Killing a Mosquito from Starfrost: Customs

of the Present Time

Date

about 1818-1820

Primary Maker

Utagawa Kunisada I (Toyokuni III)

Medium

multicolored woodblock print

Description

A woman on her knees in her bed under the kaya (mosquito-net canopy) is killing a mosquito by burning it with flame from a koyori (paper spill). Lying at the edge of the bed (rug serves at a bed on warm nights) is a round fan decorated with a portrait of an actor in the role of the otokodate Sukeroku.

Dimensions

35.5 x 24.3 cm (14 x 9 9/16 in.)