



Made in Japan

Design and decorate a plate or dish

Be inspired by the Holburne's collection of **Imari porcelain** and everything Japanese!
Gather ideas from traditional Japanese patterns and images

or

design something which reflects contemporary Japanese culture.
You could even mix it all up!

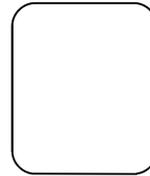
The only rule is that you use the **4 traditional colours** of Japanese Imari .



Red iron



Cobalt blue underglaze



White



Gold

Share a photo of what you make! Send to e.blythe@holburne.org and check out

[Instagram #changing_lives_through_art](#)

to see some of the things people have made this week!



Imari is the European name for Japanese porcelain made in the town of Arita and exported from the port of Imari, in Western Japan from the 1650's – 1740's.

Imari was highly prized by wealthy Europeans who loved the decorative patterns and 'exotic' imagery.

Typical Imari ware is richly patterned in iron red and underglaze blue and is often lavishly gilded. Many of the designs were inspired by Japanese textiles, landscapes, cranes, fish and floral designs.



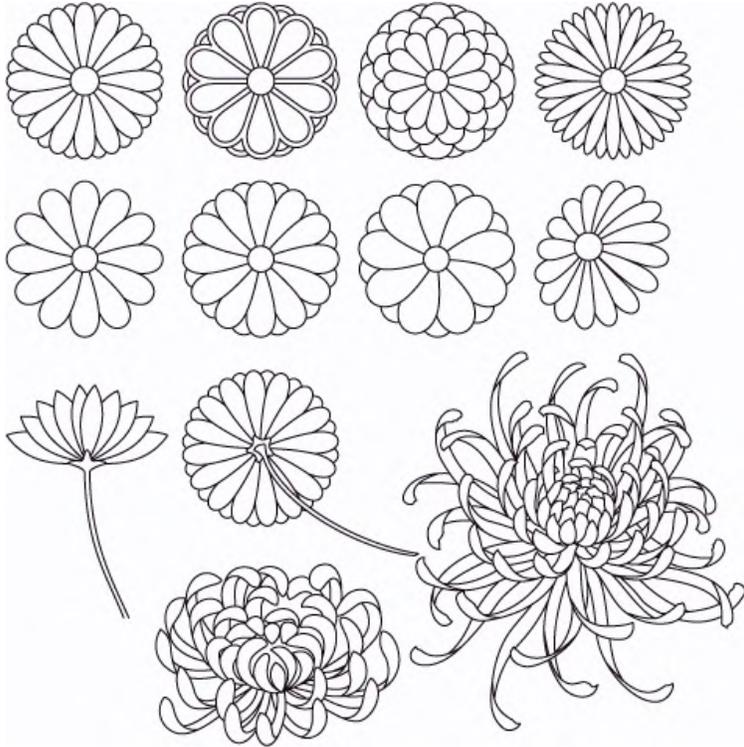
This fish-shaped Imari dish is not part of the Holburne's collection

but we love the idea!

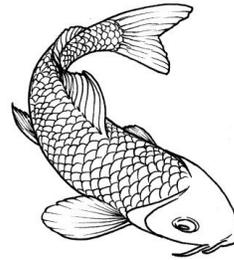


Made in Japan—Inspiration board

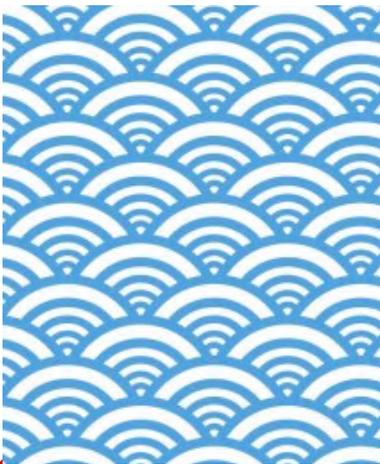
Kiku (Chrysanthemum)



Kagome (Wickerwork)



Seigaiha (Blue Ocean)



Shippo (Seven Treasures)



You need

Print out a plate template

OR

Draw around a small plate/ bowl

Scrap paper for ideas!

Pencil/ coloured pencils or pens

Paints

Scissors and Pritt stick

Collage materials - wallpaper/
wrapping paper/ anime comics

Gold paper/ wrappers

Activity

Design and decorate an Imari/ Japanese inspired plate

Start playing with ideas on a scrap piece of paper:

- Work out how to create repeat patterns you like
- How to position these designs on your plate
- What will go in the middle?
- Draw design onto plate/ or begin to cut out collage and add colour ...

Remember only use the traditional Imari colours!

For more inspiration look here <https://www.patternz.jp/japanese-patterns-traditional-motifs/>

Plate template

