

Manga Trivia Course

All about Folding Fans and Round Fans from Kyoto

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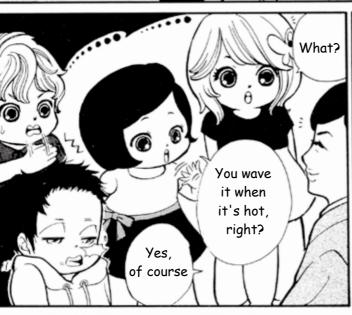
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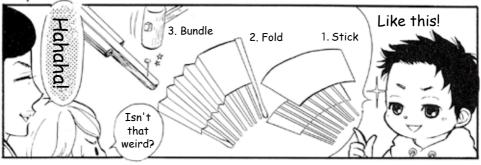












Yes.
"Folding Fans go
through the hands
of craftsmen
87 times",
many craftsmen
are involved
in the production







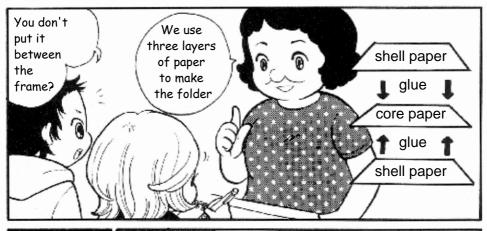


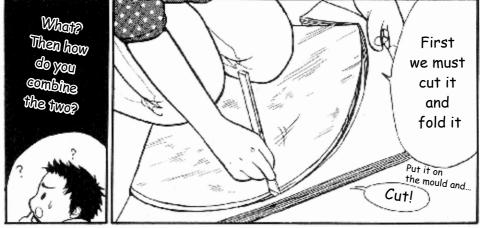






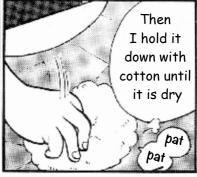




















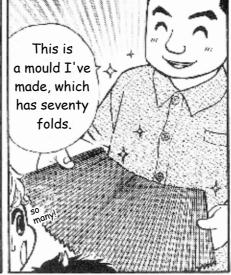






















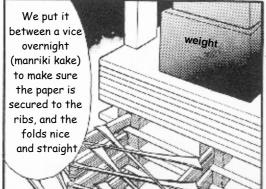








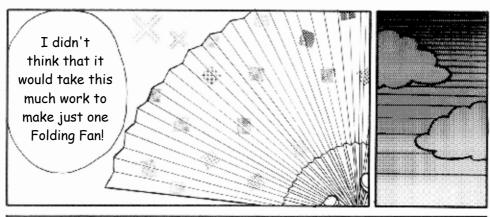
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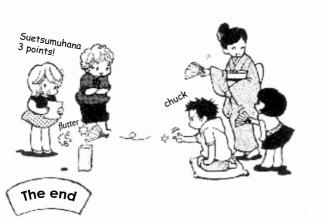


side guard











Like during the Omiyamairi ceremony (a Shintō ceremony, held a month after a baby's birth), when a Folding Fan is waved as an offering to the gods, in the past Folding Fans used to appear at every important step in a person's life.

Children had their own little Folding Fans for their Shichi-go-san visit to the shrine (for children ages seven, five, and three). In Kyoto, the custom was to visit the shrine again at age thirteen, when children got their first grown-up Folding Fan.

During the exchange of engagements gifts, the groom would get a white Folding Fan, and the bride a gold and silver Folding Fan. This is based on a custom dating back to the Heian period, when people would make Folding Fans themselves to convey how they felt for someone else. The Folding Fan held by bride during the wedding ceremony also has the function of an amulet to ward off evil.

During the ridgepole ceremony, held before starting construction on a house, a Folding Fan is attached to the central pillar. Based on their shape, Folding Fans are also called "Suehiro", meaning that from now on the home will be a prosperous one.

