

Visit the VMFA galleries to discover and interpret American works of art (furniture, modern paintings, and posters) inspired by Japanese culture. Explore and enjoy!



American Art Galleries, Level 2

The artist "Japanned" this chest by adding familiar Japanese scenes.

What are some of the images painted on this chest? _____

What would you store in a chest like this? _____



Mid to Late 20th-Century Art Galleries, Level 2

This piece looks like it was created using the Japanese paper-folding technique called origami. What would you name this work of art? _____

Now read the label to see what the artist, Dorothea Rockburne, calls it.

Were you and the artist thinking alike? _____



Art Deco Galleries, Level 3

American architect Frank Lloyd Wright was living in Japan when he designed this piece.

Wright admired Japanese art, particularly woodblock prints. He designed this chair for the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, Japan! If you could put this chair in any room in your home, where would you place it? _____



Impressionist Galleries, Level 3

Edgar Degas's use of female subjects in many of his paintings and sculptures echoes the tradition of Japanese woodblock prints. How old do you think this little dancer was when she posed for this sculpture? _____

If you were to paint a picture of a girl or woman what would she be doing?
