

# 高岡銅器

Takaoka  
Copperware



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Takaoka copperware has a 1000-year-old history, when Minato Doshirō (the second son of Iga no Sōun) was a leader to promote the Takaoka City Trading Post. Initially, goods like agricultural tools and other essential items were sold from there. However, in the mid Edo period (18th century), demand for items made from copper increased due to the need of currency in commerce and its malleability. As a result, traditional iron things and wares, which began to be produced, and the high quality of Takaoka copperware became well known throughout Japan. Takaoka copperware is characterized by advanced casting and decorative techniques such as patting, coloring, engraving and etc. It was designated as one of the first of Japan's National Designated Traditional Craft Products in 1975.

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五具足

*Gogusoku* (Five implements)

The area where Takaoka copperware is made in today's Toyama Prefecture has long been home to the Jōdo Shinshu sect of Buddhism, and many bronze objects related to Buddhism have been made there, including statues of the Great Buddha, bells for temples and other Buddhist implements.





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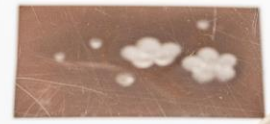
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