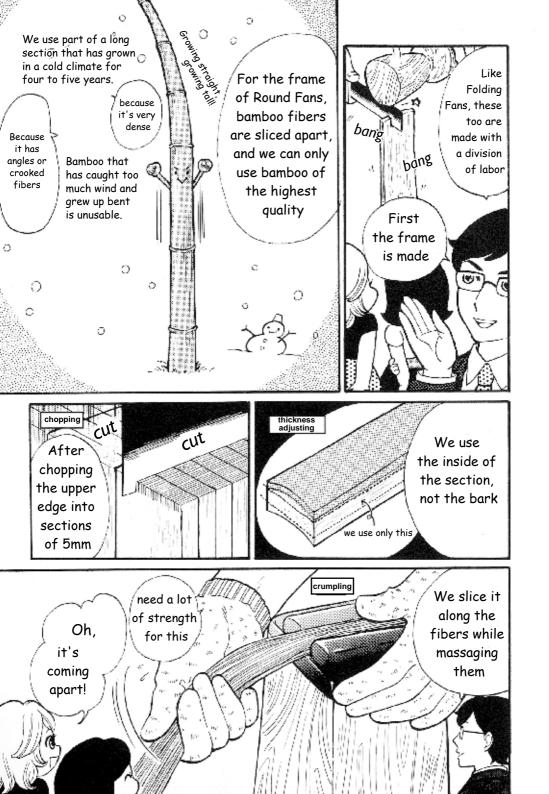
To celebrate someone's sixtieth (called "Kanreki") or seventieth ("Koki") birthday, it is customary in Japan to hand out Folding Fans at the party venue.

During ceremonies that are very solemn, like a funeral, it is customary to carry a dark gray Folding Fan, and as a way to make sure that tragedy doesn't strike again, this Folding Fan is thrown away right after.



Round Fans (uchiwa) from Kyoto



























The history of Kyoto Folding Fans (sensu) and Round Fans (uchiwa)

Folding fans from Kyoto They have a very long history, dating back to the Heian period.

Let's find out more about the history of traditional Kyoto Folding Fans Round Fans

> When paper was still very rare, **Folding Fans** were used to

*"Hi-ōgi" were already used by the ladies at court

keep records At first they were *"Mokkan" (wooden strips) stitched together And so the first Folding Fan,

Those that have paper stuck to a frame of bamboo or wood are also called "Natsu-sen" (summer Folding Fans)

"Hi-ōgi"((eypress Folding Fan) was born

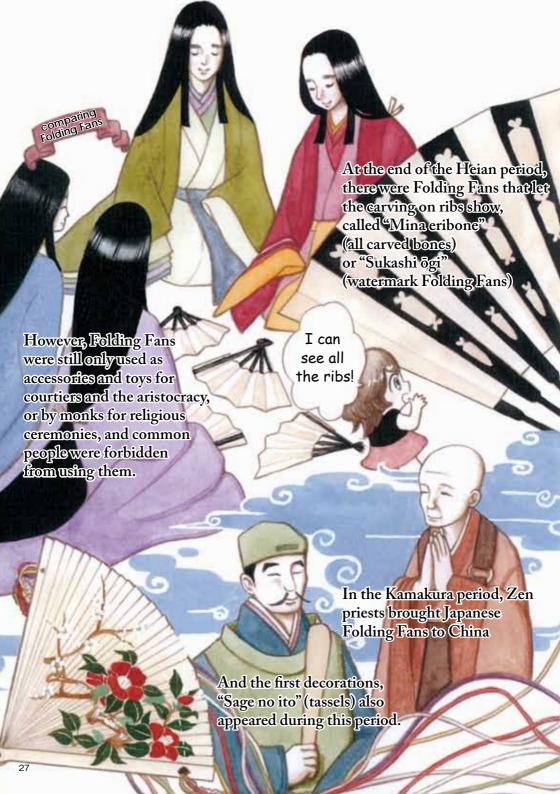
From around the middle of the Heian period, they were illustrated with beautiful patterns

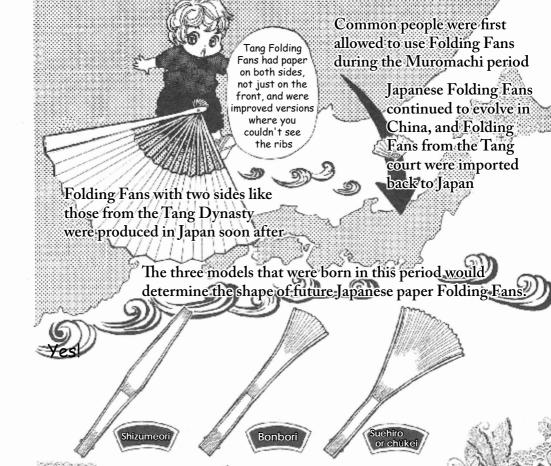
It was around this time that the first paper Folding Fan, called the *"Kawahori" (bat) was made.

