ISHI-HADA-NURI ishime [i:fi:mei] n. a rough-surface effect produced by using a hammering technique in Japanese metal working. Surface were textured using punches which, if rough faced and used in random pattern, imitated the surface of stone (ishime). [< ishime < ishi stone + me grain] The Beauty of Stone Surfaces created with Urushi

In Japan's nature religion "Shinto", prominent large stones are worshiped as ghosts "kami", while gravel was used to designate sacred grounds, as seen at some ancient shrines such as the Ise Shrines or Kyoto's Kamigamo Shrine.

Since ancient times, stones have played an important role in Japanese culture. According to the ancient Japanese mythology, the mountains and stones create the skeleton of the Earth and symbolize permanence and immutability, and the water is its blood, a symbol of flow of live and change. Therefore, stones form also the frame of a Japanese garden.

The art of the stone arrangement "sute-ishi" at all times was considered the main element in the gardener's work. In Japan more natural forms of stones, with moss or rust, wind and water erosion marks, are considered to be more valuable. Japanese try to look for stones not only with flat, smooth and attractive surface. Abovementioned stones create the impression of stability and permanence.

Suiseki - the Art of Japanese Stone Appreciation begins with the acquisition of stones in nature and consummates in a sensation of beauty and in a spiritual connection between the collector and the stone. The stones are natural and not to be worked on or altered in anyway by human being. These stones are used for presentation in the alcove "tokonoma" allone or in together with scrolls or "bonsai". Stones are carefully selected considering five main elements: Shape "katachi", Quality "shitsu", Color "iro", Texture "hada-ai" and as the most important element Age "jidai". When a stone positively meets all five elements, it is considered a "Suiseki".

Also in lacquer art, "ishime-ji" stone surfaces design plays an important role for creating back grounds on objects like "inrô", "bako", armor parts and sword scabbards "saya".

I have been studying the Art Suiseki for over 30 years and my passion for stones and in specific the beauty of their surfaces are reflected on the stone lacquer "ishimeji-Nuri" I apply on Manu Propria Fountain Pens.



KURO ISHIME JI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Kuro Ishime-ji (black stone skin)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

"Nachiguro-Ishi". A generic name for black stones found in the Nachi area of Wakayama prefecture and the Kamo River area of Kyoto. Maguro-ishi are often used for pavements.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

SHIBUI (M) S-165x17-KI **SHIBUI (S)** S-150x16-KI

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-KI MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-KI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-KI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-KI

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-KI

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-KI

KISERU K-175X19-KI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-KI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-KI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-KI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-KI



AKA ISHIME JI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Aka Ishimeji (red stone)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Red stones "skins" are highly appreciated among connoisseurs and refer to the famous "Sado Akadama" Jasper stones found on Sado Island.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-AI

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-AI

 MIYABI Shibui (M
 MS-165x17/18-AI

 MIYABI Shibui (S
 MS-150x16/18-AI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-AI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-AI

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-AI MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-AI

KISERU

K-175X19-AI

MIYABI KISERU M

MK-175X19-AI

MIYABI FUTO

MF-155x17/21-AI

SUISÔ

SÔ-160x17/21-AI

TANTO/LIPSTICK

T -110x17-AI



ARTISAN NAME:

CHAIRO ISHIMEJI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Chairo Ishimeji (Tea-color/brown)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Kurama stone. A type of granite quarried in the Mt. Kurama area north of Kyoto. Light brown in color and of fine quality, it was used for pavements *shiki-ishi and as stepping stones *tobi-ishi, and as shoe-removing stones *kutsunugi-ishi

Pen Type & Ref. Number

SHIBUI (M) S-165x17-CHI **SHIBUI (S)** S-150x16-CHI

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-CHI MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-CHI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-CHI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-CHI

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-CHI MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-CHI

KISERU K-175X19-CHI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-CHI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-CHI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-CHI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-CHI



ARTISAN NAME:

MURASAKI ISHIMEJI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Murasaki Ishimeji (purple stone)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Stone with purple color are found on the shore and in the "Kamogawa" Kamo-River. Murasa-ki-Kifune-Ishi are highly appreciated by stone lovers.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-MI

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-MI

 MIYABI Shibui (M
 MS-165x17/18-MI

 MIYABI Shibui (S
 MS-150x16/18-MI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-MI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-MI

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-MI MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-MI

KISERU K-175X19-MI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-MI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-MI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-MI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-MI



ARTISAN NAME:

MIDORI ISHIMEJI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Midori Ishimeji (green stone)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

The famous hard and dens stones with fine green colors are found in Hokkaido and are called "Kamuikotan-Ishi"

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-MDI

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-MDI

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-MDI MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-MDI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-MDI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-MDI

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-MDI

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-MDI

KISERU K-175X19-MDI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-MDI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-MDI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-MDI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-MDI



ARTISAN NAME:

AO ISHIMEJI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Ao Ishimeji (blue stone)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

The best ao-ishi were quarried in the Iyo, Awa, Kishuû, and Chichibu regions, and each of these areas lent its name to the ao-ishi produced there.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-AOI

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-AOI

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-AOI MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-AOI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-AOI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-AOI

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-AOI

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-AOI

KISERU K-175X19-AOI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-AOI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-AOI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-AOI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-AOI



ARTISAN NAME:

KURO TORA ISHI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Kuro-Tora-Ishimeji--Nuri (Black Tiger Stripe Lacquer)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

