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FROM APPRENTICE TO MASTER BLACKSMITH

For centuries, the Japanese have proven themselves as the finest steel experts in the world. Master blacksmith Tsuneichi Okano started his career in 1925 and set up the company Okatsune in the 40's of the last century. Okatsune owes its name to his foundation. With the greatest devotion, Okano forged small amounts of top quality shears, using a unique process of heating and cooling down. In the years that followed, the knowledge and skills of forging steel transferred from father to son. The product range gradually expanded, while the pursuit of perfection always remained.

Today, Okatsune shears are the undisputed number one among professional gardeners in Japan. Modern techniques are now being used to produce an extensive range of shears, consisting of various bypass pruners, hedge shears, snips and specific bonsai and Ikebana scissors. Every single pair of shears is checked manually, in which the expertise of the master blacksmith can still be recognized.



THE ART OF SIMPLICITY

Okatsune shears are made of just a few parts, making them lightweight and easy to use and maintain. Their functional design is pleasant to handle and when the shears are treated right, they will be yours for life.

Like the Katana swords of the Samurai, Okatsune shears are uniquely forged from the best Izumo Yasugi steel, which is characterized by its high carbon content. Forging is exclusively done by the best master blacksmiths of Japan, using an age-old technology. This process only takes place in the Izumo region, solely using Izumo iron sand.

The hardness of steel can be measured according to the Rockwell scale, using identification hardness tests. By using an innovative tempering process, Tsuneichi Okano has managed to industrially produce superior shears with a hardness of 60.0 to 61.0 on the Rockwell scale. This high hardness ensures that the cutting edge remains sharp and that the blades cut smoothly through the wood with an easy action. Okatsune combines this hardness with a special flexibility, so that the blades always align together, even after intensive usage.

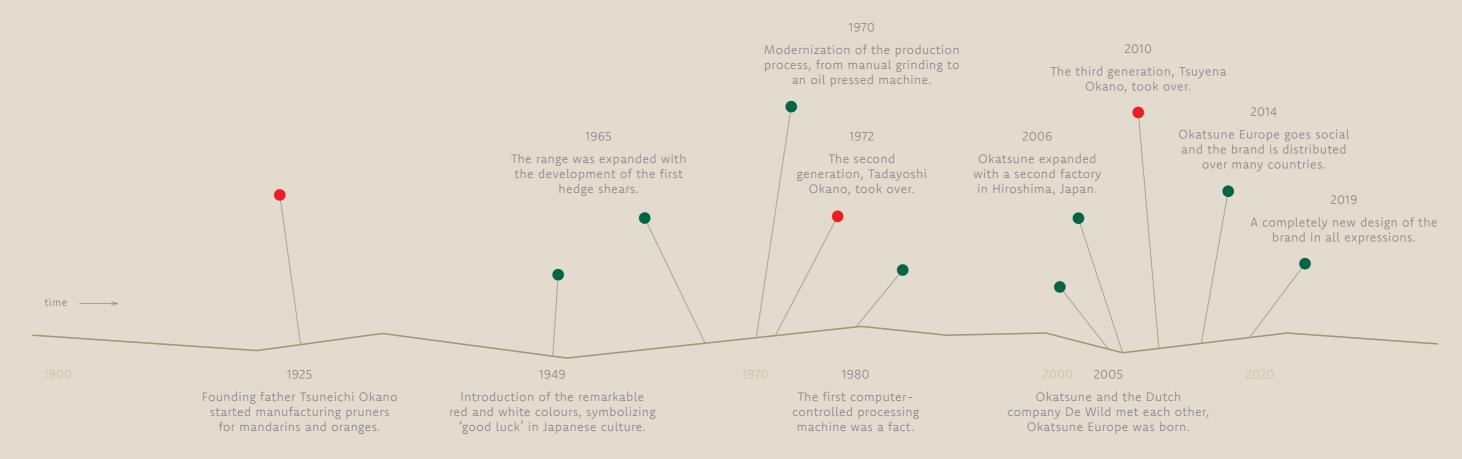
Traditionally, the handles are designed in red and white. A combination that is not only easy to spot in the garden, it also symbolises 'good luck' in Japan, the land of the rising sun.

