

TANSU

The TANSU is a Japanese cabinet or chest of drawers. It has always been one of the more important pieces of furniture in Japan. A diversity of sizes and materials were used by people of different social and geographic backgrounds. All were custom made and was most often part of the dowry, filled with a lifetime supply of the bride's kimonos.

The generic term of TANSU indicates a boxy storage chest with drawers or a combination of drawers, hinged or sliding doors with shelves inside. They are frontally oriented with little embellishment on the sides or back. Tansu are made to be placed against the wall and often in a row side by side with no space in between. Larger tansu are often made in two pieces for easier moving and used stacked one on top of the other.

The austere simplicity of design is inherited through the Shinto religion. The size and arrangement of the drawers and doors are in the truly Japanese sense of proportion.

TANSU are almost always made of wood often polished stained. There are some areas of Japan where the tansu are lacquered.

The TAKAHASHI TANSU are authentic Japanese chests. They are made in a remote village long famous for this style of wood chests. The outside is laminated Keyaki or Zelkovia wood, a hardwood highly valued in Japan. The interior of the drawers are made of kiri wood, traditionally used for tansu too keep the silk kimonos from mildew and moths during the monsoon season. This it does because kiri is very soft and expands in humid climate making the chest air tight.

The TAKAHASHI TANSU will be available in a variety of sizes from 24" to 48" wide and 21" to 42" tall.

AUTHENTIC JAPANESE TANSU

PRICE LIST

Exterior, laminated Keyaki wood,
Interior is laminated kiri wood.

Item #			FOB SanFrancisco LIST PRICE
63621	120-4A	47.5w x 34.5h x 17.5d 8 drawers with secret compartment.	\$ 2,700
63622	120-5B	same as above 9 drawers with secret compartment.	2,900
63623	120-DC	same as above small door, 8 drawers with 2 secret compartments	2,900
63624	120-SD	same as above 6 drawers plus sliding doors With secret compartment.	2,900
63625	60-4	23.5w x 34.5h x 17.5 5 drawers	1,800
63626	60-5	same as 63625 6 drawers	1,720
63627	4-D	Stackable 4 drawers 34.75w x 20.75h x 17.5d	1,800
63628	5-D	Stackable 5 drawers size same as 63627	1,720