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## JAPANESE SCREENS

MAKERS OF CONTEMPORARY HAND-PAINTED SCREENS  
USING TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES



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## Japanese Screens

Traditional folding screens from Japan, known as *Byōbu*-literally “protection from the wind” -were originally developed to be used as dividers both indoors and outdoors, the zigzag construction allowing them to be either free-standing or wall mounted. These functional and versatile screens evolved in format over the years to allow greater artistic freedom. The development<sup>6</sup> of the innovative and unobtrusive paper hinge allowed one vast expanse of unbroken paper which was suitable for continuous large scale horizontal compositions, and format thus came into being which was accepted by the Japanese as a serious medium for important artists.

Though simple in appearance, folding screens are complicated structures made of paper and wood. The individual panels are composed of carefully jointed wood lattice frames, covered on both sides with layers of paper that form a dense, elastic mattress. Squares of gold, silver and metal leaf, are applied by hand to the paper base and the painting is done on the gilded surface. Lacquer rails are then applied to the perimeter to finish the edges of the screen and provide support.

The group of screens collected together here in our collection displays a wide variety of themes and includes works representative of most of the major schools of Japanese art, with a focus on the early 17th Century works which beautifully document the decorative taste of an increasingly affluent society. The use of gold in screen paintings was perfected during the Momoyana period (1573-1615) when some of the finest screens were commissioned by the warrior elite. Many such examples are included in this collection, particularly of the Rimpa school which was extremely influential in defining the Japanese decorative arts tradition of the 17th and 18th centuries.

## Silk Brocade Borders

All screens are available either with or without a brocade border. The screens shown in this catalogue depict the standard configuration which is held in stock, all other configurations can be ordered as a special order if required.

### Sizes

Please note that the following images are not shown to scale. It is important to double check the sizes given next to each image.