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TIMELINE

Discover the history of Okatsune in a nutshell. A seed planted 100 years ago grew, and blossomed all over the world. The excellent knowledge of blacksmithing has been passed on through 3 generations and has been translated into the production of premium hand shears. Over the years, the production processes have been modernized, but the passion has remained unchanged and will always persist in every pair of shears.



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BYPASS PRUNING SHEARS

To the size of your hand, Okatsune offers 3 models of bypass pruners, also known as Sentei Basami in Japan. This type of secateurs is commonly used in the garden to prune soft plant tissue of green wood. The two curved blades 'bypass' each other, just like a pair of scissors, and make a smooth and clean cut. Okatsune pruners are made from the finest Japanese steel to cut branches up to 25 mm in diameter, while little energy is needed. The cutting blade is sharpened at 2 angles, optimizing the cutting action and minimizing damage to the plant. The robust, yet lightweight design with functional V-spring and secure latch mechanism make these pruners a pleasure to work with.









Pruning shears Large hands

The Okatsune 101 is a compact model and suited for small hands. Uniquely forged from the best Izumo Yasugi steel, with an unrivalled hardness of 60.0 to 61.0 on the Rockwell scale. A simple and strong design provides the optimum control you need for various pruning jobs. The easy and secure latch mechanism can be opened and closed handsfree, just swipe it against your hip. Fold it inwards during use and it will never bother you.



Pruning shears Small hands

THINNING SHEARS

The thin and pointy blades of Okatsune's thinning shears are perfect to make a clean and precise cut in the most densely grown spaces of the plant. Besides thinning, these snips are also used for cuttings, harvesting and as floral shears. There are two types available, both with their own specialty. The Okatsune 307 with short blades is used for hard woody stems, while the Okatsune 304 with long blades is better for soft stems, such as flowers. In Japan, these type of shears are known as Mekiri Basami. The white and red handles symbolize 'good luck' and make the shears easy to spot when buried in green.



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Thinning shears Hard stems





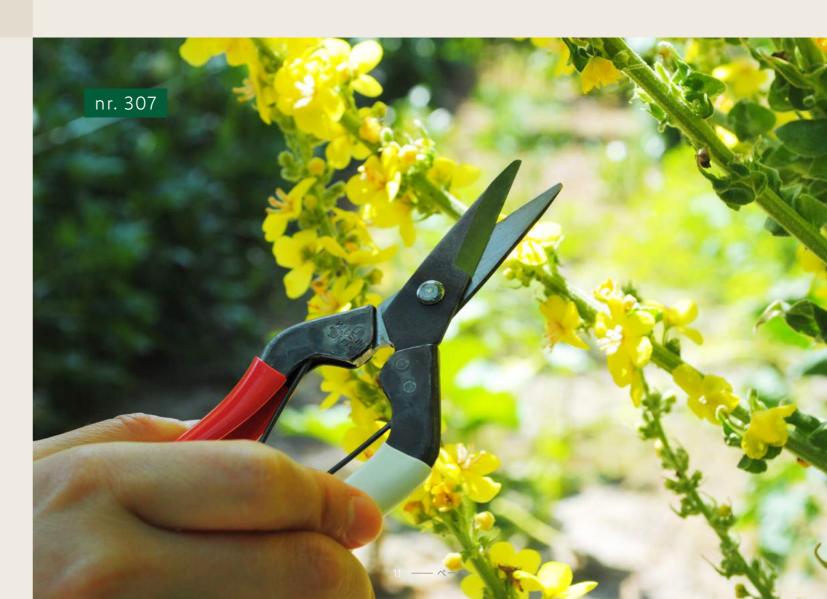
Okatsune 304 is favourite to many florist

KST304





Thinning shears
Soft stems



HARVESTING SHEARS

For picking fruit and flowers these shears are the right pick. Harvesting shears are especially designed to provide the best reach without causing damage to the plant. There are two types available, both with their own specialty. The Okatsune 306 has long blades for cutting soft stems. The rounded tips protect surrounding fruit, flowers and your hands. The Okatsune 301 with curved blades is commonly used for picking fruit, such as citrus and grapes. Okatsune harvesting shears, also known as Saika Basami in Japan, are characterized by their high hardness of the steel, 59 to 60 on the Rockwell scale. This keeps them sharp for a long time and results in a smooth, clean and precise cut.



