

Kobe INK物語



The colors of Kobe Ink originate from the vibrant views found around the beautiful City of Kobe, capturing its characteristic regional aspects and environments. Kobe Inks offer a joyful writing experience where you can enjoy the magical qualities of Kobe while writing letters to friends.

Rokko Green

Lush green mountains come to mind when you hear the word Kobe. Rokko Green ink portrays Mount Rokko's natural verdant color and conjures feelings of relaxing in a forest.



Ikuta Shrine's historical Torii gate is a stately symbol that stands as a gateway leading to an inner sanctuary Ikuta Orange ink is inspired by this portal, and will leave a mystical impression.



Taisanii is a historic Buddhist Temple surrounded by a quiet, rural, rolling hills of grain. You can experience this golden sea of grain in the Taisanii Yellow ink.



The coastal promenade is a traditional seaport city with many massive, sophisticated old stone buildings. Coast Stone Grev ink imitates the strength and stoicism found in the old stone.

Suma Rikyu Rose

Suma Imperial Villa Park is the home of one of the greatest rose gardens in Kobe. The roses bloom in mid-May, and this Suma Imperial Villa Rose ink exemplifies their grace and royal splendor.



Walking through the quiet streets of normally busy Kano Town before dawn, the mysterious sky feels like vou can float up into it. Kano Town Midnight ink mimics the blue black found in this dark hour.

Wharf Blue

Kobe is a beautiful port city, and our Wharf Blue ink is reminiscent of the vivid colors you see on the horizon where the bountiful sea meets the

Okamoto Pink

old and new. The area contains a Japanese plum wood park renowned for its beauty, but also is the home to many unique modern stores Okamoto Pink ink brings out the

Shinkaichi Gold

Shinkaichi is the lively downtown district of Kobe, sometimes referred to as the "West Side Asakusa." Shinkaichi Gold ink captures the glow of these streetlights and those walking beneath them

No 32 Tamon Purple Grav

Tamon Street is called "Tamonza," the childhood nickname of the legendary samurai Lord Kusunoki. The color of this ink was inspired by Tamonza's Japanese sitting cushion which was a soft, regal purple color,

No 42 Rokko

Rokko Island is a city brimming with oceanic culture; foreign, new wave, and subculture influences converge here. Kobe's fashion and lifestyle capital "Kobe Fashion Mart" was built on this island. The sky surrounding Rokko Island is crisp and clear, just like the clean blue

No 52 Shiova Vintage Sepia

An assortment of foreign traders lived in Shioya over the years, and the varied old villas are a testament to its international past. Even now, those villas are filled with vintage furniture and decor Shoiya Vintage Sepia is inspired by the stylish old

No.3 Old City Sepia

of expatriate houses, architecture, and open trade. Despite the passing of time, this history continues to flourish, and Old City Sepia ink will allow you to experience this tranquil nostalgia.

The old city area has a rich history

Nunobiki Emerald

Nunobiki waterfall is one of the famous "Big 3" Japanese waterfall well known for its endless supply of fresh, clear water. Like the waterfall it is named for, Nunobiki Emerald ink is imposing, bright, and fresh.

Nagata Blue

Kobe's great manga artist Mitsuteru Yokoyama can be found throughout Nagata, Nagata Blue was designed to mimic the color of his famous robot manga Tetsujin 28's mighty iron

Rikvu Moon Yellow

Admiral Narihira, one of the Rokkasen (Six Immortal Poets), enjoyed viewing the moon at the Imperial Villa in Suma Park. This moon yellow ink imagines how the poet might have observed the captivating moonlight.

Science City is populated with universities and bustling with young students, vet a rich natural environment permeates throughout the academic atmosphere. This green ink signifies the freshness of a young leaf.

No.54 Mount

To some. Kitano Town is known as a pearl craft city, as the international trade at Kobe port was a part of the pearl export industry. The silver color used in this ink is like a shining black pearl with a hint of tender

Goshiki Tomb is home to ancient

feel the ancient people's wishes

when you are near them. Mount

Goshiki Ocher is the warm, mild

color of these wondrous artifacts.

artifacts. Although these artifacts are

shrouded in mystery, you can almost

Town Villa Red

The Weathercock Palace, a famous landmark made of bright red bricks. stands as a symbol in Kitano Town. Kitano Town Villa Red ink was inspired by this icon, and invokes an image of the cosmopolitan area.

Tor road is the historic street lined

Tor Black ink represents nightfall in

with boutique stores that links

Kitano to the old city.

the shining street lights.