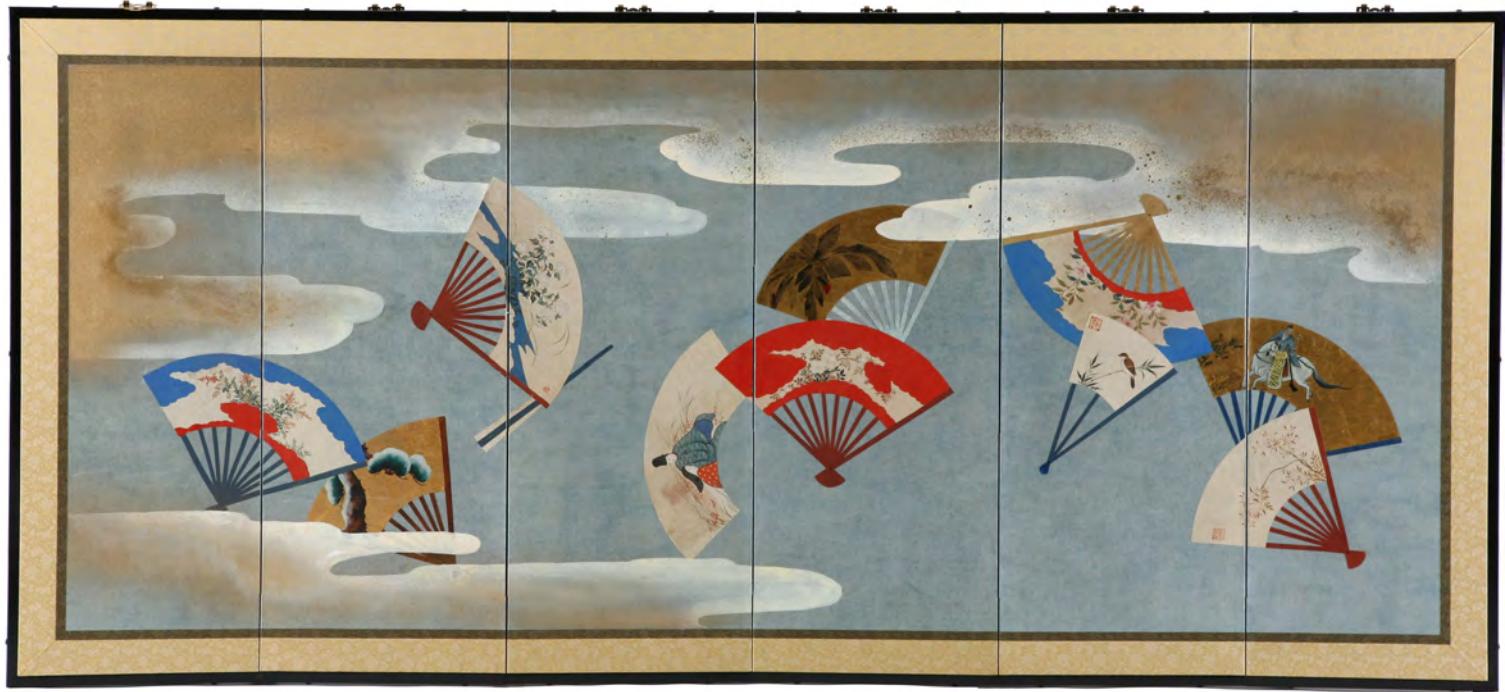
**SSP-098** Tales of Genji

Size: 137cm x 137cm



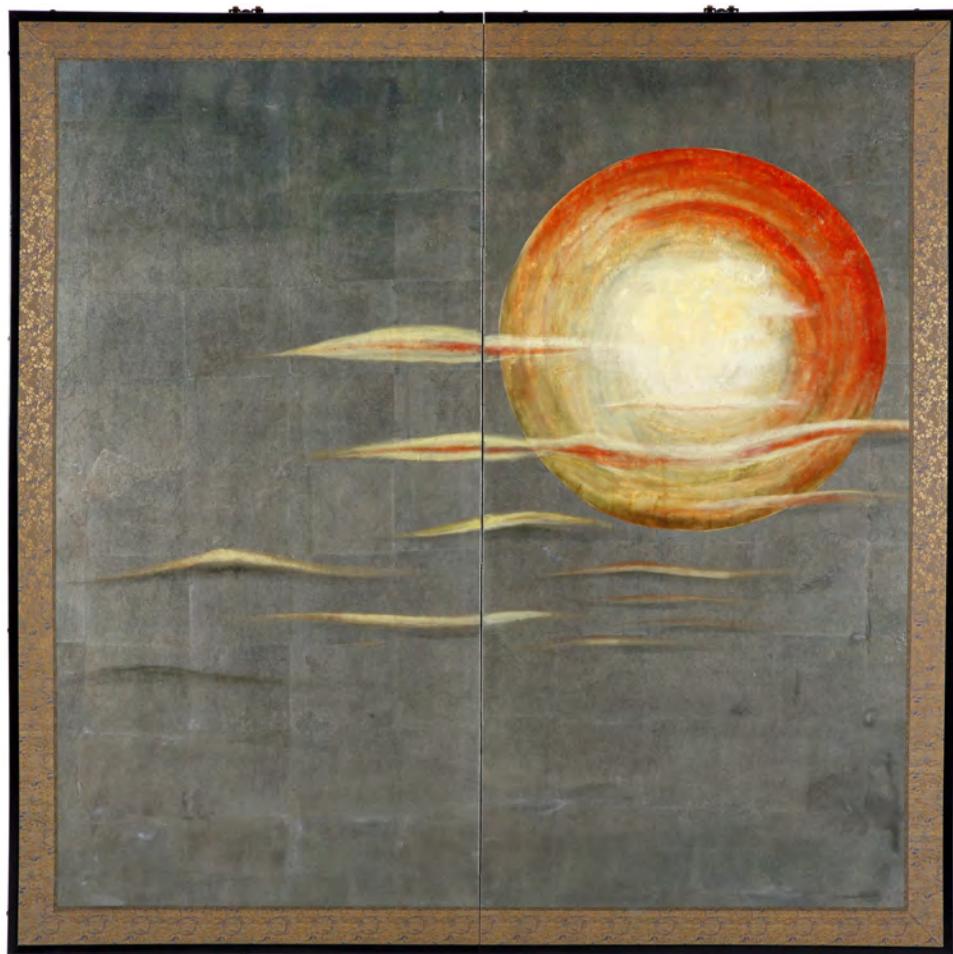
**SSP-140** Fans

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-273 Fans

Size: 203cm x H 94cm



SSP-274 Sunset

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-250 Big Cats in the Bamboo

Size: 203cm x H 94cm



SSP-251 Leopard in the Bamboo

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-275** Cranes by the River

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-276** Cranes by the River

Size: 137cm x 137cm



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**SSP-298** Faithful Cranes with Pine and Plum      Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-116** Standing Cranes

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-116-S** Silver Standing Cranes

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-003-A Standing Cranes by River