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The Okatsune 301 with short, curved blades is used by professional growers to harvest citrus, grapes, tomatoes and so on. Use the shears so that the tips are turned away from the crop to prevent damage.

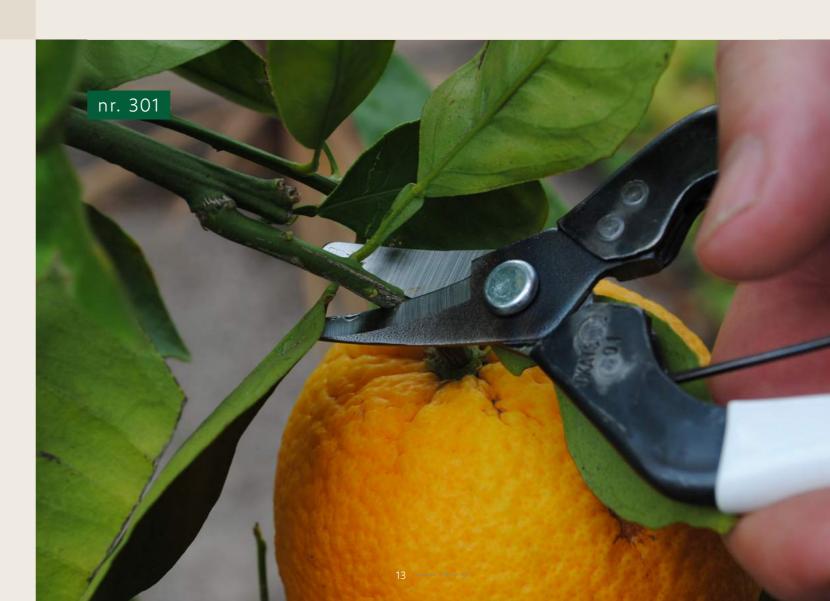
Short curved blade: 25 mm Total length: 160 mm Lightweight: 110 gr

Lightweight: 110 gr

These lightweight snips are comfortable and easy to use, thanks to their simple design. And because the blades are sharpened at two angles, a smooth cutting action is guaranteed.



Harvesting shears Curved blades



HEAVY DUTY SNIPS

When you want the accuracy of snips, but also need the strength of secateurs, the Okatsune 207 meets all your needs. These versatile snips with 3.3 mm thick and pointy blades are strong enough to cut small branches, while providing the highest precision. That is why these shears are also used for structural bonsai pruning, pine needle or candle pruning. Besides their performance, the Okatsune 207 is loved for its sleek black design with steel handles and leather closure.

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KST207





LEATHER HOLSTERS PRUNERS AND SNIPS

With these holsters attached to your belt, you always have your shears at hand. Likewise, when not in use, it protects your shears from moisture and dirt. The Okatsune holsters are made of durable leather and provided with a belt loop. The light brown leather will fade over time and becomes more flexible by use. There are two sizes available. The Okatsune 108 fits the Okatsune 101 and 103 pruning shears and all snips. The Okatsune 133 is designed for the Okatsune 103 and 104 pruning shears.







