

Hanshi

Hanshi or “half sheet” of a sheet called Sugiharashi; it is a cheap lightweight paper for various uses including calligraphy, shoji, book printing, painting mounting. It is generally made from kozo but mitsumata can also be used in its composition as Suruga hanshi (Shizuoka). The most famous is Sekishu hanshi (Shimane). Standard dimensions are 24 -26 / 32-35cm. Currently there are imitations made from wood pulp. Terms mozo hanshi (imitation) and kairyo hanshi (improved) prove its popularity.