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-020-A Standing Cranes

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-021-A Standing Cranes

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-020** Standing Cranes

Size: 345cm x H 160cm



**SSP-021** Standing Cranes

Size: 345cm x H 160cm



**SSP-003** Standing Cranes by River

Size: 345cm x H 160cm



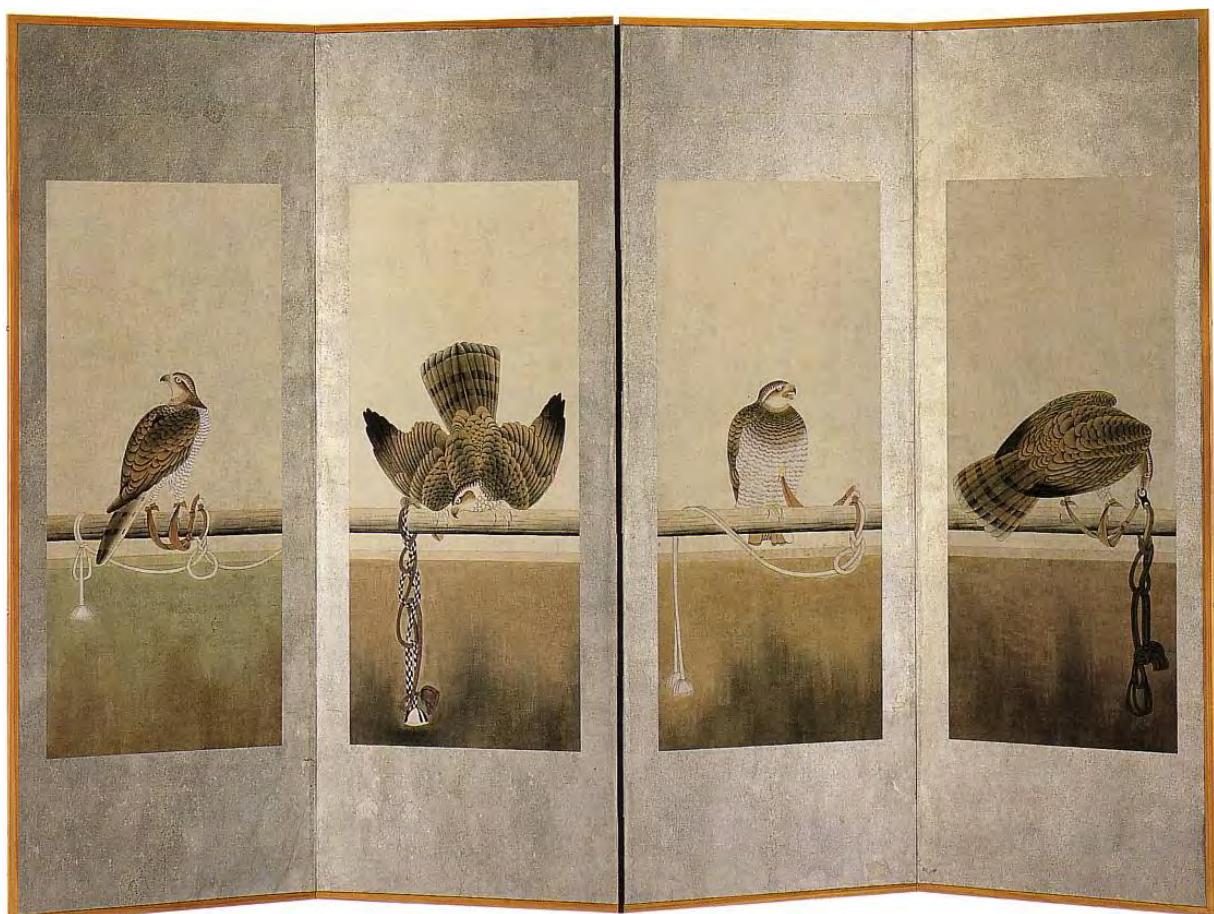
**SSP-017-S** Silver Hawks

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



Individual panels are also available to order

Size: 53cm x H 140cm

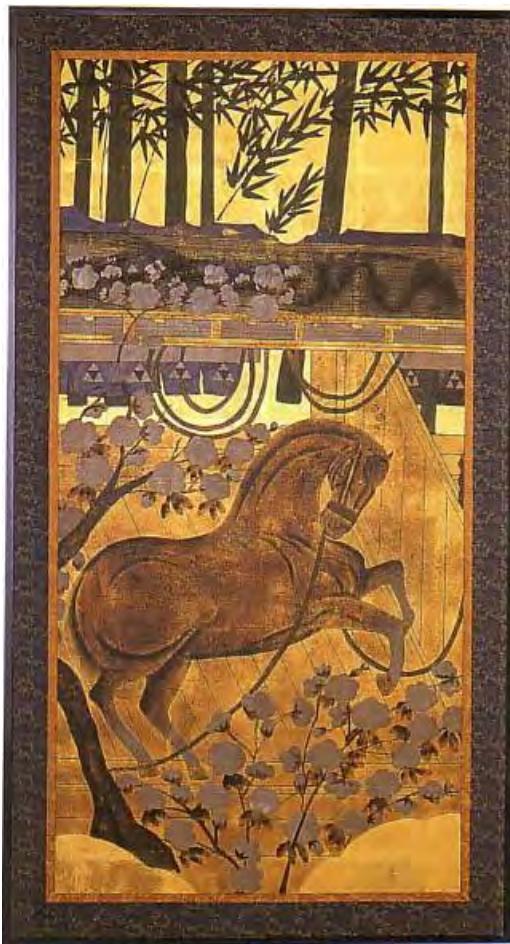


**SSP-017-A** Hawks

Size: 200cm x H 140cm

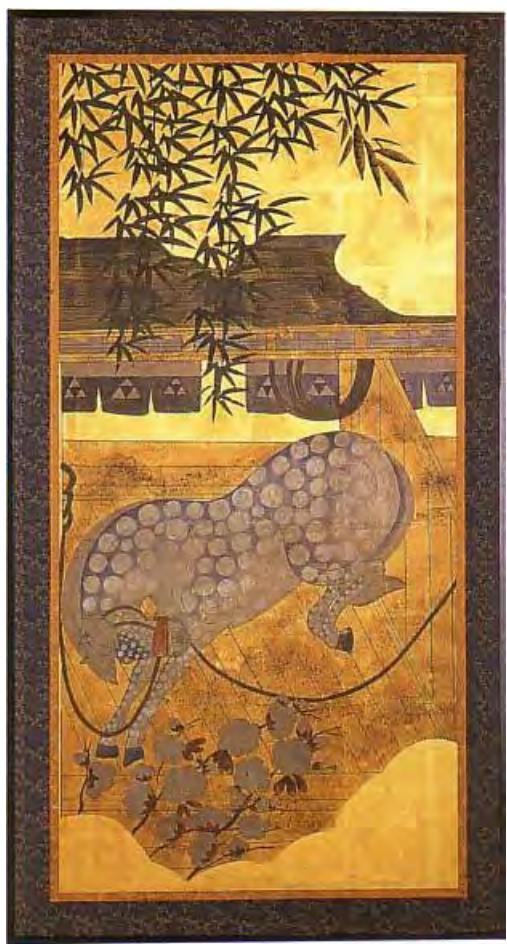
Also available as a 6 panel screen SSP-017