This lacquer imitates the surface of the famous Setagawa-Toralshi, Seta River Tiger Strîpe Stones.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

SHIBUI (M) S-165x17-KTI **SHIBUI (S)** S-150x16-KTI

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-KTI MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-KTI

BÔ (M) B-165X17-KTI **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-KTI

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-KTI

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-KTI

KISERU K-175X19-KTI

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-KTI

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-KTI

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-KTI

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-KTI



ARTISAN NAME:

UTEKI NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Uteki-Nuri (Raindrop Lacquer)

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

San = Mountain, Sui = Water, Sansui = Nature The two words mountain and water combined form the word "Nature". Raindrops on stone might symbolize Nature in a small scale.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-UTN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-UTN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-UTN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-UTN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-UTN **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-UTN

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-UTN

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-UTN

KISERU K-175X19-UTN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-UTN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-UTN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-UTN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-UTN



ARTISAN NAME:

BEITEN MOYÔ NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Beiten Moyô-Nuri (Rice Grain Pattern Lacquer)

There are stones found in the "Kamogawa" Kamo-River with a smooth surface with rice grain like pattern. For more than 2,000 years, rice has been a major agricultural fixture in Japan and a symbol of the nation's spiritual connection with nature, the gods and the community. Japan may be one of minority countries issuing coins with rice design

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-BMN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-BMN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-BMN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-BMN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-BMN **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-BMN

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-BMN

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-BMN

KISERU K-175X19-BMN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-BMN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-BMN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-BMN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-BMN

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ARTISAN NAME:

SETAGAWA MAGUROISHI NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Setagawa-Maguroishi-Nuri

(Seta River Black Stone Lacquer)

There are stones found in the Setagawa" Seta-River, famous for their jet-black color hadame. Natural stones are washed by the motion of the water in rivers or the ocean, creating a unique texture on the surface. This is known as "hada-ai" in the world of suiseki. The section, which has resisted erosion, is known as the "hame". The softer section, which has been worn by wind and waves, is known as the "hadame"

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-SMN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-SMN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-SMN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-SMN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-SMN **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-SMN

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-SMN MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-SMN

KISERU K-175X19-SMN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-SMN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-SMN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-SMN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-SMN





ARTISAN NAME:

TAMAGAWA-ISHI NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Tamagawa-Ishi-Nuri (Tama River Stone Lacquer) There are stones found in the Tamagawa that are appreciated for the deep black color and a smooth surface showing a curly, brocade like pattern "kinran"

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-TGN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-TGN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-TGN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-TGN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-UTN BÔ (S) B-150X16-TGN

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-TGN MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-TGN

KISERU K-175X19-TGN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-TGN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-TGN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-UTN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-UTN

ARTISAN NAME: Martin Pauli



BENI-FUBUKI NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Beni-Fubuki-Ishi-Nuri (Red Snow Storm Lacquer) This stone surface pattern is called "beni-fubuki". "Beni Nagash" is the name for red quarz found in stones. "Fubuki" is literally tanslated with snow storm

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-BFN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-BFN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-BFN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-BFN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-BFN **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-BFN

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-BFN
MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-BFN

KISERU K-175X19-BFN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-BFN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-BFN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-BFN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-BFN



ARTISAN NAME:

TORUKOSEKI-NURI

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

"Torukoseki-Nuri" Turquoise-Lacquer

Just finished another "kawari-nuri" experimental lacquer on a ebonite pen. Blue Turquoise crumbles embedded in urushi mixed with brass powder. After "uwazuri" the "torukoseki" turquoise blue color changed to a rather geenish blue. Since turquoise is a pretty hard stone the grindingand polishing was very time consuming

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-TKSN

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-TKSN

MIYABI Shibui (M MS-165x17/18-TKSN MIYABI Shibui (S MS-150x16/18-TKSN

BÔ (M) B-165X17-TKSN **BÔ (S)** B-150X16-TKSN

MIYABI BÔ (M) MB-165X17/18-TKSN MIYABI BÔ (S) MB-150X16/17-TKSN

KISERU K-175X19-TKSN

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-TKSN

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-TKSN

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-TKSN

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-TKSN



ARTISAN NAME:

IRO ISHIHADA

"Manu Propria" Fountain Pen

Iro-Ishihada-Nuri (ColorStone Surface Lacquer

In Japanese Art & Craft simulated stone surfaces "hada" play an important role, found on many lacquer objects like sword scabbards, inro and boxes.

Midori = green, Ao = blue, Murasaki = purple, Ao = red, Ki = yellow, Shiroi = white (Ivory)

Pen Type & Ref. Number

 SHIBUI (M)
 S-165x17-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

 SHIBUI (S)
 S-150x16-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

 MIYABI Shibui (M
 MS-165x17/18-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

 MIYABI Shibui (S
 MS-150x16/18-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

BÔ (M)B-165X17-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S **BÔ (S)**B-150X16-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

 MIYABI BÔ (M)
 MB-165X17/18-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

 MIYABI BÔ (S)
 MB-150X16/17-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

KISERU K-175X19-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

MIYABI KISERU MK-175X19-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

MIYABI FUTO MF-155x17/21-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

SUISÔ SÔ-160x17/21-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

Martin Pauli

TANTO/LIPSTICK T -110x17-IIH-MI-A-MU-AO-K-S

ARTISAN NAME:

