



Asahi América Kyudogu Catalog

Quality Kyudo Equipment
and Accessories combined
with Knowledgeable Service

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The Way of the Bow

Traditional Japanese archery is called Kyudo, literally The Way of the Bow, and is regarded in Japan as one of the purest of all the martial Ways. In times past, the Japanese bow, or yumi, was an effective hunting tool and weapon of war but it was also used in court games and rituals, religious ceremonies, and contests of skill. Many of those games and ceremonies have survived to this day but the Japanese yumi long ago lost its practical value as a weapon. What's more, unlike its Western counterpart, the modern Japanese bow is not even used for hunting. Today, Kyudo is practiced primarily as a method of physical, moral, and spiritual development; quite unlike any other cultural use of the bow and arrow. And nowhere in the world is there a bow like the Japanese yumi. It is unique in every sense. It is exceptionally long, over two meters, and asymmetrically designed. Today's yumi is constructed using the same techniques and simple materials—bamboo and wood—that were used over 400 years ago. Throughout its history the yumi has been revered as much for its artistry as for its practical value. Unsurpassed in beauty and grace, the yumi embodies the spirit of Japan. It is simple and elegant, and deeply rooted in tradition.

Our Promise to You

Asahi America is the North American supplier for Asahi Kyugu Co., Ltd., makers and suppliers of quality Kyudo equipment since 1897. At Asahi America you are assured of receiving the very best kyudo equipment and accessories available. Everything in our inventory, with the exception of our domestically made yumi, is handcrafted by the finest Japanese kyudo equipment manufacturers and master bowmakers at work today.

Our goal here is to promote the practice and advancement of kyudo in North America, and the best way to do that is to assure that you not only receive quality kyudo equipment but also understand the care, use, and limitations of the equipment you order. To that end, if you are new to kyudo we encourage you to contact us before you place an order and let us help with your kyudo equipment

decisions. We are always more than happy to answer all your kyudo related questions—equipment or otherwise.

Equipment Selection and Ordering

Choosing kyudo equipment is not easy. Questions of type, length, strength, maker, and cost must all be considered. Basic kyudo equipment consists of a bow, set of arrows, archer's glove, and spare bowstring. Because kyudo equipment can be damaged by poor technique we strongly advise novice practitioners to purchase moderately priced equipment at first. We also recommend that anyone new to kyudo, especially those with little or no access to an experienced instructor, consider a bow of fiberglass or carbon construction. These synthetic bows are relatively low priced and are much more durable and forgiving of abuse than bamboo yumi. Synthetic bows and arrows are also recommended in areas where the climate is too extreme—too cold, wet, or dry—to safely use bamboo equipment.

To order equipment please check the appropriate guide for correct sizes. Allow for shrinkage when measuring sizes of cotton uniforms. If possible use the metric system when specifying measurements.

New accounts and all bow orders require a 50% deposit. Special order and odd size items require full payment at time of order. Prior to shipping an invoice will be sent showing account balance plus postage and insurance charges. All accounts are payable upon receipt of the invoice.

Payment can be made by personal check (allow three weeks to clear) or money order. Make all payments to Dan or Jackie DeProspero

Please allow three to six weeks for delivery in the case of regular merchandise. Special order bows and gloves can take up to five months to receive so please plan well ahead.

Prices shown do not include domestic postage or insurance charges.

Please note that the photos in this catalog are only a sample display of the types of equipment and accessories available. We will do our best to honor your requests for specific colors and patterns but cannot guarantee identical matches. All equipment and accessories are subject to change and availability. Additional merchandise not listed in this catalog is periodically available. Please call for more information.

Prices are subject to change throughout the life of the catalog.

Warranty: All merchandise is fully guaranteed by the makers regarding quality of materials and workmanship.

Our Guarantee: All equipment and accessories are visually and physically tested before they are shipped to you. We guarantee them to arrive in perfect condition. If you are not satisfied with the merchandise you receive you may return it in original condition within 10 days of purchase for exchange or full refund. Refunds will be decreased or possibly denied if the equipment is soiled, damaged, or shows signs of abuse.