Size: 300cm x H 140cm



**SSP-033 A&B Ponies**

\*Also available as a two panel screen SSP-033



Size: 74cm x H 137cm per panel

Size: 137cm x 137cm



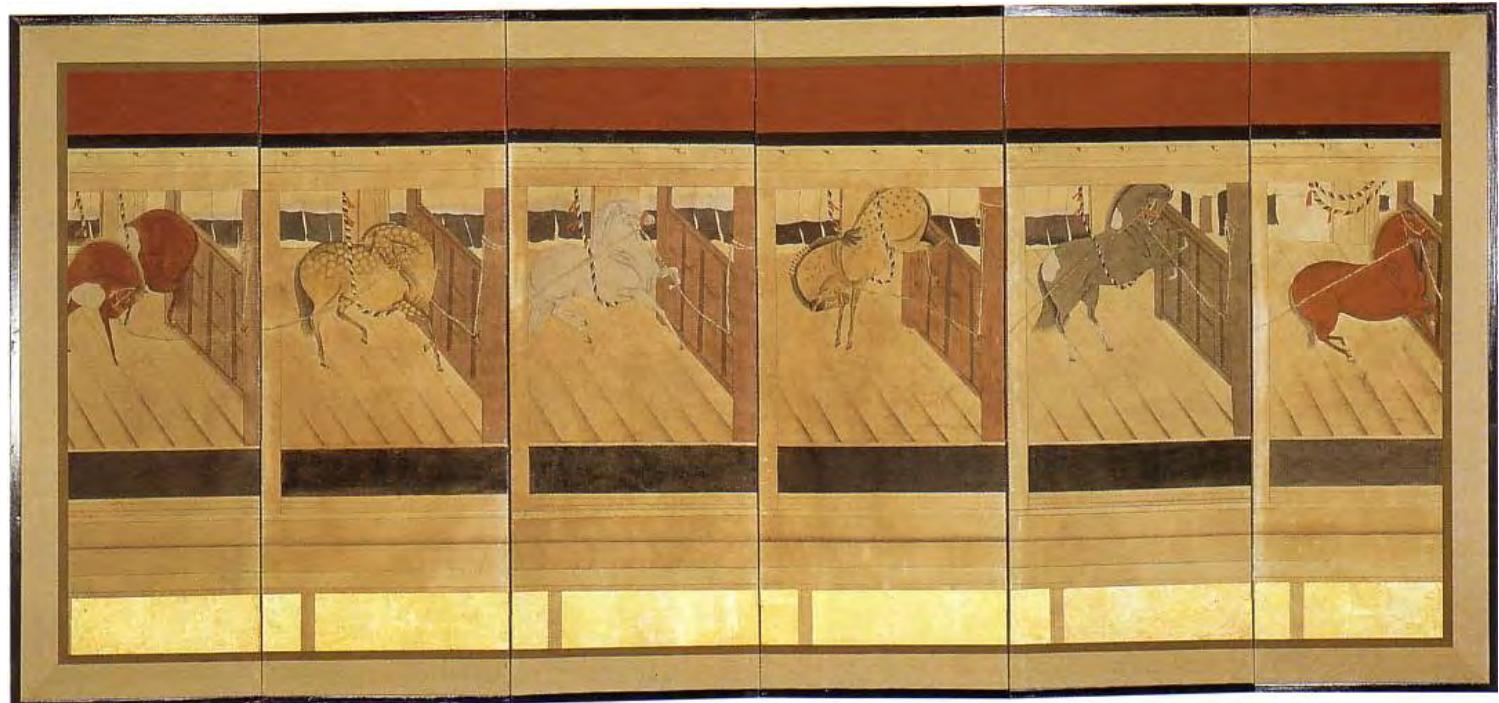
**SSP-065 Ponies in a Stable**

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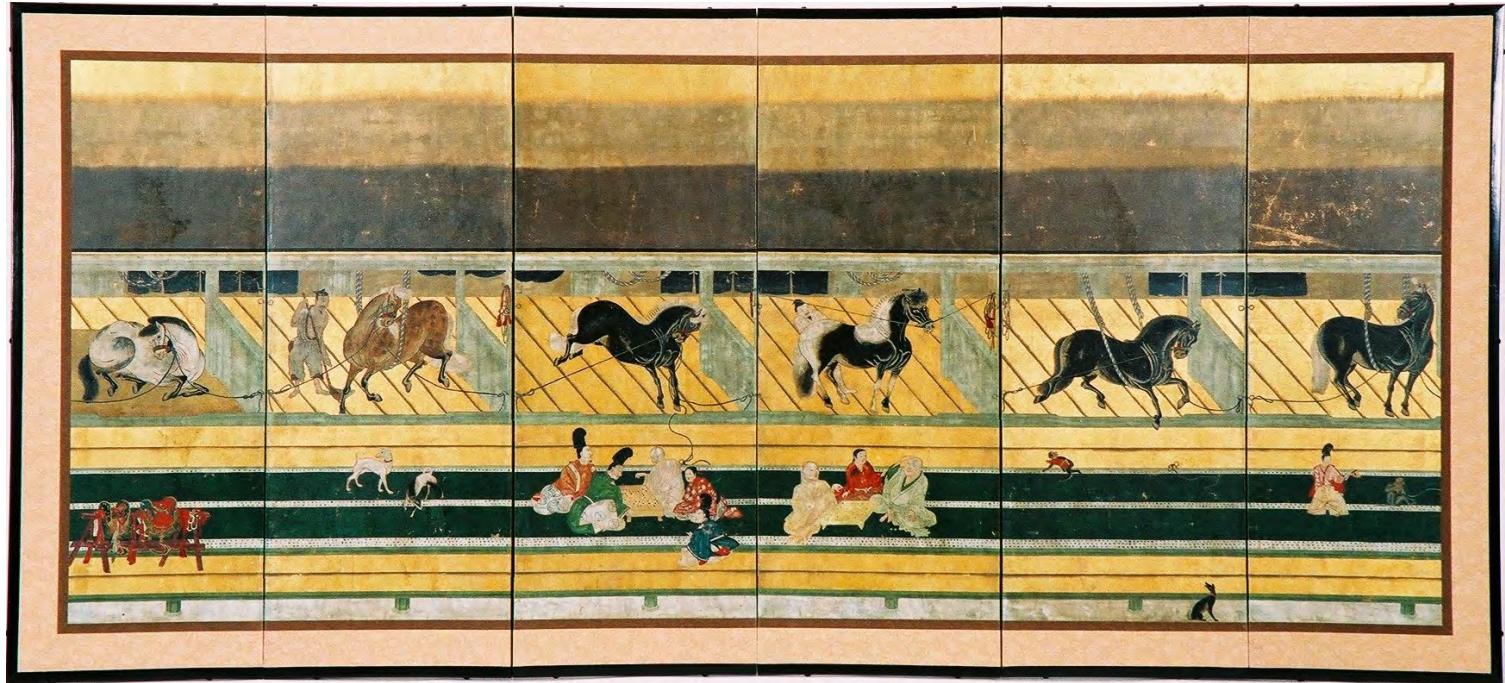
**SSP-065-A** Horses in a Stable

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-036** Ponies in a Stable

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-215 Horses and Grooms in the Stable

