

Make your own Japanware

There are a variety of ways to make your own piece of Japanware. Using the teacher resource pack and the catalogue, look at the variety of different shapes you can use and designs that are on the pieces. Or, use the online game for your design!

Step One: Choose your shape

First, choose what shape of Japanware you will make. Although we advise trays and plates, you can make any shape.

Step Two: Make your base.

The best base shapes are made from

- Paper Plates
- Papier Mache

We would not advise clay as Japanware was not made from pottery or porcelain.

Step Three: Paint it black and add the lacquer (varnish)

- Paint the shape black, wait for it to dry.
- Varnish (PVA glue) the shape. Dry.

Step Four: Add your design.

- Use the online designer to help design your Japanware piece.
- Add the border design first. You can trace or stick it on. Wait for it to dry.
- Add your main design in the middle. You can trace or stick it on. Wait for it to dry.

Step Five: Finish your Japanware masterpiece!

- Varnish your plate again and leave it to dry.

Well done, you have now created your very own Japanware! Why don't you and your friends create an exhibition from your designs, just like the Allgoods did. You can create a catalogue of the products you have made!