

# Symbols used on Japanese Fukusa, Uchikake and Obi

Symbols	Meaning
<b>Cranes</b>	
Single crane (flying)	Good luck
Single crane (standing)	Nobility
Crane pair (flying or standing)	Happy marriage
Three or more cranes (flying or standing)	Social harmony, family happiness
<b>Peacocks</b>	External beauty
<b>Phoenix</b>	
Single phoenix	Joy
Phoenix pair	Joy together
<b>Duck pair</b>	Marital happiness
<b>Turtles</b>	Luck and long life
<b>Carp</b>	Perseverance, fortitude
<b>Pine</b>	Wisdom with age
<b>Chrysanthemums</b>	Regal beauty
<b>Peonies</b>	Ageless beauty
<b>Cherry blossoms</b>	Renewal and energy in beauty
<b>Plum blossom (Ume)</b>	Beauty and growth
<b>Bamboo</b>	Strength
<b>Clouds</b>	Thoughts and dreams
<b>Mountains</b>	Overcoming life's challenges
<b>Waves</b>	Uncertainty, changes in life
<b>Streams, water</b>	Continuity, the future
<b>Snowflake</b>	Seeing uniqueness and opportunity
<b>Mallet of luck</b>	Good luck, a lucky life
<b>Treasure ship (Takara Bune)</b>	Prosperity, earthly treasure and success
<b>Flower cart</b>	Joy
<b>Emperor's cart</b>	Good fortune, success and recognition
<b>Country house</b>	Japanese roots
<b>Sun</b>	Japan, Japanese culture
<b>Bridge</b>	Understanding and human nature
<b>Shell game box</b>	Relaxation and enjoyment
<b>Musical instruments (drums, flutes, etc.)</b>	Joy
<b>Scroll</b>	Learning and knowledge
<b>Bundled ribbons (Tabane Noshi)</b>	Delight in the small pleasures of life
<b>Cords</b>	Unity
<b>Hexagon (honeycomb)</b>	Social cohesiveness
<b>Folding fan</b>	Unfolding beauty
<b>Old couple (Takasago)</b>	A purposeful, well lived life, commitment
<b>Mythical children (Kakaro)</b>	Abundant family through generations
<b>Kotobuki</b>	Ancient calligraphy symbol for congratulations and best wishes
<b>Noh mask (Okina (old man) sacred mask)</b>	Symbolized embodiment of God and wisdom