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-192 Warriors by the Sea

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-197-S** Silver Grasses

Size: 135cm x H 94cm



**SSP-175** Zen Bamboo

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-152 Bamboo

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-022-A Bamboo

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-158** Green Bamboo

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-152-G** Green Bamboo

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-167 Bamboo and Chops

137cm x H 64cm



SSP-166 Bamboo with Calligraphy

137cm x H 64cm



SSP-282 Cherry Blossom Branch

137cm x H 64cm



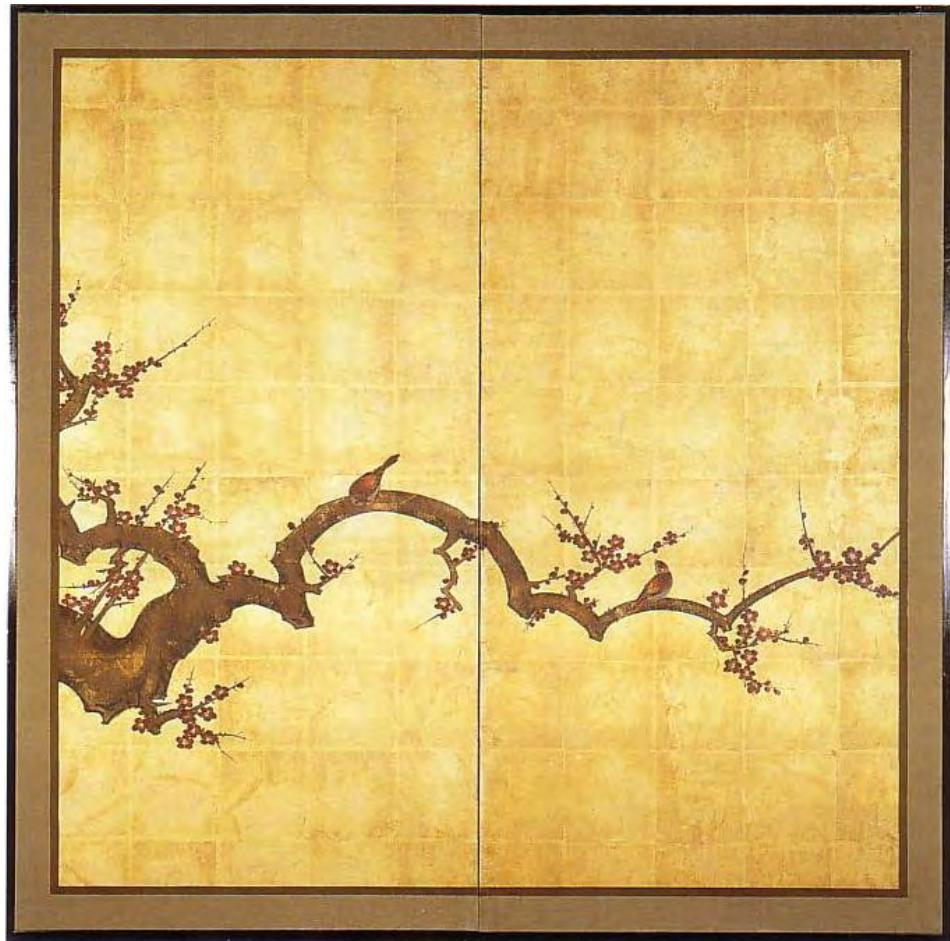
**SSP-279** Chrysanthemums

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-280** Spring Scene

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-145** Cherry Blossom

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-141** Persimmon Tree

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-189** Persimmons Branch with Birds

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-205** Plum Blossom & Red Camellias

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-243 Tree Peonies & Spring Blossom

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-234 White Sakura Blossom

Size: 205cm x H 122cm



SSP-193 Frozen Pine Trees

Size: 244cm x H 122cm



SSP-264 Wisteria and Peonies

Size: 137cm x 137cm



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SSP-296 Wisteria and Narcissus

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-281 Wisteria above the pond

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-277

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-278

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-286 A Winter Landscape of Egret