*Mokkan: made of wooden strips of about thirty centimeters long

*Hi-ōgi : The oldest cypress Folding Fan was, according to legend, found in the arms of the Kannon with a thousand hands statue at the Toji temple in Kyoto.

*Kawahori: named after the bat, because it resembles the shape of a bat with spread wings



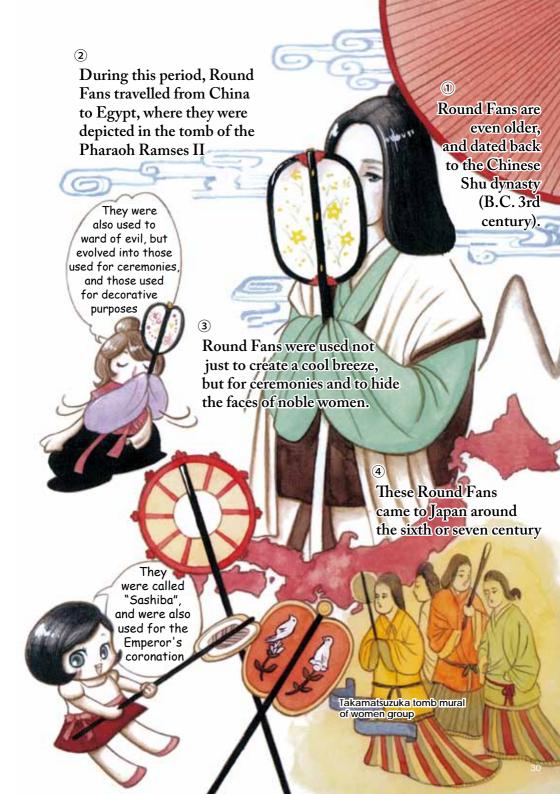


Folding Fans were always used for Noh Theater and Kyōgen performances, and also for the tea ceremony and incense ceremony, where preferred Folding Fans ("Konomi-sen") for each school became popular.

During the Edo period, creating Folding Fans, crowns, and noblemen's headgear (eboshi), known as the "Three Kyoto crafts", was very successful, and Folding Fans became commonplace in the every day life of the common people

eboshi







During the warring states period, they were also used for warlord tactics, or sent to vassals as rewards

Takeda Shingen

Uesugi Kenshin

As soon as they arrived in Japan they started getting used for religious rites

During the Heian period, they were also used to hide the faces of noble women, just like in China

3 The usage of Round Fans changed with the times

The roots of today's Japanese Round Fans are...

Chinese moon Round Fans Round Fans are used throughout large areas in South East and Western Asia for a variety of purposes, to create a cool breeze, to chase away insects, and to chase away evil spirits.

Korean Round Fans

Kyoto Round
Fans have a lot in
common with the Korean
Round Fan, which first
appeared in Western
Japan during
the 14th century.

There are three a
the Chinese mo
Round Fan, the
Korean Round I
and the Souther

Southern leaf Round Fans

> There are three ancestors, the Chinese moon Round Fan, the Korean Round Fan, and the Southern leaf Round Fan

*The Chōjūgiga is an illustrated scroll dating back to the Kamakura period, and among the holdings of the Kōzanji temple in Kyoto. It has illustrations of wild boars, monkeys, foxes, and frogs at play, and is a national treasure.

"The Ajiro Round Fan", as seen on the famous *"Chōjūgiga" (caricatures of animals and humans scroll), was used until

was used until the Edo period.



Aoi (Hollyhock) festival

Held on the 15th of May

(at the Kamigamo and Shimogamo Shrines)

This festival dates back to the Heian period, and celebrates the bumper crops. Saiōdai, the heroine of the festival wears a jūnihitoe (kimono with twelve layers), and holds a beautiful Hiōgi in one hand and a wisteria flower in the other. She is pulled along on an ox-drawn imperial carriage, and a procession of servants follows her as she is pulled from the imperial palace to the Kamigamo and Shimogamo shrines.





Mifune festival

May the 3rd Sunday (at Kuruma-zaki shrine) One of the dedication ceremonies of Mifune festival is the floating of Folding Fans.

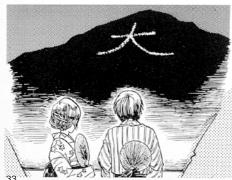
Long ago, when the Ashikaga Shōgun visited the Tenryū temple near Arashi yama, a small boy that was with him inadvertedly dropped his Folding Fan into the river, and the shōgun was so moved by the beauty of the fan floating on the water, that thereafter everyone else too was impatient to see their own Folding Fans float on the water.



