

The skill of the artisan breathes new life

Kintsugi 金継ぎ

Japanese culture, now receiving worldwide attention, was born from the harmony between nature and human skill. “Shitsugei”, or traditional Japanese lacquer art, was born from the climate of Japan, and was a technique that grew for the sake of the people living there. Japanese culture has been nurtured by combinations of natural ingredients.

We strive to keep these traditional techniques close to us by incorporating this culture in our daily lives.

“Kintsugi” (joining with gold) is an ancient traditional technique of restoring cracks and chips in pottery with “urushi” (Japanese lacquer). Ceramics are made from mountain soil, a natural material, and similarly, the restoration process uses urushi collected from natural trees. With the addition of ingredients such as gold powder, a new beauty is born. This is the spirit of Japan that has preserved nature and culture.

It is the fusion of “the spirit of protecting and passing things on” and “the traditional technique of restoring things” that creates the “world of kintsugi”.

Each piece involves from 6 to 10 steps of manual work that can take several months to finish with great care. The kintsugi workshop will make a schedule based around your stay in Japan. Fees will change accordingly, so please inquire if you are interested.



Japanese lacquer “Urushi” artisan

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Hiroki Kiyokawa has been involved with the restoration of cultural properties from shrines and temples for over 40 years. With those skills and making good use of natural ingredients found close by, he makes restorations on buildings, Buddhist statues, lacquerware, antique furniture and old artworks, all with ancient traditional Japanese methods.

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