DOUBLE LEATHER HOLSTERS SHEARS AND SAW OR SNIPS

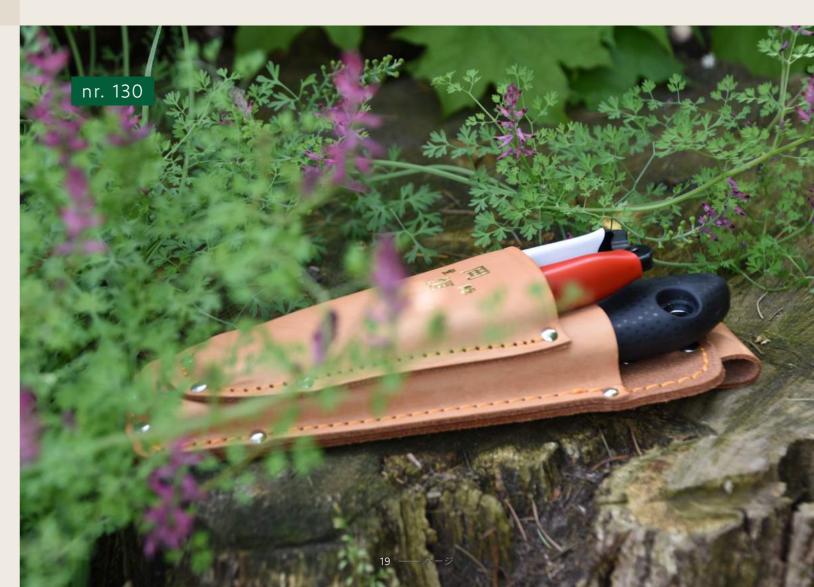
For pruning branches that are too thick for the secateurs, it is always useful to have a small folding saw with you. The Okatsune 130 holster with double storage makes it possible to carry the two mostly used pruning tools with you and protect them from moisture and dirt. The Okatsune 109 has two compartments next to each other to safely carry and store your Okatsune pruning shears and snips together. Both holsters are made of durable leather and provided with a belt loop. The light brown leather will fade over time and becomes more flexible by use.





KST10





WHETSTONE AND SPARE SPRINGS

Because of the high hardness of the steel, Okatsune shears remain sharp for a very long time. However, if you notice that the shears are cutting less well, the blades of all Okatsune models can be sharpened with the Okatsune whetstone. Always follow the sharpening instructions.

For the Okatsune pruning shears and snips there are spare springs available. These simple but functional V-shaped springs ensure that the cutting load is distributed evenly over the length of the spring, which causes a smooth cutting motion.

nr. 421

KZST10101

Replacement spring for the Okatsune 101 pruning shears.



KZST10301

Replacement spring for the Okatsune 103 and 104 pruning shears.



nr. 423

KZST30701

Replacement spring for all Okatsune snips.





Spare parts Springs





KST412

The whetstone has one round side. Place the whetstone so that this round side falls in the angle between the blades. For detailed sharpening instructions, check the Okatsune website. The Okatsune 412 whetstone with fine P600 grit can be used to sharpen all Okatsune shears. First soak the whetstone in water for the best results. Okatsune blades are sharpened at two angles for optimal cutting performances. It is important that these surfaces retain their angles. Only the 23° cutting edge has to be sharpened. This is done on both sides of the blade. Sharpen in long strokes towards the tips.





SHORT HEDGE SHEARS

Nothing is more annoying than hedge shears that bruise instead of cut. Okatsune hedge shears are different. The razor-sharp blades are made of the finest Japanese steel and sharpened at two angles, ensuring a smooth and clean cut, while little energy is needed.

These models with short handles are ideal for detailed pruning work, such as box clipping, topiary and o-karikomi. Because your hands are close to the work, you have a precise control over the shears. The hedge shears with short handles are available with short, medium or long blades. All models are equipped with Japanese oak handles, also known as Quercus myrsinifolia, which absorb most vibrations and give that beautiful feel with the shears.