$Gion\ festival$

July (at Yasaka shrine)

This festival's climax is its parade of decorated floats. What moves this float are Folding Fans fluttering in the hands of the leaders of the marching songs. The sound of gongs and flutes, as well as the beating of drums is said to chase away and appease the evil spirits. And next to the pages, a young boy with Round Fans stands by.



Daimonji okuribi (ceremonial bonfire)

August the 16th, at 8PM

Officially this is called the Gozan (five mountains) ceremonial bonfire, because on the mountains that surround Kyoto, bonfires in the shape of the characters for "dai" (large) and "myō/hō" (wondrous dharma), the shape of a boat, another character in the shape of "dai" on the left, and the shape of a torii are lit. It's one of the rituals to send on the spirits of the dead during the O-bon festival, and many people dressed in yukata (light summer kimono), carrying Round Fans, watch the event. It's one of the most famous summer sights in Kyoto.

Q2. Look at the two Round Fans. Which Round Fan was made in Kyoto?

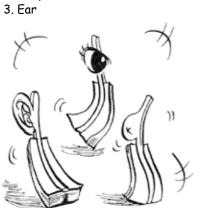


Q2.

2.

Q3.
What is another word for the most important part (kaname) of Folding Fans?

- 1. Eye
- 2. Belly



Q3.

Q1.

The oldest Folding Fan was found the arms of the Thousand handed Kannon statue in a temple in Kyoto.

What is the name of this temple?

- 1. Kiyomizu temple
- 2. Tōji temple
- 3. Enryaku temple



Q1. 2. Tōji temple

Folding Fans originated in the Mokkan from the Heian period, and were created in Kyoto. On the Hi-ōgi (cypress Folding Fan) found in the Tōji temple, the year inscribed was 877 AD (Gangyō year 1).

Q2. 2

The surface and handle of Kyoto Round Fans are made separately. First the ribs are fixed in a fanned out pattern, and the handle is affixed later.

Q3. 1. Eye

The liver (kan) and the heart (jin) are important parts of the body, and a Folding Fan's kaname is important for it to close. What brings these two important parts together is called "Kanjin Kaname" (essential requirements)

answers

Q4.

During the Edo Genroku period, Round Fans were popular as women's accessories. What method was used to increase production?

1. Importation 2. Factory production 3. Woodblock printing

Q5.

The countries that make Folding Fans to this day are Japan, China, and the other one is?

1. France 2. Spain 3. Italy

Q6.

A group of women holding Round Fans are painted on the wall of the Takamatsuzuka tomb mural, located in Asuka village, Nara prefecture. What was the function of Round Fans during this period?

1. Beckoning people 2. Hiding the face 3. Pointing at something



Q4. 3. Woodblock printing

Ukiyo-e woodblock prints from this period, which featured scenes like "catching fireflies", "O-bon dancing", and "theater going", also featured many scenes in which women were holding Round Fans.

Q5. 2. Spain

Folding Fans were exported to China around the 13th century.

They passed through India before arriving in Europe, and brought opulence to the court of Louis XIV.

Q6. 2. Hiding the face

At the time Round Fans were used by nobility to obscure their faces, and called a "kazashi".



Q8.

There are many places in Japan where Round Fans are made.

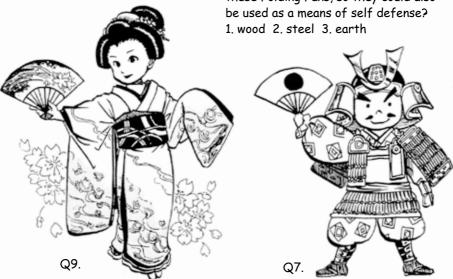
The three largest producers are Kyoto, Bōshū (Chiba prefecture), and the other one is?

- 1. Marugame (Kagawa prefecture)
- 2. Hokkaidō
- 3. Dejima (Nagasaki prefecture)

Q9.

What substance is added to the frame of "Mai-ōgi" (dance Folding Fans)? 1. incense 2. sand 3. metal Q7.

Generals used military Folding Fans in their tactics on the battle field, what material was used for the frames of these Folding Fans, so they could also be used as a means of self defense?



Q7. 2. steel

Also called "Tessen" (steel Folding Fans), they often had illustrations of gold and silver sun, moon, and stars to ensure victory. As times passed, they were used both for self-defense and decorative purposes.