Mount Maya's high vantage point provides an amazing night view of stars that glitter like diamonds. Maya Lapis Lazuli ink will fill your pen with the shining dark beauty of the Mount Mava night sky.

Maiko Park offers beautiful views of

Awaji Island and houses an old pine

forest filled with the same lush

Maiko Green found in this ink.

Tarumi Apricot

Nakayamate Avenue is a wide avenue that runs east to west and leads to the city center. Nakayamate Black captures this urban atmosphere with ink that mimics the hues of roasted coffee.

From Tarumi hill, you can enjoy a

Akashi Strait Bridge to Awaii Island.

panoramic sunset view from the

Tarumi Apricot ink captures the

and feelings of sweet nostalgia.

flaming reflection of the setting sun

No.34 Sorakuen

Sorakuen is a traditional Japanese garden on the west side of Kitano that was named after the Book of Changes-an old book about Taoism. This ink seeks to express how the garden landscapes harmonize with the nearby tea houses.

No 55 Nankin Nankin Town is Kobe's famous Chinatown. This area is rooted in Asian culture, and Chinese New Year is celebrated here. Nankin Town Fortune Red ink is reminiscent of the festival's thematic color.

Westside Kobe is covered in low hills Kobe Bordeaux that grow lush grapes used to make Kobe wine Kobe Bordeaux ink allows you to drink in the rich color of the delicious, world-class Kobe Bordeaux

as you create

Nada Brown

Maiko Green

With ancient brewing traditions, the Nada region is well-known for some of the best sake in all of Japan. Nada Brown ink matches the color of the cedar branch that hangs in front of Nada sake

Wadamisaki Blue

Many factories from various companies are found in the Wadamisaki area where the JR Wadamisaki train line runs during commuting hours to transport workers Wadamisaki Blue ink takes on the color of this rare and unique

you will run into clusters of old specialty shops while also taking in the sights of the new and unique cultural epicenter of Kobe. Sakae Town Indigo ink fuses the future with the past in its

No 56 Rokko

No.57 Kobe

In the Rokko Forest Botanical Garden, you can see precious hydrangeas named Shichidanka, and was discovered about 100 years ago in the area. Please enjoy the hydrangea's pastel blue color when writing with Rokko Shichidanka ink.

The Akashi Strait Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, and serves as the entrance to Shikoku Island, Strait Blue ink captures this ideal location overlooking a beautiful deep sea vista, which is also famous for good

Arima hot spring is an ancient

landmark listed in Japan's oldest

history book: The Chronicles of

Japan, Arima Amber ink portrays

the classic majesty of this famous

feudal Lord Hideyoshi who was one

golden hot spring once loved by

of Japan's "Great Unifiers."

In Shiova many foreign nationals built cottages that overlook the glittering Seto Inland Sea. The essence of this endless blue sea is captured in the ink of Shioya Blue.

In spring you can stroll down to

Kobe Sannomiya's city center on

Flower Road, and experience a

beautiful eruption of flowers around

vou. Sannomiya Pansy ink captures

the color of the pansies found there.

Kusunoki Masashige was a

legendary samurai in Japan. The

Lord Kusunoki, and built him a

people in Minatogawa refer to him as

shrine in tribute. This lime green ink

is a tribute to his fame and bravery.

Konan Maroon

Konan is a lively university town bustling with youth and activity. with the Hankyu railway train line that running through it. Konan Maroon ink represents the characteristic color of this dignified

Suzurandai is a traditional summer

resort where people stay for a cool,

relaxing vacation from the summer

heat. This green ink symbolizes the

lily of the valley leaf, from which this

town derives its name.

Kitano Hill has gentle slopes and an exotic townscape. In the nighttime, many glamorous shops are image of the mellow nightlife of

nostalgically along the shopping street of Suido Avenue where around 600 unique stores can be found. Marche Blue ink contains the exciting, energetic feelings that

colors of hydrangeas and all reach full bloom during the rainy season in Japan. The beautiful pink and purple colors found in these hydrangeas are gifts from nature and serve as the inspiration for this ink

The hydrangea is Kobe's symbolic

flower. There are many types and

No.58 Hyogo

Hyogo canal is a crucial waterway crisscrossed with old bridges that winds through Kobe One of these is Owada Bridge, which is made of stone and has a beautiful arch. Canal Blue ink is the color of water ripples seen from Owada

Suma appears in the famous "Tale of Genji" as an area where aristocratic signifies this aristocratic nobility with its deep hue.

