

"Hitoma" made of wood of trees grown in the Kii region, which is blessed with the rich and abundant natural environment; mountains, rivers, sea, and plentiful sunshine produces an atmosphere of "Wa" the essence of Japanese charm.

JAPAN STYLE FROM GOBO



"Hitoma" means one room and this name symbolizes time and place of relaxation.



WA 和

"Wa" means: "to calm down", "to soften", or "to harmonize" and this fits the way of living of the Japanese people who have lived in harmony with the surrounding nature in four seasons. The concept of the lifestyle in harmony with the earth called "LOHAS" that more and more people pursue nowadays takes its origin in such a harmony.

In "Hitoma", you could feel the wisdom of living to the rhythm of the nature, enjoy Japanese cuisine, and do Zen meditation for mental concentration. "Hitoma" would give you such pleasure of feeling "Wa."

HINOKI 桧

Wood of Hinoki or Japanese cypress: It is a coniferous tree and pliable. Its noble scent has been valued and used as building material in Japan; a famous building made of Hinoki wood is Horyuji temple in Nara. It had been ordinary people's dream to have a house all made of Hinoki wood.



Wood of Japanese cedar: Its botanical name is Cryptomeria Japonica which means Japan's hidden treasure. This type of tree is unique to Japan and its wood has real relevance to the lives of the Japanese people from ancient times; for instance, it is used to make barrels for containing soy sauce or sake so that they will have good scent of wood.



TATAMI 畳

TATAMI Tatami mats on which Japanese people can relax after taking shoes used to serve a seat or a bed for people of standing. A pattern of the cloth border indicates an animal or a plant like a family crest.



SHOJI Japanese paper screen: Thin frames made of Japanese cedar wood papered with handmade Japanese paper with a design of the full moon.



HUSUMA 襖

HUSUMA Sliding door papered with Japanese paper of various kinds from the one foiled with gold to simple one. An Ukiyoe that is an Edo period woodblock print, a painting, or a calligraphic work can be hung on fusuma like a hanging scroll.



KOUSHI 格子

KOUSHI Wooden lattice screen: Made of fragrant wood of Hinoki that is Japanese cypress and is designed much the same as lattices put on the exterior of the time-honored merchant houses.



Let's enjoy the essence of Japanese charm!

We are an exporter, TOWA INTERNATIONAL INC., who have been dedicating in the foreign trades for 29 years since 1980.

We are pleased to introduce an attractive Japanese furniture kit which we will start to promote and sell. It can be assembled easily by yourselves and you can set them up in a part of your room. Also you can choose some options such as the Byobu screen, decorated panel and *tatami.

*TATAMI: A thick mat used as a floor covering in a traditional Japanese-style room.

The manufacturer who produces this attractive kit is located near world heritage site of **KUMANO KODO** in Wakayama prefecture.

There is a plenty of nature, Japanese cedar around there and this product is made of trees grown in this area.

We believe you can feel the essence of Japanese charm in your room.

We are looking forward to receiving your inquiry and please kindly feel free to contact us.



Low chair



Low table with stove

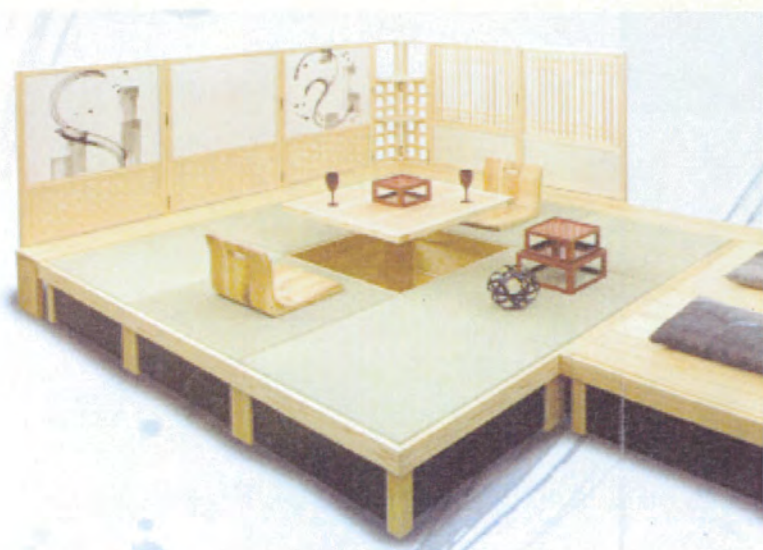


Low type



The frame of under floor

Byobu screen



High type

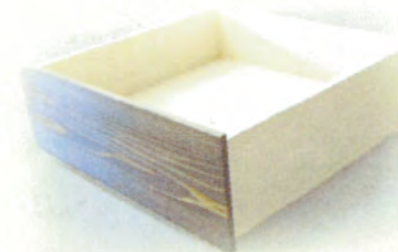
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Decoration (in Japanese "SHITSURAI")

You can create own your space with Japanese decorations.

The art of flower arrangement



Comfort (in Japanese "KUTSUROGI")

You can take a comfort in your private space.

Relaxation



Hospitality (in Japanese "MOTENASHI")

You can feel the hospitality with your community.

Tea ceremony



Main Materials

1. The frame of under floor : Cypress
2. Covering panel : Cedar
3. Tatami : Domestic rush grass (Similar to the straw)

*All parts are covered with natural paint.

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