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-157 Flying Egrets

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-078** Gibbons

Also available as SSP-078-A

Size: 145cm x H 169cm

Size: 137cm x H 137cm



**SSP-293** Pink & White Spring Blossom  
with Sun      Size: 76cm x H 152cm



**SSP-247** Pigeon      Size: 71cm x H 99cm



**SSP-240** Lotus Pond and Ducks

Size: 152cm x H 122cm



SSP-219 Paulownia & Chrysanthemums

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-224 Lotus and Leaves

Size: 46cm x H 122cm



SSP-213 Brown Lotus Leaves

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



SSP-056 Mount Fuji

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



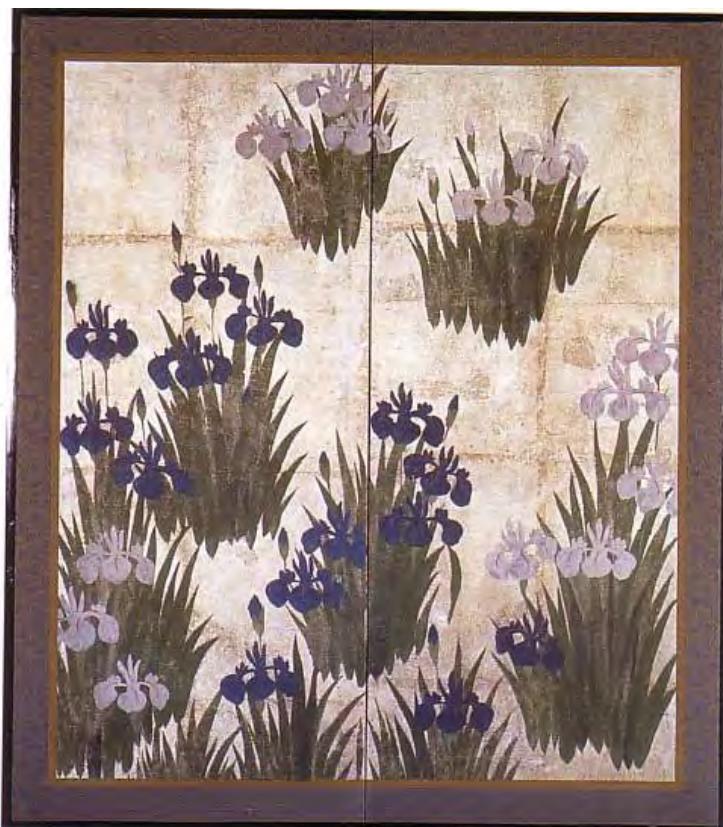
SSP-052 Pine Trees

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-034** Iris with Bridge

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



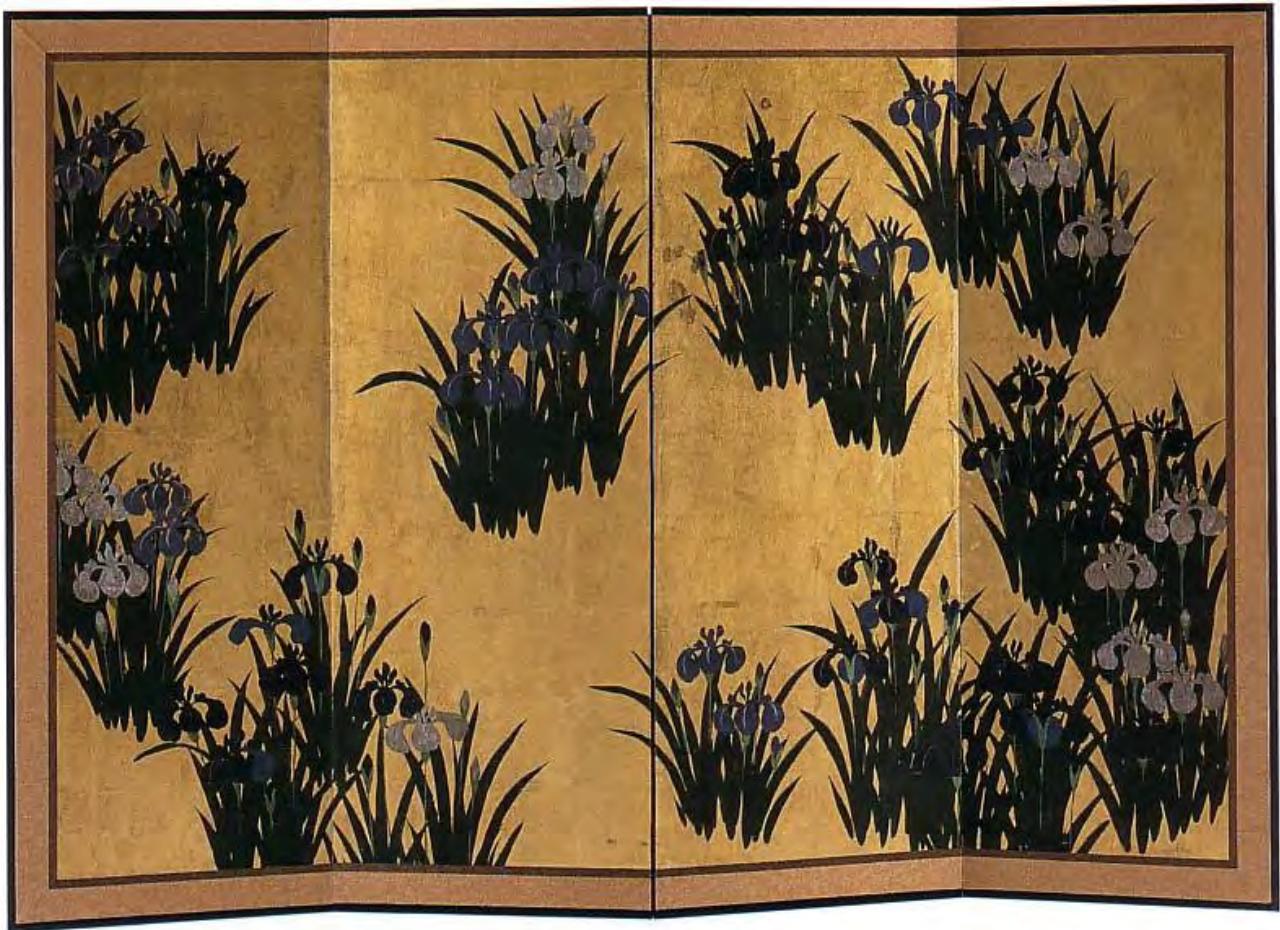
**SSP-144-S** Irises

Size: 107cm x H 122cm



**SSP-035** Iris

Size: 145cm x H 170cm



**SSP-176** Scattered Iris

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-023-A** Flowers on the Hill

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-142 Mallows

Size: 13cm x H 95cm



SSP-143 Maple Tree

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



SSP-151 Summer Flowers

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-291** Red & White Plum Blossom

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-289** Red & White Plum Blossom

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-287** An Autumn Maple by Waters Edge

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-007-A** Camellias

Size: 137cm x 137cm

\*Also available as SSP-007

Size: 193cm x H168cm



**SSP-012-A** Red & White Hollyhocks

Size: 107cm x 122cm

\*Also available as SSP-012

Size: 150cm x H180cm



**SSP-015-A** Flowering Grasses      Size: 107cm x H 122cm



**SSP-016-A** Flowering Grasses      Size: 107cm x H 122cm



**SSP-146** Weeping Cherry

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-148** Chrysanthemums & Fence

Size: 200cm x H 140cm



**SSP-164** Flying Cranes

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-077** Grouse by the River

Size: 205cm x H 95cm



**SSP-024** Grouse

Size: 230cm x H 160cm



**SSP-297** Water Fowl in a gentle landscape 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-043** White Peonies

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-147** Yellow Hibiscus Flowers

