



Tiered picnic box with Yodogawa River boating design

Edo Period

This is a set of tiered hanging picnic boxes, used in the Edo period to bring lunch boxes, round trays, and sake bottles and cups when going outdoors for seasonal recreation, such as cherry-blossom viewing, autumn-leaf viewing, full-moon viewing, and outings to enjoy the cool evening breeze in summer. It is beautifully decorated with a picture depicting the Yodogawa River shipping between Kyoto and Hachikenya, using makie lacquer decoration and raden mother-in-pearl inlay techniques.