Because quality bamboo bows and arrows can be damaged beyond repair in a single shooting by inexperienced practitioners, we cannot guarantee against damage caused by the stringing of the bow or the shooting of the bow and arrows. We guarantee only that they will arrive to you pre-tested and in perfect condition. Any damage caused by shipping must be validated by the postal service or shipping company used to send the merchandise.

Our domestically made yumi are guaranteed against defect by the maker. Terms of this guarantee will be provided to you upon purchase of a domestic yumi.

Arrow fletching that is bent or curled in packing and shipping can be straightened again by lightly steaming the feathers and shaping them by hand.

Returns: All returns must be authorized in advance. Return shipping is the responsibility of the purchaser. There are no returns on special orders or custom made items.

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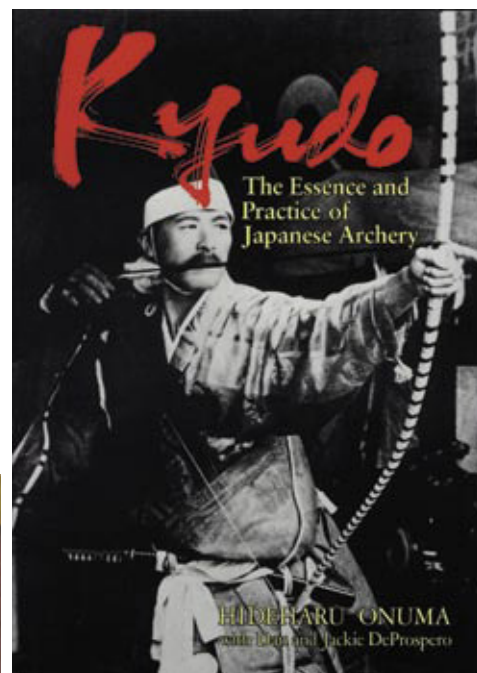
Whether you are a long-time practitioner or are simply interested in kyudo, we hope you will enjoy these books based on our years of study.

Books

Kyudo:

The Essence and Practice of Japanese Archery \$32.00

Signed by the authors upon request



Illuminated Spirit:
Conversations with a Kyudo Master \$19.95

Yumi

Bows

Japanese made Synthetic Yumi:

Renshin Fiberglass Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi)	385
Renshin Fiberglass Yumi (yonsun-nobi).....	459
Renshin Fiberglass Yumi (rokusun-nobi).....	539
Jikishin II Fiberglass Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi)	569
Jikishin II Fiberglass Yumi (yonsun-nobi)	659

Renshin Carbon Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi).....	445
Renshin Carbon Yumi (yonsun-nobi).....	529
Renshin Carbon Yumi (rokusun-nobi)	609
Jikishin II Carbon Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi)	715
Jikishin II Carbon Yumi (yonsun-nobi)	799

Japanese made Bamboo Yumi:

Bamboo Higo Yumi (namisun or nisu-nobi)	699~up
Bamboo Higo Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi)	1,099~up
Bamboo Higo Yumi (yonsun-nobi).....	1,399~up
Bamboo Higo Yumi with nibe (Higo Saburo)	
(high quality namisun or nisun-nobi).....	2,899~up

American made Bamboo Yumi:

Bamboo Higo Yumi (namisun or nisun-nobi)	535
over 19 kilo.....	620
Bamboo Higo Yumi (yonsun-nobi)	585
over 19 kilo.....	680

Bows available in pull strengths from 8 to 25 kilograms
(17.5 to 55 pounds), bows over 19 kilo 20% extra

**non-refundable deposit required on all
bow orders.**

* Call or e-mail for availability and delivery times
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E-mail: meishin@kyudo.com

Archer's Height	Arrow Length	Recommended Bow Length
Less than 150cm	Less than 85cm	<i>Sansun-tsumari</i> (212 cm)
150-165cm	85-90cm	<i>Namisun</i> (221cm)
165-180cm	90-100cm	<i>Nisun-nobi</i> (227cm)
180-195cm	100-105cm	<i>Yonsun-nobi</i> (233cm)
195-205cm	105-110cm	<i>Rokusun-nobi</i> (239cm)
More than 205cm	More than 110cm	<i>Hassun-nobi</i> (245cm)

