

Painted pieces

Painted pieces, called kakikoma, are pieces on which characters are painted with lacquer applied directly on the wood surface. Inscriptions on Tendo's traditional shogi pieces are cursive in style. There are different types of kakikoma: (1) pieces painted with black lacquer; (2) genpeikoma where the front side is black and the back side is vermilion; (3) sakiwakekoma where the front side's top is vermilion, its bottom black, and the back side vermilion; (4) shugakikoma where both front and back sides are vermilion; and (5) midorikoma painted with green lacquer.