
WEIGHT	Gassan-ban : 7~15g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	Gassan-ban : JPY650~(excluding tax)

Dyed Japanese kozo is poured over the furnish during screening to produce this elegant textural effect, referred to as kumo (clouds). Great for lampshades and other purposes. The paper comes in a standard sheet size unique to Gassan washi.

◆ Corporate profile



BUSINESS NUMBER	
COMPANY NAME(JAPANESE)	白鷹人形研究会
COMPANY NAME	Shirataka doll study group
YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT	1983
TYPE OF INDUSTRY	Manufacturing
MAIN PRODUCT	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
POST CODE	9920776
COMPANY ADDRESS	1966 Miyama Shirataka-machi Nishiokitama Yamagata Japan
REPRESENTATIVE	Hiroko YOSHIDA
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YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-LR_z9KqU
E-commerce Website	
MAIN SELLING CHANNELS	In-house store, Gift shop, etc.
SALES PERFORMANCE OF DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS EC SALES	
AVAILABLE LANGUAGE	Japanese

◆ EPISODE OF FOUNDATION FOUNDER'S THOUGHT

Shirataka dolls, which are made using Miyama-washi (traditional Japanese paper) were created in 1983. At the founding of our study group, 18 members were making Shirataka dolls. Although currently only two members are engaged in doll making, the techniques that were uniquely devised after the group was established have been handed down until now. We, the fourth generation, make products that inherit the will of the founder. You can view samples of almost all products, excluding small articles, at the studio. We sell products based on a made-to-order system and make each product in a careful meticulous manner.

* Regarding large-sized products, we have small stocks for people who wish to buy them on the same day.

◆ CRAFTMAN'S THOUGHT, COMMITMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

Shirataka dolls are made using Miyama-washi paper, which is an intangible cultural asset of Yamagata Prefecture. The paper has been handmade using mulberry paper ("kozo" in Japanese) as a raw material for more than 400 years. The process of wetting the paper with water and crumpling it repeatedly to induce shrinkage generates a texture called "shibo." "Shibo" expresses warmth that is unique to Shirataka dolls. In addition to "shibo," all parts of the dolls, from the core to small articles, are completely handmade. Shirataka dolls, all parts of which are manufactured by hand, convey their tenderness and warmth to all who see and touch them.

* "Shibo" means the unevenness of crepe (kimono cloth).

◆ Product information



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Hanagasa
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	H17cm x W7cm x D7cm (1 piece)
WEIGHT	abt.200g (1 piece)
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY3,850/pc (including tax)

The product, named "Hanagasa," expresses the tenderness of Miyama-washi paper and makes people think of the Hanagasa-matsuri Festival that represents Yamagata Prefecture.



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Kabuto
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	L : H27cm x W28cm x D21cm S : H18cm x W18cm x D12cm
WEIGHT	L : abt.900g, S : abt.300g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	L : JPY27,500, S : JPY12,650 (including tax)

This product uses Miyama-washi paper into which the bark of mulberry paper, the material comprising traditional Japanese paper, is mixed. Differences in the shade of the paper are utilized. The detailed parts of the ornaments in the back are also made carefully. This is one of our best-selling items.



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Benibana Musume
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	H29cm x W20cm x D15cm
WEIGHT	abt.900g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY18,700 (including tax)

The product uses Miyama-washi paper into which petals of safflower ("benibana" in Japanese) are mixed. Safflower is a specialty of Shirataka-machi town. The doll wears the paper kimono into which safflower petals are mixed and holds a few safflowers. The back of the doll is characterized by its softness.

◆ **Product information**



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Yukinko
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	H15cm x W9cm x D6cm (1 piece)
WEIGHT	abt.300g (1 piece)
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY5,500/pc (including tax)

The product, named "Yukinko," gives rise to a nostalgic feeling. The detailed parts, including the hair and straw boots, are also expressed carefully.



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Miyama otome
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	H32cm x W21cm x D16cm
WEIGHT	abt.900g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY20,350 (including tax)

This product uses Miyama-washi paper into which the bark of mulberry paper, the material comprising traditional Japanese paper, is mixed. This item looks solidly built like typical Japanese dolls, and is beautifully expressed from any angle.



BRAND NAME	Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
PRODUCT NAME	Yayoi
GENERIC NAME	Doll
MATERIALS	Miyama-washi
PERSON IN CHARGE	Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
PRODUCTION AREA	Shirataka Yamagata Japan
SIZE	H18cm x W33cm x D18cm
WEIGHT	abt.600g
DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE	JPY16,500/ 1set (including tax)

The obina (Emperor doll) uses Miyama-washi paper into which the bark of mulberry paper is mixed, while the mebina (Empress doll) uses Miyama-washi paper into which petals of safflower are mixed. This product utilizes features of Miyama-washi paper and handmade dolls. The "bonbori" paper lamps are also handmade using Miyama-washi paper.

◆ **Product information**



BRAND NAME
 PRODUCT NAME
 GENERIC NAME
 MATERIALS
 PERSON IN CHARGE
 PRODUCTION AREA
 SIZE
 WEIGHT
 DOMESTIC RETAIL PRICE

Miyama-washi dolls (Shirataka dolls)
 other goods
 Doll
 Miyama-washi
 Hiroko YOSHIDA, Tomoko TAKAHASHI
 Shirataka Yamagata Japan

 abt.50g
 Sakura brooch : JPY1,500 (including tax)
 benibana brooch: JPY1,650 (including tax)
 Bookmarker L : JPY770 (including tax)
 Bookmarker S : JPY440 (including tax)
 Ougi-men : JPY2,420 (including tax)
 Hanagasa Donguri :JPY1,485 (including tax)
 Tsubomi-chan : JPY1,485 (including tax)
 Hanagasa brooch : JPY1,800 (including tax)