

Basic Detail Report



Kozuka (by-knife)

Date
probably 1500s

Primary Maker
Japanese

Medium
steel, shakudo, and silver

Description
Of the usual form. Steel, single edged straight blade, the edges parallel from the handle for about 1/4 length, whence cutting edge is stepped & curves gently to back edge at the point. Deep "yakiba" (temper line) is barely visible on reverse. Long, rectangular handle almost as long as blade itself. This is of copper alloy ("shakudo"), with an inlaid silver plaque on obverse. This has floral sprays in relief on closely stippled ground.

Dimensions
21.3 cm (8 3/8 in.), 2 oz (weight)