Use this chart to determine your proper bow length



Bamboo
Higo Yumi

Renshin
Fiberglass
Yumi

Jikishin
Carbon
Yumi

Tsuru



Tsurumaki



Yumibukuro



Bowstrings

please specify bow length and pull strength

Synthetic Strings:

Senbonzuru (good quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	6.59
Senbonzuru (good quality, yonsun-nobi)	10.69
Yamato (better quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	12.69
Yamato (better quality, yonsun-nobi)	15.69
Hisshyo (best quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	14.29
Hisshyo (best quality, yonsun, rokusun, hassun-nobi) ..	17.99

Hemp Strings:

Fuji (good quality, namisun-nobi, nisun-nobi)	19.99
Fuji (good quality, yonsun-nobi, rokusun-nobi)	25.79
Harukaze (better quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	25.59
Harukaze (better quality, yonsun-nobi)	31.99
Taniguchi (high quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	30.49
Taniguchi (high quality, yonsun-nobi)	36.59
Kogetsu (highest quality, namisun or nisun-nobi)	66.99

(Hemp strings are not guaranteed against breakage)

Stringholders

Plastic	\$7.19
Rattan	23.79
Quality Rattan	57.19

Bowcovers

Ukon (plain cloth sleeve cover)	7.29
Ukon (patterned cloth sleeve cover)	8.59
Yumibukuro (reinforced cloth sleeve with tie)	18.69
Yumimaki (patterned cloth bow wrap)	30.69
Vinyl Bow Cover	23.79
Bisha (protective cover, moisture & temperature resistant)	
for 1 bow	85.79
for 2 bows	128.79
Clear Plastic Rain Case (holds bow and quiver)	7.89
Clear Plastic Rain Cover (holds bow)	7.89

Arrows

Aluminum Arrows:

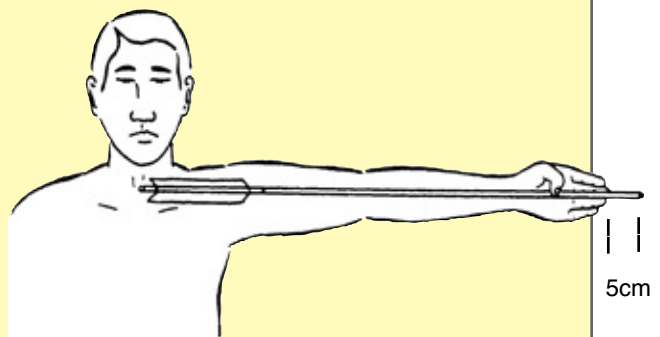
Aluminum Makiwara-boya (unfletched straw target arrow).....	20.49
Aluminum Makiwara-ya (fletched straw target arrow).....	35.79
Aluminum Kazuya #2015 (individual practice arrow).....	35.99
Aluminum Kazuya #2015 (2 arrow set).....	68.99
Aluminum Yotsuya (four arrow matched set).....	282.49
Aluminum Ropponzoro (six arrow matched set).....	424.99

Bamboo Arrows:

Bamboo Boya (unfletched straw target arrow)	
up to 103 cm.....	18.99
over 103 cm.....	20.99
Bamboo Makiwara-ya (fletched straw target arrow)	
up to 103 cm.....	37.99
over 103 cm.....	39.99
Bamboo Makiwara-ya matching set with horn points (special order only).....	120.99~up
Bamboo Kazuya (individual practice arrow)	
up to 103 cm.....	25.99
over 103 cm.....	29.99
Bamboo Kazuya (2 arrow set)	
up to 103 cm.....	49.99
over 103 cm.....	57.99
Bamboo Yotsuya (four arrow set)	325.99
Bamboo Ropponzoro (six arrow set)	489.99
Bamboo Yotsuya (quality four arrow set).....	459.99~up
Bamboo Ropponzoro (quality six arrow set)	689.99~up



Ya



To determine your yazuka (arrow length) measure from your throat to the tip of your outstretched hand. Add at least 5cm for safety.