Q8. 1. Marugame (Kagawa prefecture)

Other places famous for their Round Fans include Saga, Gifu, etc. Each place of origin has its own history and characteristics.

Q9. 3. metal

 $\dot{\text{Me}}\text{tal}$ is added to weigh down Folding Fans so it will turn or fall fast and smooth during a performance or when thrown.

Q11.

What is this piece of paper around a new Folding Fan called?

- 1. seme-gami
- 2. tome-gami
- 3. extra paper

Q12.

What do you call the Folding Fan with a fanned out shape,

that monks hold during ceremonies?

- 1. Mame (tiny) Folding Fan
- 2. Byakudan Folding Fan
- 3. Chūkei Folding Fan



Who is famous for the saying
"If you go for tea,
don't forget your Folding
Fan, even in winter!"

- 1. Toyotomi Hideyoshi
- 2. Sakamoto Ryōma
- 3. Sen no Rikyū







Q10. 3. Sen no Rikyū

Because you have to put your Folding Fan in front of you during a tea ceremony in order to be able to participate, you should always bring it.

Q11. 1. seme-gami

If you put it back on after every use your Folding Fan will last longer.

Q12. 3. Chūkei

Because the top is fanned out even when the Folding Fan is closed, this Folding Fan is also called "Suehiro" (broad end).

[Editor's note]

With the cooperation of Kyoto Seika University, we were able to create a guidebook that will inform many people about the existence of Folding Fans and Round Fans from Kyoto, traditional crafts used in every day life that have a history dating back over a thousand years. We would like for not just children, but also grown-ups to read this story, and hope that while finding out about the history and production process, readers also learn new things about how fans are used and what roles they play. We are also very happy that this volume is the first in a series of stories created for children, in which they can learn about more than two-hundred traditional crafts created around the country. We would like to thank Tomomi Nakasora (Comic Manga Artist), and are also deeply grateful to project leader Professor Keiko Takemiya.

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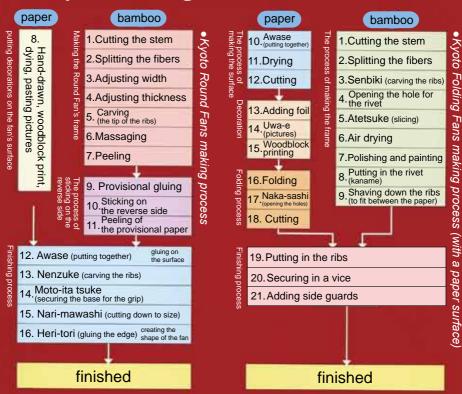
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The process of creating Kyoto Folding Fans and Round Fans



The different kinds and usages of Kyoto Folding Fans and Round Fans · Kyoto Folding Fans

	Made from thin slats	"Byakudan-sen" (Sandalwood Folding Fan) "Hi-Ōgi"(Cypress Folding Fan)	To create a breeze and for decoration For ceremonies and decoration
Kyoto Folding Fans	With a paper surface	"Hi-ōgi" (Cypress Folding Fan) "Natsu-sen" (Summer Folding Fan) "Tya-sen" (Tea Folding Fan) "Syugi-sen" (Celebration Folding Fan) "Mai-sen" (Tiny Folding Fan) "Noh- ōgi" (Noh Folding Fan) "Tessen" (Steel Folding Fan) "Yusoku-sen" (Yūsoku-sen" (Yūsoku-folding Fan) "Kou-ōgi" (Incense Folding Fan) "Mari-ōgi" (Ball Folding Fan)	For ceremonies and decoration To create a breeze and for decoration For the tea ceremony and decoration For dancing and decoration To celebrate important life events For dolls and decoration For Noh theater, Kyōgen, and decoration For ritual and decoration For incense ceremony As a tool for kemari, and decoration
	With a silk or cotton surface	"Kinu-sen"(Silk Folding Fan)	To create a breeze and for decoration
	also called Gosyo-uchi	wa(Imperial Palace Round Fans)	To create a breeze and for decoration

About traditional crafts

- These are crafts that add a sense of opulence in every day life
- They have been produced in Japan according to traditional methods for at least a hundred years
- Their parts have been made out of high quality materials that have timeless beauty for at least a hundred years
- Folding Fans and Round Fans from Kyoto were designated as Traditional Crafts by the Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry in October of 1977.



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