

携帯の形・ひらく弁当箱

Unpacking Japanese Food Boxes

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Warigo set of lunch boxes

Bentōbako (弁当箱) or *bentō* (弁当) are lunch boxes or food boxes in Japanese, referring to portable food containers used outdoors. The Yuasa Museum houses a variety of these food containers, ranging from small lunch boxes for one person, to larger and more elaborate ones used for Japanese seasonal activities such as cherry blossom and maple leaves viewing, moonlight parties as well as for theatergoing. Especially *sagejū*, the wooden and lacquered portable food boxes intended to carry small dishes, sake bottles and stacked food boxes, were used for these occasions. They became very popular during the mid-Edo period. Not only are they beautifully decorated, but also display a rich variety of shapes, designs, and storage and nesting systems. These items are usually made light, stackable and packable, easy to be carried home after use.

We have selected seventy-five items from the museum collection, mainly from the Taisho to Meiji periods, but some date back to the Edo period. Also on display are sake utensils, other portable items, and *ukiyo-e* prints depicting people partying using lunch and food boxes. Many of the exhibited items are no longer popular today, but we hope that you will enjoy the variety of form and design, and the ingenuity packed in these vessels and utensils.

出品リスト LIST OF EXHIBITS

1	萩と蝶文蒔絵提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Bush Clovers and Butterflies in <i>Makie</i>
2	家紋入朱漆塗印籠形弁当	Red Lacquered <i>Inrō</i> -shaped Lunch Box with Family Crest
3	印籠形弁当	<i>Inrō</i> -shaped Lunch Box
4	黒漆塗腰弁当	Black Lacquered Lunch Box
5	梅文黒漆塗弁当	Black Lacquered Lunch Box Design of Plum Blossoms
6	面桶(メンバ)	<i>Mentsū (Mempa)</i> Lunch Box
7	籠入弁当	Lunch Box in a Woven Carrying Box
8	筍弁当	Collapsible Lunch Box
9	黒漆塗弁当	Black Lacquered Lunch Box
10	入子弁当	Nested Lunch Box Set
11	入子盃	Nested Sake Cups
12	独楽塗信玄弁当	<i>Komanuri</i> Lacquered Lunch Boxes
13	朱漆塗筍弁当	Red Lacquered Collapsible Lunch Boxes
14	三段重弁当	Set of Lunch Boxes
15	将棋に桜文変り弁当	Lacquered Lunch Box Set Design of Japanese Chess and Cherry Blossoms
16	六角形提重	Hexagonal Portable Food Box
17	瓜文蒔絵提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Gourd in <i>Makie</i>
18	桜文黒漆塗提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Cherry Blossoms
19	瓢箪形酒筒付提重	Red Lacquered Portable Food Box with Gourd-shaped Sake Container
20	伊万里德利付螺鈿提重	Portable Food Box with Ceramic Sake Bottle Decorated with Mother of Pearl Inlay
21	草花文漆塗重弁当	Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Flowers and Grasses
22	黒漆塗提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box

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23	箱 膳	Lacquered Tray Table
24	宝尽文蒔絵重箱	Black Lacquered Stacked Food Box Design of Treasure Symbols in <i>Makie</i>
25	軍配に桜文城端塗重箱	<i>Jōhana</i> Type Lacquered Stacked Food Box Design of Military Fans and Cherry Blossoms
26	扇文漆絵重箱	Lacquered Stacked Food Box Design of Fans
27	瓢箪形蒔絵重箱	Gourd-shaped Stacked Food Box Design of Landscape in <i>Makie</i>
28	薄文蒔絵重弁当	Black Lacquered Food Boxes Design of Japanese Pampas Grass in <i>Makie</i>
29	松竹梅文組弁当	Set of Black Lacquered Lunch Boxes Design of Pine-Bamboo-Plum (<i>Shōchikubai</i>)
30	菊文組弁当	Set of Black Lacquered Lunch Boxes Design of Chrysanthemums
31	松竹梅文色漆塗組弁当	Set of Lacquered Lunch Boxes Design of Pine-Bamboo-Plum (<i>Shōchikubai</i>)
32	花に唐草文塗面桶	Lacquered Lunch Box Design of Flowers and Scrolling Vines (<i>Karakusa</i>)
33	笠文蒔絵提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Hats in <i>Makie</i>
34	桜樹文印籠形弁当	<i>Inrō</i> -shaped Lunch Box Design of Cherry Blossoms in <i>Makie</i>
35	七宝文蒔絵提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Interlocking Circles in <i>Makie</i>
36	秋草文蒔絵弁当	Black Lacquered Lunch Box Design of Autumn Grasses in <i>Makie</i>
37	葡萄栗鼠文蒔絵提重	Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Grape Vines and Squirrels in <i>Makie</i>
38	行器 一 対	<i>Hokai</i> Black Lacquered Portable Food Containers
39	茶弁当	<i>Chabentō</i> Black Lacquered Portable Sake Warmer
40	花鳥文携行用酒燗器	Portable Sake Warmer Design of Flowers and Birds
41	携行用酒燗器	Portable Sake Warmer
42	透漆扇形割子弁当	Set of Fan Shaped <i>Warigo</i> Lacquered Lunch Boxes
43	岡 持	Portable Food Carrying Box
44	家紋入茶弁当	Black Lacquered Portable Sake and Tea Set with Family Crest