While walking amongst the storefronts lining Motomachi street vou can enjoy the famous landmark Port Tower standing tall above the city. Motomachi Rouge ink originates Suma Beach Blue

Oji Cherry

No 29

Suma beach lies beneath the towering mountaintop of Mount Hachibuse and is the most popular place to watch the sunrise in Kobe. Suma Beach Blue ink represents the sky, sea, and city in the precious moments just before the sun rises

Oji Park is a place for rest and

of the gentle cherries that grow

relaxation in Kobe. In the spring, this

area is illuminated by vibrant cherry

blossoms. This ink captures the color

Sumiyoshi Brown

The Sumiyoshi area contains the home of literary giant Junichiro Γanizaki—one of Japan's great and wrote his representative work "The Makioka Sisters" here. The

oldest Japanese olive farm. This growing tradition has been revitalized in the area, and memories of this history nourish the next generation of olive trees. Kitano

No 59 Hirano Gion

On rainy days the stones of Hirano Gion Shrine glisten romantically. The gray used in this ink is inspired by the color of the shrine's stone stairs

Mikage is a rich neighborhood at the Mikage Gray foot of Mt.Rokko that is home to a number of historical sites. Mikage Gray ink draws its essence from the cool, relaxed tones of this area.

Okamoto is an interesting mix of the

contrasting facets of old and new

Suma Creek is a popular summertime beach destination and while enjoy the beach today, this creek was the sight of a historic battle described in the famous literary work, "The Tale of Heike." Suma Seaside Blue ink matches the color of the Suma Creek: blue with a touch of green.

No 45 Hachibuse

Mount Hachibuse is situated behind Suma Creek, and stood as a solemn observer of the battle fought at Suma long ago. This place, where General Yoshitsune famously won a crucial victory, is now a great hiking trail. This elegant green ink signifies the lush nature found in the area.

No.46 Nagisa

Tadao Ando is one of Japan's most famous architects. He designed the ocean-facing Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art in 2002. This gray ink draws inspiration from the museum's concrete walls.

Aotani town is a quiet residential area that lies at the foot of Mount Maya where small waterfalls wind their way around a pretty mountain trail. Cascade Green blends a natural green with the azure hue of the waterfalls

No.48 Suido Avenue

Memories of the good old days drift

Olive Green

Kitano town was once home to the

located on Kyo Town Street, as well as the renowned Kobe City Museum—giving the area a stately, dignified air. This blue ink glitters with echoes of legendary history and elegant culture.

No.60 Kobe Kitano Kobe has a long history of international trade that brought people from around the world who built villas in the city. The pigment used in this ink represents the famous mint green color of the Kitano Town Villa walls.

Suma Purple

Arima Amber

villas were built that were visited by many Japanese poets and writers throughout history. Suma Purple ink

Motomachi Rouge

Minatogawa Lime

from Port Tower's impressive color.

Statues of the characters created by

No.35 Mount Suwa Mount Suwa stands near Kobe City, and is home to a lush forest park. This area is often enjoyed with a stroll through the park and by taking in the city views from the popular Venus Bridge. This Green ink gives a

grass, and forest here.

Walking through Sakae Town streets,

soothing impression of fresh leaves,

Kobe Airport is the found in the southernmost part of Port Island called Minatojima. The calm sea reflects the deep blue firmament and shimmering sunlight above. The deep sea looking out into the boundless sky is embodied by this blue ink

No.38 Kitanozaka

illuminated under the watchful moon. This Night Blue ink invokes a wistful

No 39 Kobe Brick Brick warehouses were built over 100

years ago in Kobe Port to store trade cargo, which greatly contributed to the development of the port city economy. Even today, these brilliant red bricks are reflected in the water below. Brick Warehouse Red ink emulates the pride and glory of these

treasures. Tanizaki lived in Sumiyoshi brown pigment found in this ink is the color of the writer's favorite tea.

Olive Green represents and recognizes this rebirth. Various foreign consulates are

Town Villa Mint

No.61 Yuki Gosho Cherry Blossom



The Heike samurai leader Lord Kivomori's villa was located in Yukimi Gosho Town. Every spring, cherry blossoms bloom here along the riverbanks. The color used in this ink signifies the glimpse of time when the blossoms transform from hud to bloom

Nunobiki Lavender



Summers at the Nunobiki Herb Garden bring sprawling lavender fields, their sweet floral aromas floating down on fresh mountain breezes. Nunobiki Lavender ink bottles up this sublime summertime feeling.

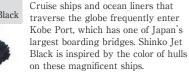


East Park is home to the Great Hanshin Earthquake victim's memorial monument. Its orange color signifies the "Torch of Hope" that is displayed in requiem.



