

Art Masterpiece Asian Art- Cherry Blossom & Character Writing

Asian Art – The Japanese Cherry Blossom

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Cherry Blossoms by Kazumi Cranney

In Japan, cherry trees, called “sakura,” and cherry blossom flowers themselves are greatly admired and celebrated. The cherry blossom is Japan’s national flower and a cultural icon. During the one week in April when they bloom, people flock from all over to see them and enjoy their beauty. Over thousands of years, cherry blossoms have become symbolic of many things including luck, shortness of life, hope and power.

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The Japanese character (kanji) for cherry blossom - 桜 - shows a woman with a springtime decoration in her hair, standing next to a cherry tree in full bloom.

Writing this character is much easier if you look at it as three smaller, simpler characters.

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	〃	ツ	く	女	女

As with any Kanji, to draw the character for cherry blossom correctly, you must complete the proper strokes in order.

Starting at the top left box, move across then down to the bottom left box and across.

Attach your scroll to wood dowels with string and add an extra string in for hanging.