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45	鮑弁当・酒器		Lunch Box Set and Sake Pourer Made of Abalone Shells	
46	漆塗徳利形弁当		Lacquered Sake Bottle-shaped Lunch Box	
47	瓢箪弁当		Black Lacquered Portable Food Box with a Gourd Sake Container	
48	荷担弁当		Set of Red Lacquered Lunch Boxes	
49	菊文螺鈿器局		Red Lacquered Portable Box for Tea Utensils Design of Chrysanthemums and Decorated with Mother of Pearl Inlay	
50	亀に市松文螺鈿菓子重		Red Lacquered Stacked Sweets Box Design of Tortoise and Checkered Pattern Decorated with Mother of Pearl Inlay	
51	亀文螺鈿菓子重		Stacked Sweets Box Design of Tortoise and Decorated with Mother of Pearl Inlay	
52	枇杷葉湯売用両掛荷台		Portable Shelves for Selling <i>Biwayōtō</i>	
53	矢立 四種		Portable Brush-and-Ink Cases	
54	携帯用竿秤 五種		Portable Steelyards	
55	秋草文蒔絵提重		Black Lacquered Portable Food Box Design of Autumn Grasses in <i>Makie</i>	
u1	東都名所御殿山遊興	天保一嘉永 歌川広重	Cherry Blossom Viewing at Goten'yama Utawaga Hiroshige	1830-1854
u2	花見の戯	幕末一明治	Flower Viewing Time	Late 1860s
u3	芝居絵 踊形容江戸絵栄	安政5年 三代歌川豊国	<i>Kabuki</i> Theater Print: "A Theater in Edo" Utawaga Toyokuni III	1858
u4	江戸名所図絵 卷之二	天保5年 斎藤長秋・長谷川雪旦	Famous Places of Edo Saitō Chōshū / Hasegawa Settan	1834
u5	料理早指南	享和元年一文化元年 醍醐散人	Guide to Cooking Daigo Sanjin	1801-1804
u6	三国無双久古の軍扇	明治5年 歌川芳虎・歌川芳盛	<i>Kabuki</i> Theater Print: <i>Sangoku Busō Hisago no Gunbai</i> Utawaga Yoshitora / Yoshimori	1872
u7	夏商人繁花の図	慶応4年 三代歌川広重	Summer Peddlers Utawaga Hiroshige III	1868
u8	新板かって道具尽	安政4年 歌川芳虎	Collection of Kitchen Utensils (New Edition) Utawaga Yoshitora	1857
u9	新板せたい道具尽くし	明治時代 歌川芳幾	Collection of Household Utensils (New Edition) Utawaga Yoshiiku	Meiji Period
u10	新板おざしき道具	明治17年 小林幾英	Collection of Living Room Utensils (New Edition) Kobayashi Ikuhide	1884
u11	追善絵 瀬川路考他	文化年間 歌川国貞	Memorial <i>Kabuki</i> Actor Print: Segawa Rokō and Others Utawaga Kunisada	c. 1810 - 1817