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A river town
with a 1,300-year history
of traditional craftsmanship

Ogawa Papermaking and Woodworking Experiences

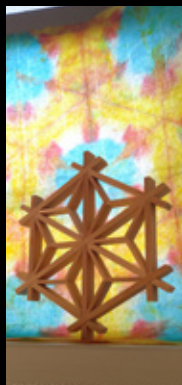


Located in western Saitama Prefecture, the towns of Ogawa and Tokigawa are nestled among low mountains in a scenic area known as a 'satoyama.' The traditional techniques that emerged from these industries continue to be nurtured as part of the region's culture.



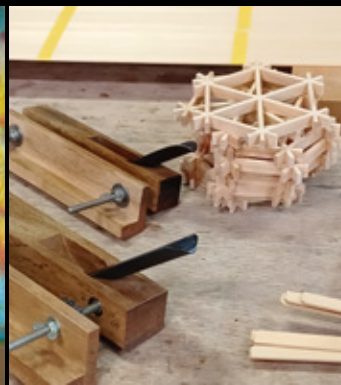
Washi papermaking

Ogawa washi has a history of over 1,300 years. Among its varieties, 'Hosokawa -Shi' was registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage papermaking technique in 2014. Visitors can observe the craftsmanship of washi making and even try making washi themselves.



Kumiko woodworking

Shoji screens, fusuma (sliding doors), and wooden doors are characteristic features of Japanese houses. These fittings are decorated with exquisite woodwork patterns called 'Kumiko.' Why not experience the spirit of the Japanese people by trying your hand at making Kumiko?



The Satoyama landscape where people and nature coexist in harmony

In the Satoyama, where people and nature coexist in harmony, you'll find washi paper, handcrafted fittings, sake brewing, and unique local cuisine born from nature's bounty. Why not come and experience them for yourself?