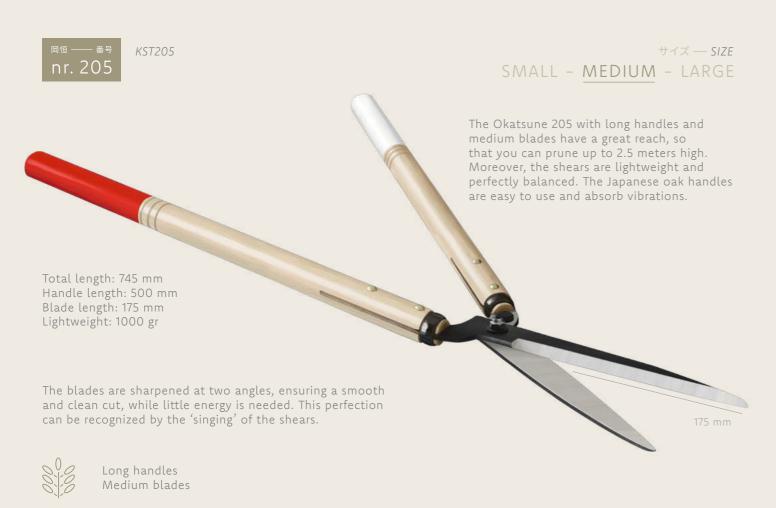




Short blades

LONG HEDGE SHEARS

If you need to cut larger surfaces, but do not want to use an automatic hedge trimmer, then these are the right tools to use. The long or medium sized handles provide a great reach, while the razor-sharp blades ensure a clean cut with optimal accuracy. These models are ideal for larger pruning work, such as tall yew hedges or pruning low box hedges without stooping. The blades, uniquely forged from the finest Japanese steel, are available in short, medium or long sizes. All models are equipped with Japanese oak handles, also known as Quercus myrsinifolia, which absorb most vibrations and give that beautiful feel with the shears.













SPECIAL HEDGE SHEARS

For special requirements, there are two models available with specific features. The Okatsune 205-K has the same characteristics as the regular Okatsune 205 hedge shears, and is also equipped with a rubber shock absorber for the optimal comfort. The Okatsune 214 with wide neck is a versatile model with extra space between the handles. This allows you to hold the shears close to the blades, when lots of accuracy is needed. The full length of the Japanese oak handles can be used for a great reach. Okatsune hedge shears are not only highly valued because of the razor-sharp blades that give a clean and precise cut, they also do not fall back for the tougher work.



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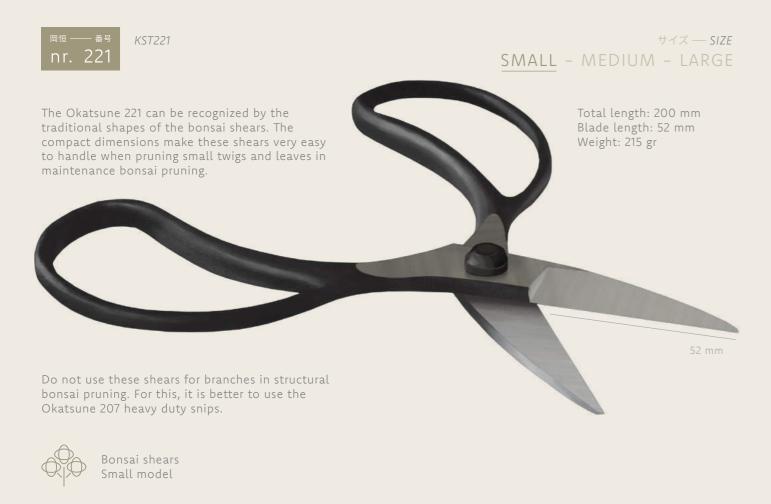


The Okatsune 214 with long handles and

BONSAI SHEARS

Literally, bonsai means 'planted in a container'. This fascinating art form combines horticultural techniques with Asian aesthetics and has the ultimate goal to create a miniaturized and realistic representation of nature in the form of a tree. One of the most important tools of bonsai is patience. The other requirement is a good pair of bonsai shears. Okatsune bonsai shears are uniquely forged from the finest Japanese steel and give an extremely precise and clean cut.







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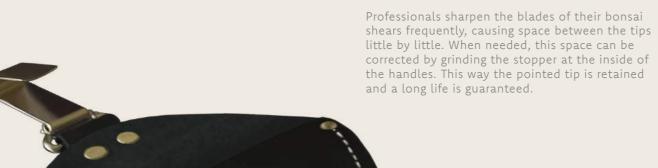
サイズ — SIZE SMALL - MEDIUM - LARGE