Yanone



Arrow points

- Target Ne (for 1913 or 2015 aluminum)ea., .79
- Target Ne (for bamboo)ea., .79
- Makiwara Ne (for 1913 or 2015 aluminum)ea., .79
- Makiwara Ne (for bamboo)ea., .79
- Horn Makiwara Ne (unfinished point for bamboo) ...ea., 7.89

Hazu



Nocks

- Plastic Hazu (white for 1913, 2015 aluminum)ea., 1.95
- Horn Hazu (for 1913, 2015 aluminum)ea., 2.69
- Horn Hazu (for bamboo) natural.....ea., 3.79
- Horn Hazu (for bamboo) blackea., 2.19
- Plastic Hazu (for bamboo) whiteea., 1.09

Yazutsu

Quivers

please specify length

- Vinyl Shoulder Case (100 cm).....50.79
- Vinyl Shoulder Case (105 cm).....58.79



- Vinyl Shoulder Case (110 cm)62.79
- Rattan Yazutsu300.99
- Quality Rattan Yazutsu 499.99~up
- Quality Cherry Bark Yazutsu 989.99~up
- Yazutsu-fusa (synthetic tassel for yazutsu)44.59

- Clear Plastic Rain Cover (fits over quiver)7.89
- Bisha (protective cover, moisture & temperature resistant)
fits rattan yazutsu.....59.99

Yugake

Archer's Glove

please send hand measurements

Ippongake (thumb-only practice glove)	31.69
Mitsugake (soft-wrist 3-finger glove) sm, m, l, xl	124.99
Mitsugake (hard-wrist 3-finger glove) sm, m, l, xl	249.99
Yotsugake (hard-wrist 4-finger glove) sm, m, l, xl	399.99
Yotsugake (quality hard-wrist 4-finger glove) *special order only	1045~up
Oshidegake (left thumb protector)	8.79
Oshidegake (left forefinger and thumb protector)	62.99
Shitagake (left thumb protector underglove)	1.29
Shitagake (3-finger underglove)	2.39
Shitagake (4-finger underglove)	2.39



To measure for a glove,
make a photocopy and exact tracing of
your right hand and measure around your
wrist, palm, and middle knuckles (in centi-
meters).

Kakebukuro

Glove Bag

Synthetic Cloth Wrap	28.59
Deer Skin Case (printed pattern)	71.29



Gassaibukuro

Equipment Bag

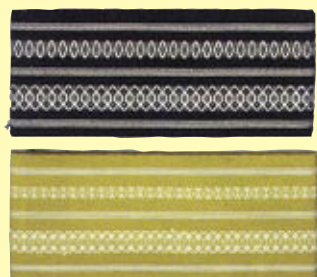
Deer Skin Case (printed pattern)	118.99
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Kyudo-gi

Kyudo Uniform

please specify for male or female on all clothing



Obi (black cotton belt, 3 meter)	23.79
Obi (black cotton belt, 4 meter)	26.99
Obi (wool patterned belt, 4 meter, Black, Navy, Red)....	47.49
Obi (cotton patterned belt, 4 meter, various colors)	65.99

Keiko-gi (short sleeve cotton; S, M, L, LL)	49.99
Keiko-gi (short sleeve cotton; 3L, 4L, 5L)	55.99
Keiko-gi (long sleeve polyester; S, M, L, LL)	63.99
Keiko-gi (long sleeve polyester; 3L, 4L, 5L)	65.99

use this chart to determine U.S. sizes for keiko-gi

Japanese Size	U.S. Size
S	child L
M	S
L	M
LL	L
3L	XL
4L	2XL
5L	3XL



Kimono (wool, half-length)	385.99~up
* special order	(for 5 mon add \$85)
Shita-gi (underkimono)	98.99~120.99

For a kimono, measure (in centimeters) around chest and waist. Measure sleeve length from the middle of the back to the wrist of outstretched arm.

Hakama (synthetic/wool mix; up to size 25)	119.99
Hakama (synthetic/wool mix; size 26-27)	126.99
Hakama (synthetic/wool mix; size 28-29)	134.99
Hakama (wool/stripped pattern)	309.99~up
*special order only	

For a hakama, measure (in centimeters) around waist. Measure from the navel down to a point in line with ankles.

