Japanese *Ukiyo-e* Prints: Pictures of the Floating World

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History of Woodblock Printing in East Asia







Section from the Lotus Sutra, 13th century, Gift of Philip Hofer



Section from the Greater Sutra of Perfect Wisdom, 1383, Gift of Philip Hofer

Ukiyo-e: Pictures of the Floating World





Actors/Kabuki Theatre



Landscape



Historical events/legends/folklore

Bijin=Beautiful women



Printing Process



Publisher Nishimuraya Yohachi



Memorial Portrait of Hiroshige







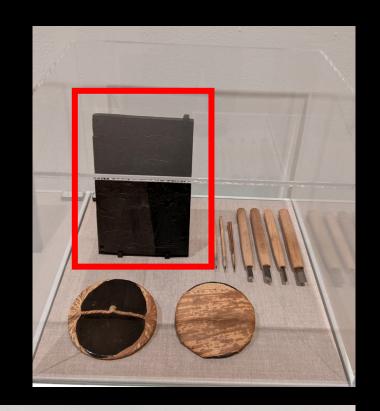




Keyblock







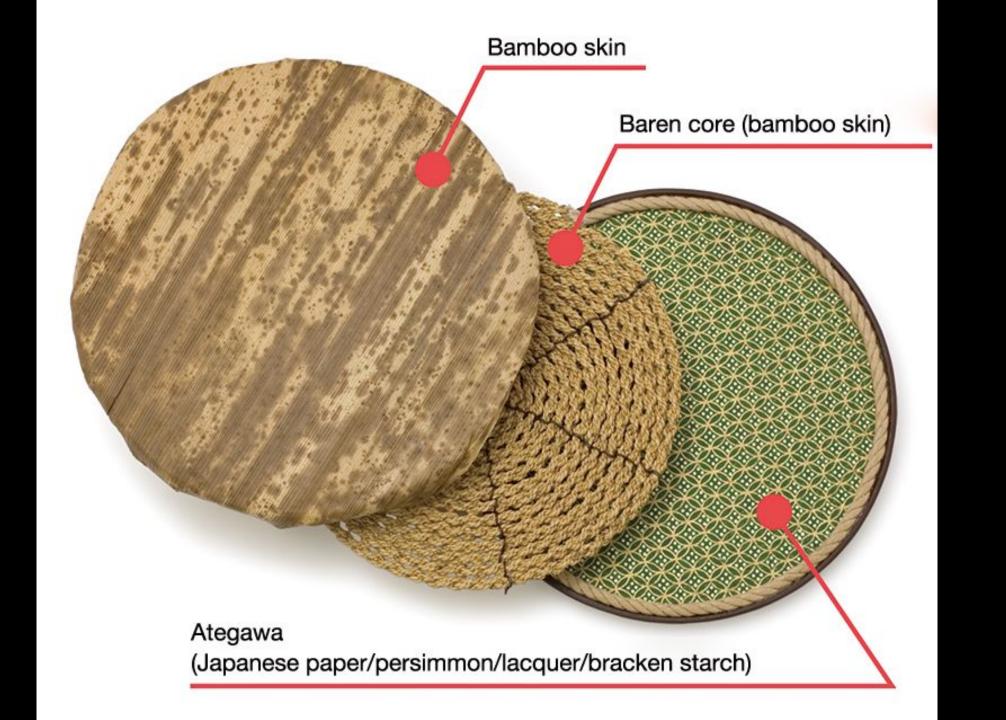


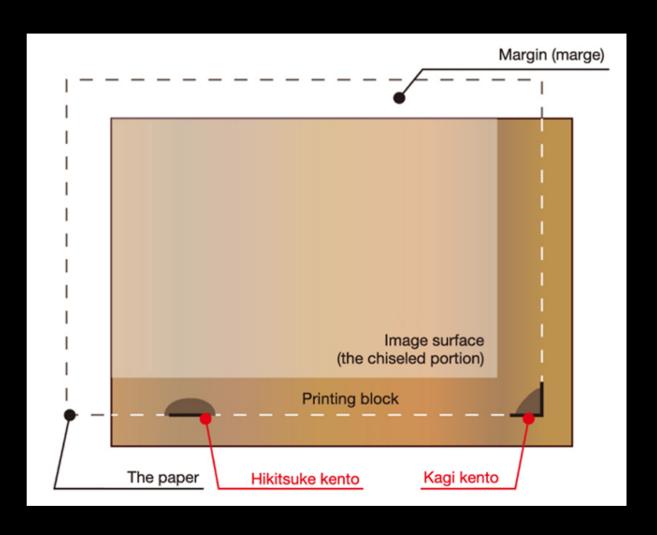












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Yashima GAKUTEI

The Cherry Tree of Poet Priest Saigyō (1119-1190) from the series "Cherry Trees for the Katsushika Circle:

Japanese, c. 1786-1868

Surimono

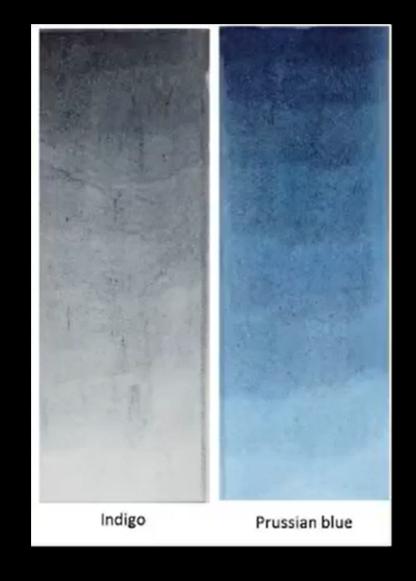
Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Roland A. Way











Torii Kiyonaga (Japanese, 1752-1815)

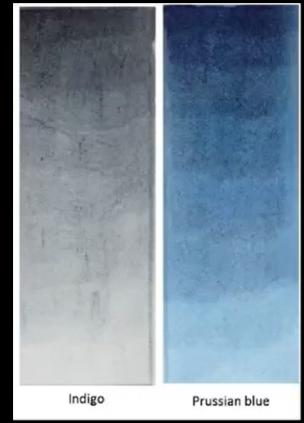
A Man with a Boy and a Geisha Visiting the Kinryusan Temple, ca. 1787