> Protective stopper Total length: 210 mm Blade length: 55 mm Weight: 250 gr

Leather holster included

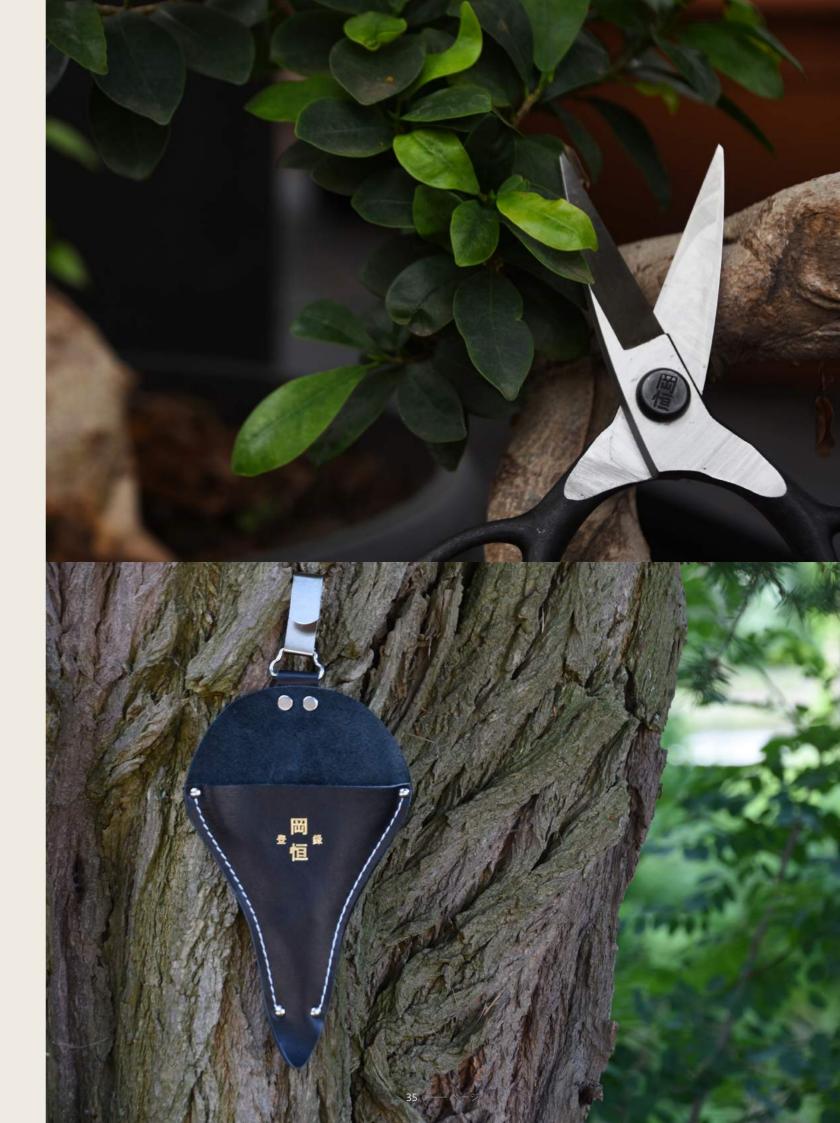
The Okatsune 201 with medium blades is traditionally designed with large, round handles and equipped with a protective stopper. The thin and pointy blades allow you to maintain your bonsai with the highest accuracy. Just like the other Okatsune shears, the blades are sharpened at two angles for a smooth and clean cut.





The Okatsune 201 comes standard with a black leather holster to safely carry and store your bonsai shears and protect them from moisture and dirt.





Bonsai shears Long blades and stopper





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LEATHER HOLSTERS BONSAI SHEARS

A beautiful pair of bonsai shears deserves an equally beautiful holster. With these holsters attached to your belt, you always have your bonsai shears at hand. Likewise, when not in use, it protects your shears from moisture and dirt. The Okatsune holsters are made of durable leather and provided with a belt loop. The light brown leather will fade over time and becomes more flexible by use. There are two models available. The Okatsune 132 is especially designed for the Okatsune 200 bonsai shears. The Okatsune 131 fits all the other Okatsune bonsai shears.







