

Nishinouchishi

Nishinouchishi (or gami) after the name of the locality, is associated with the Mito clan which had encouraged its production (Edo period 1603-1868). But the start of production of this paper dates back to the Nara period (710-794). It has multiple uses such as writing, account books, printing, making banners, umbrellas, covers for shoji. From the beginning of the Edo period, this paper is the most famous of Ibaraki Prefecture. It is a thick paper but a thinner paper (Gowanishigami) is produced for the manufacture of lanterns. It is also used for Somegami (cf. this name). Dimensions: 28.8 / 48.26 cm.