

# Learn the skills To make a gorgeous pair of chopsticks!

Hours  
**9:00 – 18:00**  
Please make a reservation  
five days in advance.

**¥2,500** per person  
Price includes one pair of chopsticks.

Lesson length: Approx. 60 minutes  
Ages: 12 and up

\*Lessons held for parties of one or more.



Craft your own one-of-a-kind *togidashi* chopsticks with a master in the preservation of cultural artifacts!



Woodcarving: Koshu Hashimoto



Lacquer work: Atsushi Hashimoto

160 years of woodcarving and lacquer craft

**Hashimoto** Buddhist Sculpture Shop

The pair of brothers who run this shop are fifth generation carving and lacquer craftsmen. They use traditional techniques to repair shrine and temple sculptures, craft Buddhist family altars, and more.

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Approx. 10 min. by taxi from JR Nihonmatsu Station. Parking available.  
Open 9:00–18:00.

Reservations and Information

Nihonmatsu Tourism Association | Hashimoto Buddhist Sculpture Shop

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## What you'll do

### ○ Use traditional techniques to make your own pair of chopsticks!

#### STEP ①



Listen to an explanation of the techniques.

#### STEP ②



Wrap sandpaper around a wooden block.

#### STEP ③



Smooth the surface of the chopsticks using a rough-grained sandpaper.

#### STEP ④



As you sand, a pattern will gradually appear. Next, finish the surface using fine-grained sandpaper.

#### STEP ⑤



Apply a finish to bring out the luster.

#### STEP ⑥



Take your finished chopsticks home as a souvenir.



## What is *togidashi*?



*Togidashi* is a traditional Japanese decorative technique in which multiple layers of lacquer, shell, or other materials of various colors are applied to an object, which is then scoured with a rough stone or paper to create a pattern. You'll use the method on chopsticks, but traditional craftspeople use it on many other objects.