SICKLES

The sickle is one of the oldest tools of mankind and has been evaluated by different eras and cultures. Traditionally, the tool was used for harvesting grasses and grains within farming and agriculture. Nowadays, there are many reasons left for the use of the ancient hand sickle. Its curved blade is ideal to grab and cut multiple stems at the same time. The sickle is easy to hold with just one hand, having the other one free to collect the harvest.







Okatsune sickle Harvesting and grass cutting

KST405



IKEBANA SHEARS

Ikebana is the typical form of the Japanese flower arrangement art, whose origins date back centuries. In the traditional Ikebana, arrangements have to be asymmetrical so that they look more natural and balanced. The use of open spaces, colours and compositions always play an important role in this. When creating an arrangement, the Ikebana artist follows certain rules and styles that vary by school. For the most distinctive Ikebana schools, Okatsune has designed specialist shears. The Ikebana shears are characterized by the elegantly designed legs and the wide, strong blades to cut thick branches. In this way, the shears perfectly match the beauty of this living art form.

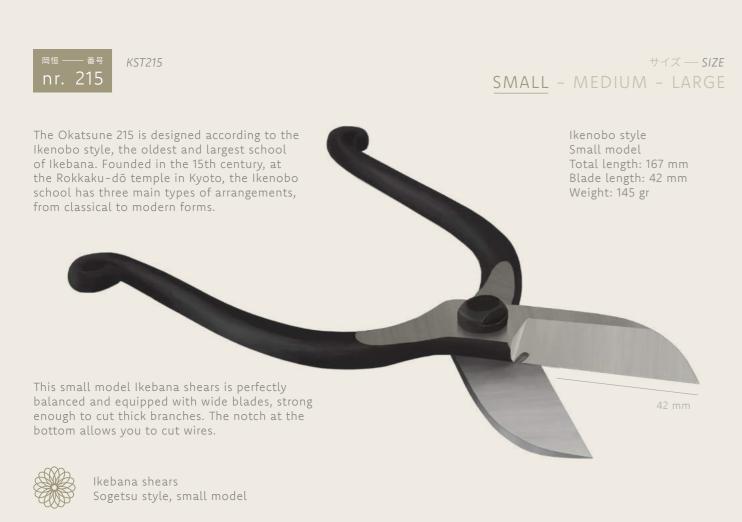
















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サイズ — SIZE SMALL - MEDIUM - LARGE

The Okatsune 213 is designed according to the Sogetsu style Total length: 167 mm Sogetsu style of Ikebana. This fairly modern Ikebana style follows a number of rules, but Blade length: 42 mm above all, leaves a lot of freedom to the artist Weight: 160 gr to use their own expression. A famous saying of the founder Sofu Teshigahara is that Sogetsu can be done by anyone, anywhere, anytime and with any kind of material. These perfectly balanced Ikebana shears are equipped with wide blades, strong enough to cut thick branches. The notch at the bottom allows you to cut wires.



Ikebana shears Sogetsu style

MAINTENANCE

Okatsune shears have been conscientiously designed to last a lifetime. Made from the finest Japanese Izumo Yasugi steel, Okatsune shears are known for their long-lasting sharpness and clean cuts. Nevertheless, the shears can rust if they are not maintained properly.

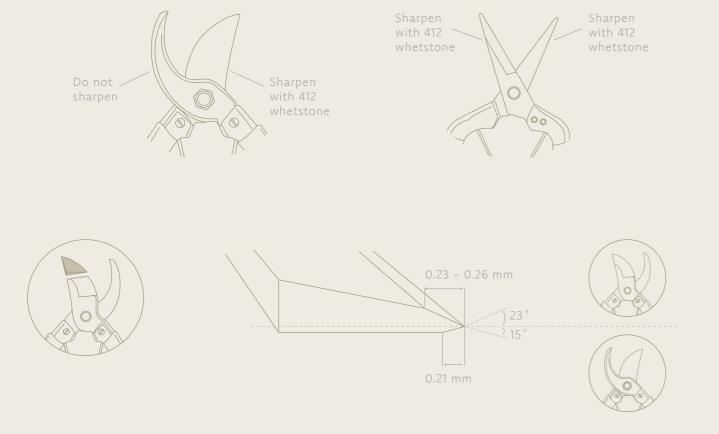
Okatsune recommends to maintain your shears after each use. Dry the shears every time and store in a moisture-free place. Regularly, a bit of oil can be dripped onto the moving parts of the shears. This can be done with any kind of oil, as long as it is not a greasy oil. When you notice that the shears cut less well, the blades of all Okatsune shears can be sharpened with the Okatsune 412 whetstone (page 18). When sharpening, the blades do not have to be taken apart. If you do remove the bolt, the accurately set distance between the blades, which ensures that the blades move smoothly, will be lost. Detailed sharpening instructions can be found on the website. Over time, a kind of black rust will form on the blades. This is not a bad thing. On the contrary, this has a protective effect on the steel.