Tabi (cotton split-toed socks, up to 28 cm)	21.99
Tabi (cotton split-toed socks, 28.5 cm-29 cm)	27.99
Tabi (cotton split-toed socks, 30 cm)	44.99

For tabi measure (in centimeters) from heel to toe, or use standard U.S shoe measurements, specify male or female.

Accessories

Muneate (sm. or lg. vinyl chestguard; white, black)	8.79
Muneate (sm. or lg. mesh chestguard; white)	11.49
Fudeko (grip-powder)	2.49
Fudeko-ire (cherry bark grip-powder case)	65.99
Giriko (glove-powder)	2.49
Giriko-ire (plastic glove-powder case)	8.69
Giriko-ire (oval carved horn glove-powder case)	28.49
Giriko-ire (long oval horn glove-powder case)	25.89
Giriko-ire (horn shaped glove-powder case)	32.69
Giriko-ire (cherry bark glove-powder case)	79.99
Giriko-ire (natural deer horn glove-powder case)	89.99
Kusune (string pitch)	2.49
Doho (wood or bamboo blocks for string repair)	7.99
Doho (inlaid wood blocks for string repair)	14.99
Yumigata-kyoseiki (bow straightener set)	34.29
Gomuyumi (rubber practice bow)	23.79
Gomuyumi set (rubber practice bow/spare tubing)	34.99
Waraji (hemp string conditioner)	12.99
Hazuyasuri (rat tail file for hazu)	11.99
Hazuyasuri (flat file for hazu)	11.99
Hazuyasuri (sword taper file for hazu)	13.99
Ishizuki (bow tip protector)	8.69
Sagegawa (deer skin holding strap for tsurumaki)	7.99
Kakedome (glove or tie clasp)	11.99
Nigirikawa (grip replacement leather)	
printed pattern	7.99
Nigirikawa (grip replacement leather)	
natural deer skin	9.79
Matogami (paper target face, kasumi: concentric rings) . .	15
Matogami (paper target face, hoshi: center circle)	15
Matowaku (wood target forms, 36 cm regular size)	32.99
Matowaku (wood target forms, 9 cm kinteki)	12.89
Gogushi (bamboo target holder)	10.99



giriko-ire



doho



waraji



ishizuki



Kakedome

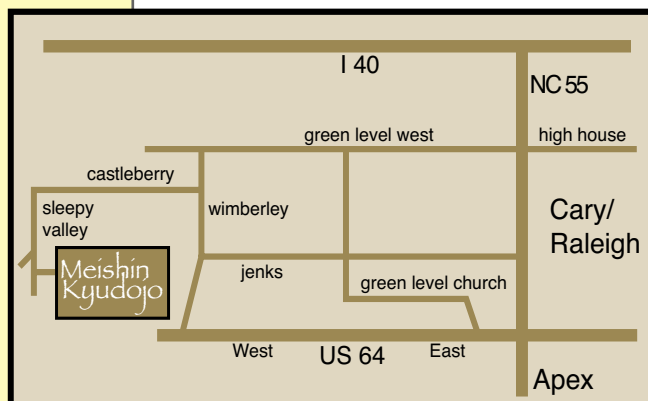
Meishin Kyudojo



Nestled among lovely dogwood trees and tall pines on three wooded acres near Raleigh, North Carolina, the Meishin Kyudojo is a 5 person regulation-size kyudojo operating in America under the auspices of the All Nippon Kyudo Federation, the world governing body for traditional Japanese archery. The Meishin kyudojo is the headquarters of the North Carolina Kyudo Renmei and is one of only a few places in the country where kyudo can be studied under the direct tutelage of an instructor licensed by the All Nippon Kyudo Federation.

Adult classes are currently held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Seminars and special advanced classes are also available. Bows, arrows, gloves and other equipment necessary for the practice of kyudo are provided by the Meishin Kyudojo. Visitors are always welcome but are asked to call ahead for an appointment.

All classes are taught by Dan DeProspero, Kyudo Renshi Rokudan, and Jackie DeProspero, Kyudo Godan. Dan was apprenticed to the late kyudo Master Hideharu Onuma, 15th Generation Headmaster of the Heki Ryu Sekka-ha style of traditional archery and modern kyudo Hanshi Kyudan.



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