Deco Japan: Shaping Art and Culture, 1920–1945
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BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

Contains illustrated stories, songs, recipes, and instructions for crafts and activities to introduce children to Japanese history and culture.

Presents the elements of art and the principles of design in a format that is easily understandable for children and all beginning artists.

On her first day of first grade, despite the objections of her older sisters, Suki chooses to wear her beloved Japanese kimono to school because it holds special memories of her grandmother’s visit last summer.

The Way We Do It in Japan by IIijima, Geneva Cobb and Billin–Frye, Paige. Morton Grove, IL: A. Whitman, 2002. PZ 7 I275 Wa
Gregory experiences a new way of life when he moves to Japan with his American mother and his Japanese father.

RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

Catalogue for the exhibition.

Author Norbert Wolf follows art deco’s influence in Europe and its immigration to the Americas and Asia.

Art Deco by Roojen, Pepin van. Amsterdam: The Pepin Press, 2009. NK 8810.3 A78 R66
Contains high quality images in a book and CD for use as a design resource or for inspiration.

Sections include “Sources and Iconography,” “The Spread of Deco,” and “The Deco World.”

This book traces the stylistic evolution and dominant motifs of Art Deco, particularly in the area of interior decoration and furniture design.

Contains an outline of Japanese historical periods and chapters on ceramics, sculpture, secular and Zen painting, calligraphy, woodblock prints, and gardens.

Includes introductions to the elements of art and principles of design, which describe each concept with colorful illustrations, artwork, photographs, and activities.

This unusual collection of 468 authentic Art Deco designs comes from a hard-to-find book published during the 1930s in Tokyo.

Explores artistic exchange between Japan and the West.

Catalogues objects representative of mainstream Taisho visual culture and reconstructs the styles popular from 1915 to 1935.

Online Resources

Art Deco by the Victoria and Albert Museum. www.vam.ac.uk/page/a/art-deco/
Articles and images of art deco works from around the world.

Design, 1900–1925 by the Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/dsgn1/hd_dsgn1.htm
Overview of design at the start of the twentieth century.