Okatsune shears are made of just a few parts for easy use and maintenance. The pure essence of the shears comes fully into its own. Day after day, this gem from Japan is being discovered more and more by professional users all over the world.



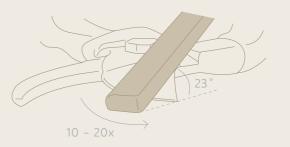
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Hold the whetstone along the supporting side of the cutting blade. This side has a 14° angle. Now tilt the whetstone by feeling a little further to the 23° angle of the cutting edge. This side is very small so be careful! Sharpen the cutting edge in long strokes towards the point about 10 - 20 times.

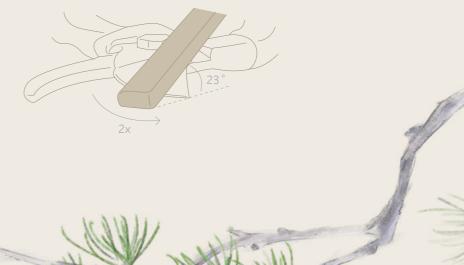




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Then turn the shears around and sharpen the other side of the cutting blade (15°) about 5 - 10 times in long strokes. Remember, only sharpen the very edge, not the surface.

Test the sharpness by carefully pressing your finger against the edge of the cutting blade. Finally, sharpen the first side 2 more times.



	nr. 103	KST103	Pruning shears, all- round	Ô	202 gr	
	nr. 101	KST101	Pruning shears, small hands	Å	177 gr	
Contract of the second	nr. 104	KST104	Pruning shears, large hands	Ĉ	238 gr	
4	nr. 307	KST307	Thinning shears, hard stems	Å	105 gr	
4	nr. 304	KST304	Thinning shears, soft stems	Ĉ	110 gr	
4	nr. 306	KST306	Harvesting shears, rounded tips	Å	118 gr	
	nr. 301	KST301	Harvesting shears, curved blades	Å	110 gr	
43	nr. 207	KST207	Heavy duty snips, small branches	Å	120 gr	
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	nr. 109	KST109	Leather holster, double storage	Å	90 gr	<u> </u>
	nr. 130	KST130	Leather holster, double storage	Å	160 gr	\(-
	nr. 412	KST412	Whetstone	Å	60 gr	<u> </u>
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S.	nr. 201	KST201	Bonsai shears with holster	Å	250 gr	
20	nr. 206	KST206	Bonsai shears, precision pruning	Å	175 gr	
20	nr. 200	KST200	Bonsai shears, long blades	å	285 gr	
	nr. 131	KST131	Leather holster (201, 203 & 221)	Å	80 gr	< -
	nr. 132	KST132	Leather holster (200)	Å	90 gr	< -
	nr. 404	KST404	Sickle, 1.4 mm blade	Å	149 gr	
	nr. 405	KST405	Sickle, 2 mm blade	Å	182 gr	
7	nr. 209	KST209	Ikebana shears, Ikenobo style (L)	Å	180 gr	
2	nr. 215	KST215	Ikebana shears, Ikenobo style (S)	å	145 gr	
7	nr. 215S	KST215S	Ikebana shears, stainless steel	Å	145 gr	
2	nr. 213	KST213	Ikebana shears, Sogetsu style	Å	160 gr	42 mm ■ 42 mm ■ 42 m

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