

**Be inspired by the Holburne's collection of Imari porcelain and everything Japanese!** Gather ideas from traditional Japanese patterns and images, or design something which reflects contemporary Japanese culture. You could even mix it all up!



Large Imari dish,  
Japanese (Arita), porcelain,  
c.1690-1720,  
The Holburne Museum  
Collection

Imari is the European name for Japanese porcelain made in the town of Arita and exported from the port of Imari, in Western Japan from the 1650's —1740's.

Imari was highly prized by wealthy Europeans who loved the decorative patterns and 'exotic' imagery. Typical Imari ware is richly patterned in iron red and underglaze blue and is often lavishly gilded. Many of the designs were inspired by Japanese textiles, landscapes, cranes, fish and floral designs. **The only rule is that you use the 4 traditional colours of Japanese Imari:-**



Red Iron



Cobalt Blue  
Underglaze



Gold



White

## Inspiration board - All things Japan!



### 1 You need:-

- Print out a plate template OR
- Draw around a small plate/ bowl \*use scrap paper for ideas!\*
- Pencil/ coloured pencils/ pens/ paints
- Scissors
- Pritt stick
- Collage materials - wallpaper/ wrapping paper/ anime comics
- Gold paper/ wrappers (use brown colour as an alternative)

### 2 Design your plate:-

- Design and decorate an Imari/ Japanese inspired plate
- Start playing with ideas on a scrap piece of paper... Work out how to create repeat patterns you like, how to position these designs on your plate and what will go in the middle?
- Draw design onto plate/ or begin to cut out collage and add colour

**Remember only use the traditional Imari colours!**

### 3 Display your Imari inspired dish at home!

Print out this plate template to get you started or design your own!

