

Satogami

The warmth of rural village life

Light violet	Refined bellflowers give themselves to the autumn breeze that harkens the end of summer.
Pink	Pale rose wings of a crested ibis beat as it takes flight from the edge of pristine waters.
Red purple	Plum blossoms announce the coming of spring, fragrance carried on the refreshing breeze.
Rose purple	Leaves resembling the hands of small children dance like angels in flaming autumn colours.
Wine	Azuki beans, with their charming shape and colour, a quintessential part of Japanese cuisine.
Peach	Cherry blossom wells up from the valleys, painting the spring mountains in pastel pinks.
Apricot	Sweet and sour, apricots hint at the passion of spring.
Rust	Come harvesttime, persimmons ripen to a reddish lustre that stirs the heart.
Walnut	The orangey walnut colour of loquats portends a flavour that brings delight throughout the village.
Light yellow	Kerria flowers swaying in a mild spring mountain breeze shout out the energy of the satoyama.
Natural	Unbleached cotton cloth keeps the feel of nature in clothes worn around the house.
Lemon	A riotous profusion of rape blossoms carpets a field, rippling in the wind.
Mustard	Mustard plant seeds, uniquely coloured, yield a spice indispensable to Japanese menus.
Tan	Fragrant gold turmeric evokes the scent of life.
Beige	Well-worn farmer's working clothes, an essential part of life in a mountain hamlet.
Moss green	Rice straw drying on racks after the harvest tells of the autumn days beginning to fade.
Pale green	Millet, one of the five grains that marks prosperity, conveys a sense of youthful verdure.
Wasabi	Wasabi grows in limpid streams and brings a clean, sharp flavour to rural village cuisine.
Squash green	Squash has a flavour that whets the appetite, and soft colours that characterise the season.
Olive	A wistful breeze wanders through pampas grass, making waves in one of the colours of autumn.
Green tea	A tranquil rural village, enveloped in the light of an emerald veil of ferns covering the land.
Sage	The beauty of refined celadon porcelain stands out in dreamlike, blue-green radiance.
Light green	The green-cloaked bush warbler sings to herald spring as gentle breezes blow through the hills.
Bamboo	A lushly growing bamboo grove, firmly rooted and emanating life's energy.
Pine	The dark green of pine shows the vitality of life, boldly facing the wind and snow.
Mint green	Willows play a wavering song, seduced by the wind at the riverside on a summer night.
Mist green	A brook in early summer chatters and sparkles, reflecting the green of the trees.
Green	Dignified cedars grow tall, reaching for the heavens.
Sky blue	Pristine and crystal-clear, a stream ripples in the hills, a pale reflection of the sky .
Denim blue	Reflecting the blue of the sky, a warming creek gurgles in the peaceful days of early spring.
Mist	Healthy paulownia trees grow neatly, trunks the colour of mist.
Light blue	Dew from a bracing, cold night drenches the grass near the house.
Indigo blue	Vegetable-dyed indigo-blue fabrics convey relaxation with depth of colour.
Pale blue	Clusters of hydrangea flowers reflect in sparkling raindrops despite the gloomy skies.
Lupin blue	Water irises are cloaked in fragrance that rises up into the May sky.
Silk	Finely woven, diaphanous silk clothing delights with its velvety radiance.
Grayish violet	Bathing in the sun of a clear autumn day, roadside bellflowers beckon you to stroll through the wood.
Violet	Irises boast a neat, noble appearance and beautiful, vibrant colour.
Light brown	The fibre of paper mulberry provides warmth and pliancy for papermaking.
Brown	Come autumn, a rich harvest of rice hangs heavy, gleaming golden-brown.
Camel	A kite wheels majestically in the deep blue sky above the green of a mountain hamlet.
Dark brown	Leaves fall silently in late autumn, as if lamenting the end of the season.
Sepia	Lustrous chestnuts are one of the delights of autumn tables, perfectly symbolising the season.
White	A rural village awakens from a night's slumber, cloaked in a morning mist.
Snow	The fields and mountains of a rural village blanketed by gentle flakes of snow.
Light gray	Trees wait for the chance for their buds to shine in fields and mountains yearning for spring.
Silver gray	Flowers of frost glisten in the light of the rising winter sun as the wind ruffles the trees.
Mouse gray	Woodland life hurries to prepare for winter, with cries of birds echoing in the mountains.
Dark gray	Trees cast a cold shadow upon the water as dusk falls.
Charcoal	The mountains slumber, rural villages with steep thatched roofs shut in by heavy snowfall.