Hakutsuru Fine Art Museum houses a myriad of artwork of priceless historical value. The building itself is also an exquisite display of the harmonization of apanese and European styles. Sumiyoshi Untown Iade Green ink matches the color of this art museum's iron doors and roofing tiles.





No.66 Seishin Cobalt Blue Sky



Seishin is a commuter town on the west end of Kobe where rich wine grapes are cultivated. This cobalt blue ink conveys the resplendent skies shining down on the beautiful vinevards.

The vast farms found in Ogo on the

The Akashi Strait Bridge, or "Pearl

Bridge," is one of the world's longest suspension bridges and can be seen

like a bird spreading out it's massive

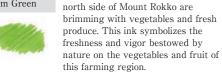
wings from Maiko-west. Pearl Blue

became the inspiration for this ink.

ink embodies the image of this

spectacular suspension bridge.



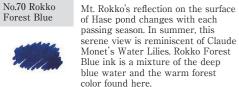


No.68 Maiko-west



Kikusui park has become a precious Kikusui Biotope biotope and is an ideal home for fireflies that light up the summer nights. In this park, plants cast their beautiful yellow green reflections onto the bubbling brook which

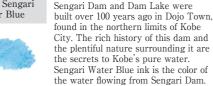






No.71 Ikuta River's Ikuta River lies to the south of JR Shin-Kobe station, the gateway to Kobe. The winding riverside is famous for its glorious cherry blossoms in spring. You will feel the cherry blossoms blowing gently in the warm summer breeze when writing with this ink.







Hyogo Harbor is an important marine transport hub with a rich history dating from the Heian period over 1200 years ago. In the early-modern times, this area flourished as a port for cargo vessels called Kitamae-bune. This deep blue ink serves as a noble reminder of Kobe's long history.

No.74 Myodani Cosmos Red



Cosmos Hill extends from the southern slope of Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium in Myodani City. The cosmos flowers on the 4,000 square meter hill bloom between late September and late October. Among the many colors of cosmos, this ink expresses the complexion of the most vibrant crimson flower.



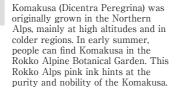
The former Kobe Port Signal Station is one of Kobe's most photogenic attractions, and is favored by both locals and travelers. This ink takes on the same mint color as the historic Kobe Port Signal Station.

No.76 Mount Futatabi Park Green

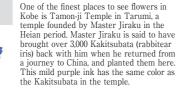
Futatabi Mountain gets its namesake from the legendary Buddhist monk Kukai. This green color is inspired by the park located on top of Futatabi Mountain which offers beautiful views and hiking paths.

No 77 Rokko Himalayan Blue The blue poppy, known as the queen of Himalayan flowers, blooms every summer at the Rokko Alpine Botanical Garden. The stunning natural color of its petals were the inspiration for this ink.

No.78 Rokko



No.79 Tamon Kakitsubata



No.80 Rokko Alpine Kurinso Kurinso (Japanese Primrose) flowers bring to mind the image of a Buddhist a stupa. In mid-May, Kurinso flowers reach full bloom around the city, providing a gorgeous summer landscape that is favored by the locals. You can enjoy the exquisite pink of these Kurinso flowers when writing with Rokko Primula Pink.

In the Edo period, Fukae was one of the

No.81 Fukae Urban Blue



No.82 Maya Kaigan The architect Tadao Ando designed the Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, for which he also built a statue: The Green Apple. This green apple symbolizes youth, which springs forth in this green ink, invigorating the paper it is written on.

No.83 Koikawa Ipe Yellow

The migratory influx of Japanese ndividuals to Brazil commenced in 1908, acilitated by immigration vessels departing from Kobe port. In commemoration of this historical epoch, the Brazilian national tree "Yellow Ipe", has been diligently planted along both sides of Koi-kawa Road, adorning the ndscape with its resplendent blossoms during the spring season.

Yamamoto Street in Kitano, Kobe, has been a place where foreigners and locals live together since Kobe opened the port to overseas countries, which has also created a unique architectural landscape that combines the estern style with traditional Japanese style In 1980, Yamamoto Street was designated as a preservation district for groups of traditional buildings.It is this green color of the architectural landscape that can be found in the Yamamoto Street Exotic Green ink.

Promenade Blue

The Maiko area stands out as one the best travel destinations in Kobe. Here you can gaze towards Awaji Island and Akashi strait. It has large areas with sea views and several historic houses and parks. The Maiko Marine Promenade is a walkway under the roadway of the Akashi Kaikyo The blue in this ink is the color of the sea as een from the Maiko marine Promenade unde

a clear sky



Kobe INK物語 Color Map