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-190** White Plum Blossom

Size: 137cm x 137cm



**SSP-284** Peacocks

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-018 Battle of Yashima

Size: 345cm x H 160cm



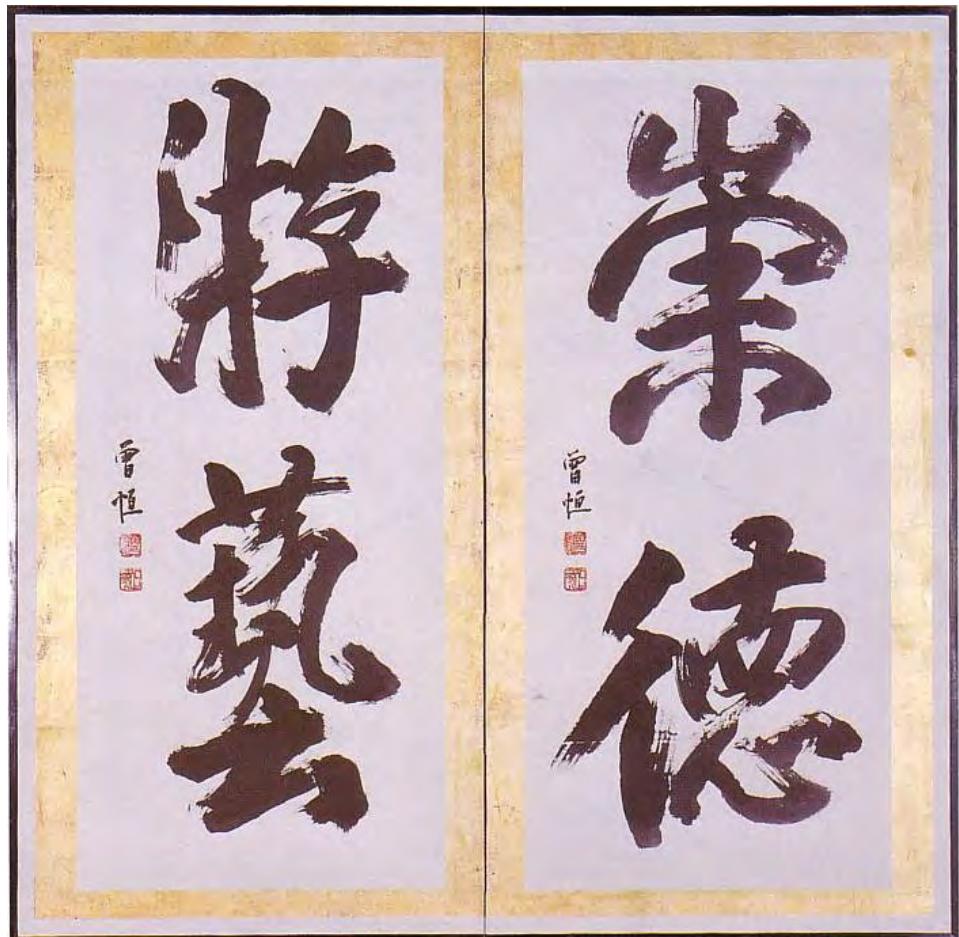
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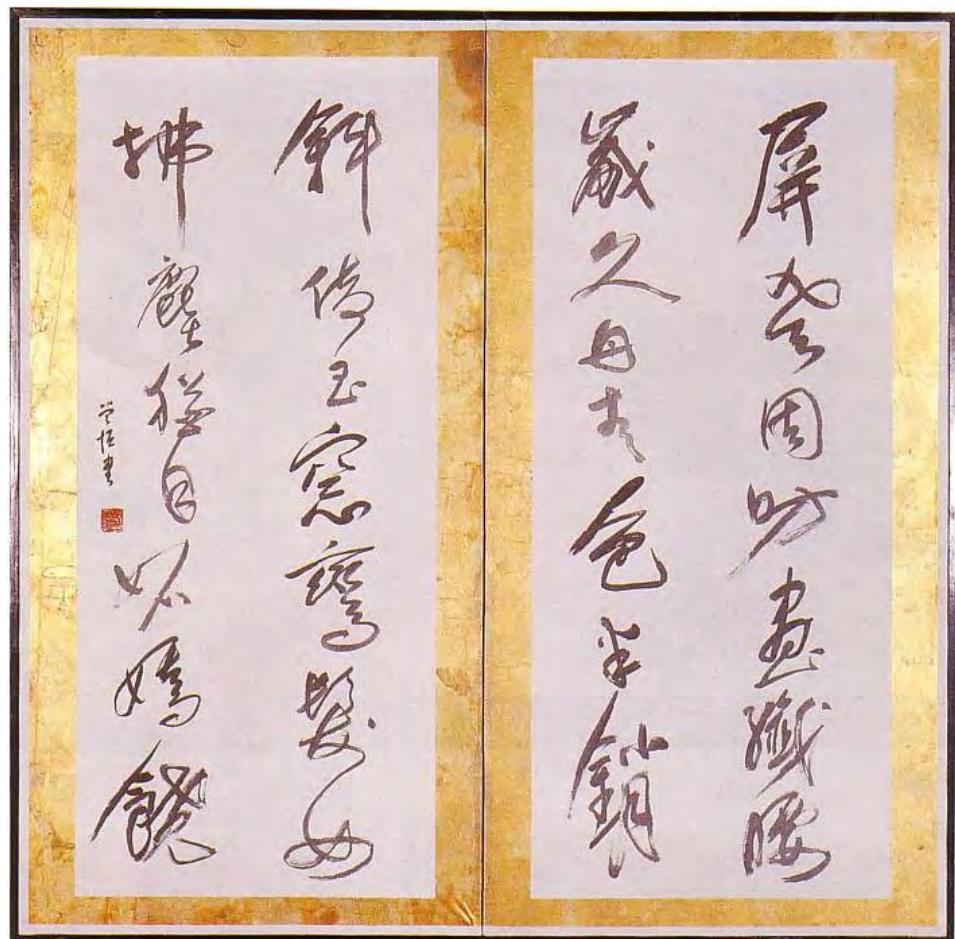
SSP-045 Archer Panel

Size: 53cm x H 140cm



SSP-070 Calligraphy

Size: 137cm x 137cm



SSP-070 'Running Script' Calligraphy

Size: 137cm x 137cm