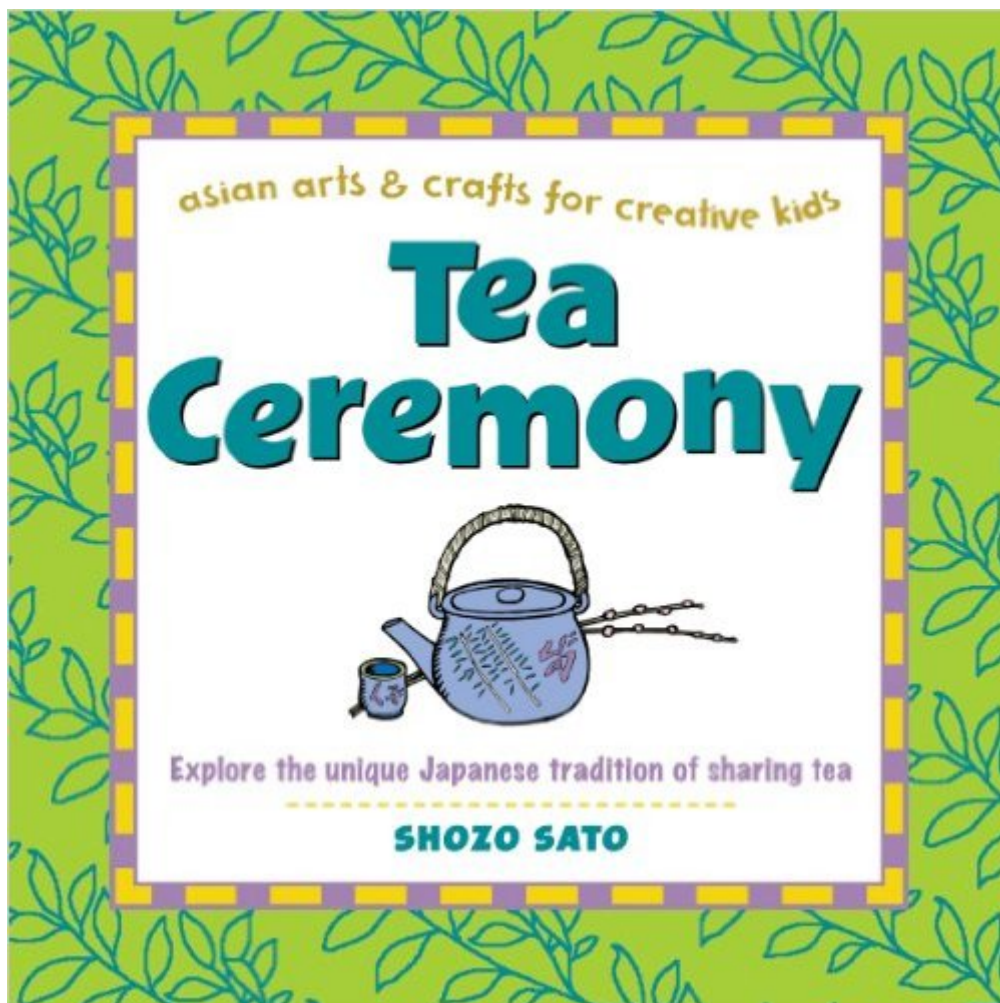


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Tea Ceremony: Explore The Unique Japanese Tradition Of Sharing Tea (Asian Arts And Crafts For Creative Kids)



Synopsis

Explore one of Japan's most beautiful traditions while entertaining your family and friends! The Asian Arts & Crafts for Creative Kids series is the first series, aimed at readers ages 7-12, that provides a fun and educational introduction to Asian culture and art. Through hands on projects readers will explore each art "engaging in activities to gain a better understanding of each form. In this volume, children will learn to perform their own Japanese tea ceremony at home or school. The simple act of serving tea has been elevated to an art form in the Japanese tea ceremony. The full-color illustrations and easy-to-follow instructions in Tea Ceremony will guide you through all the steps in the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, from setting up a tea tray to brewing and serving real Japanese tea. Five fascinating projects introduce everything you need to know to perform a tea ceremony from start to finish. Handy tips are included to help create an authentic ceremony in your own home. The tea ceremony is a fun "and delicious" way to learn about Japanese culture. It's a perfect way to share a special event with your friends and family. Kids will learn all about: The history of the tea ceremony Teas from around the world Creating the perfect setting Hosting your family and friends And more!

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Each culture has something really special that other cultures would do well to imitate or make a part of their own. Japan offers us the peace and tranquility of the tea ceremony. A person with an open mind can willingly embrace this momentary oasis to de-clutter and calm their minds. Come, shall we celebrate tea? Because this is an oasis of calm, the tea ceremony is very ritualized and must be respected and followed in every aspect. Four special ideas are the basis of the ceremony: wa (harmony), kei (respect), sei (cleanliness) and jaku (tranquility). The guest comes into the receiving room (porch, entryway) where hot water is served to cleanse the palate, then through a passageway (a garden passage with stepping stones) to the "squatting down place" in a serene area of the garden with running water, stones, grasses and a bucket of water to cleanse the hands, into the waiting room (a bench capable of seating all guests) where all is quiet, then into the tearoom itself. Inside, there will be a vase with a simple flower arrangement and a simple artwork, both to be admired for their beauty, then a seating where the host begins the tea ceremony itself with simple, special items. Shozo Sato, author and "interpreter" of cha no yu, or tea ceremony, provides all details and nuances in hosting one. Each chapter is dedicated to a different aspect of cha no yu: types of tea, utensils, setting up the tearoom, starting the ceremony, preparing the tea bowl and whisk, making the tea, and completing the cha no yu. As this is a book written for children, Mr. Sata provides an alternative way when the proper way is not possible.

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