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Utagawa HIROSHIGE
Japanese, 1797-1858 *Early Morning at Mishima Station*, 1834
from the series "Fifty-Three Stations of Tōkaidō Road"







Katsushika HOKUSAI Japanese, 1760-1849 *Poet Harumichi No Tsuraki (d. 920)* from the series "One Hundred Poems by One Hundred Poets Explained by the Nurse"

Tsukioka YOSHITOSHI: "One Hundred Aspects of the Moon" Japanese, 1839-1892 Gift of Carol L. Valentine













Utagawa KUNIYOSHI
Japanese, 1798-1861
Ichikawa Danjūrō VIII as Jiraiya (center) with a Monster Toad, 1852
Triptych
Gift of the Frederick B. Kellam collection

Utagawa KUNIYOSHI Japanese, 1798-1861 Scene from a Kabuki Play, Revenge of the Soga Brothers, 1830s Triptych Gift of the Frederick B. Kellam collection

Resources

- Traditional Japanese Printmaking Video, Freer/Sackler
- Marco Leona, "The Colors of Space and Time," Seattle Art Museum
- Adachi Woodblock Prints (Process)

- "Woodblock Prints in the Ukiyo-e Style," Metropolitan Museum of Art
- "Japanese Woodblock Prints (Ukiyo-e)," Victoria and Albert Museum
- "The Evolution of Ukiyo-e and Woodblock Prints," Khan Academy
- The Lavenberg Collection of Japanese Prints

