

# 華道 *Kadō* ("Way of Flower Arrangement")

## 生け花 *Ikebana*

*Ikebana* is an art of traditional Japanese flower arrangement, originally related to religious ceremonies. Flowers were arranged where gods were welcomed or used as offerings at Buddhist altars. When the tea ceremony became popular in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, flowers were arranged in tea ceremony rooms. There are now three major *ikebana* schools: *Ikenobō*, *Ohara* and *Sōgetsu*.

**盛り花 *Moribana*** (Built-up style flowers arrangement in a shallow container) is an arrangement in these three major points:

<i>Shin</i> (Heaven: leader)	1.5~2 vase size (Note: vase size = vase diameter + vase height)
<i>Soe</i> (Earth: subordinate)	2/3 <i>Shin</i> length
<i>Tai</i> (Man: harmonizer)	2/3 <i>Soe</i> length



Fig. 1

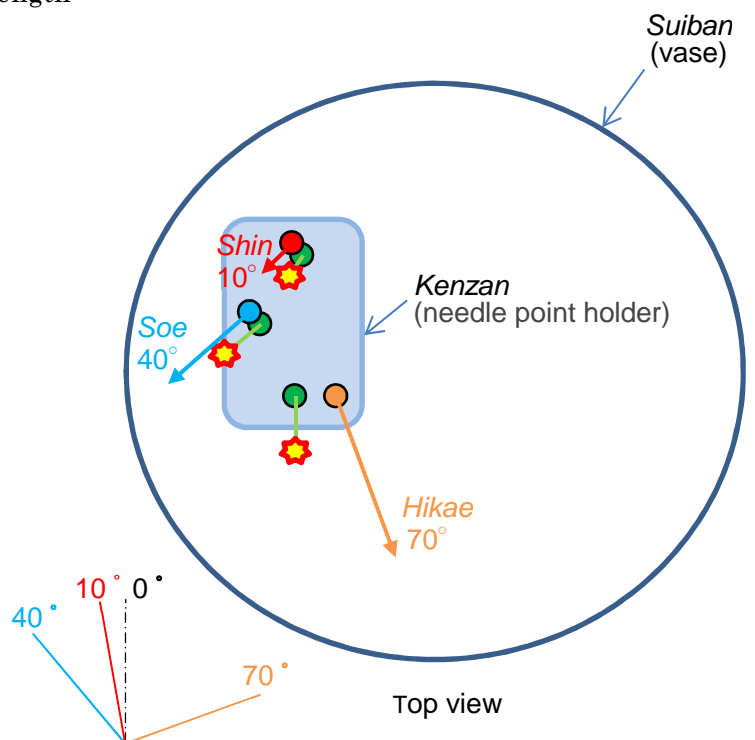


Fig.2

### How to put on *Kenzan*

For branches, insert them vertically and then tilt them. (Fig.3)

For stalk flowers, insert them directly at the angle you want. (Fig.4)

For a thin branch or stalk, use a thick stalk as a support. (Fig.5)

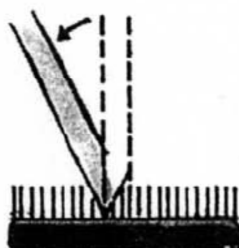


Fig.3

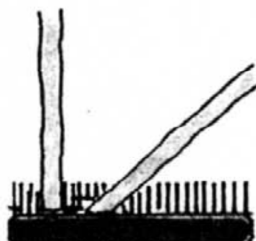


Fig.4

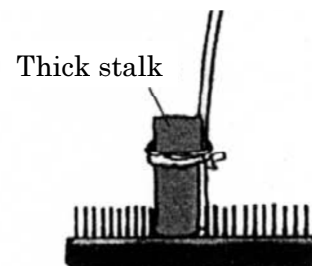


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