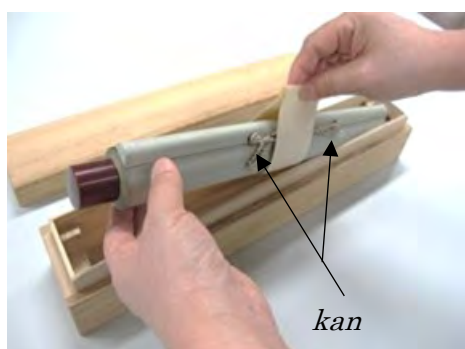# How to Handle Hanging Scrolls

A. How to Hang a Scroll

1. While holding the bottom of the box with one hand, open the lid with the other hand.

2. Place the lid aside, hold the wrapping with both hands and take out the hanging scroll.

kan

3. If the scroll has been wrapped with a paper strip for safe retrieval, pull the strip with one hand and remove the scroll with your other hand. If no wrapper or paper retrieval strip has been provided, remove the scroll by grasping the *kan* (ring tack).
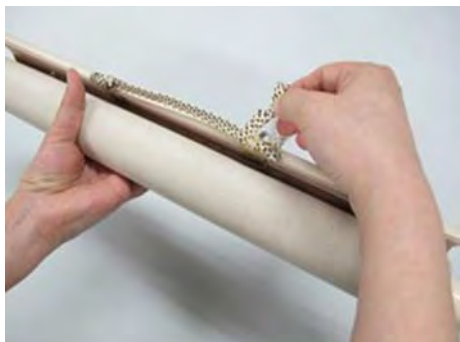

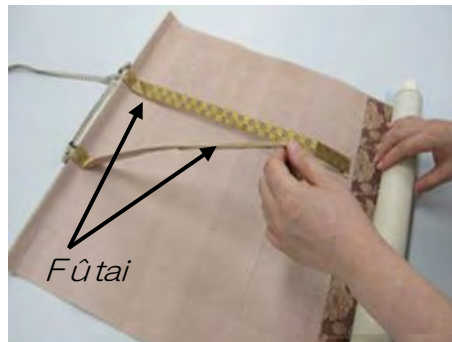4. Hold the scroll from below for support and pull the wrapping cord.

5. Untie the wrapping cord. Do not rotate the scroll, untie by moving only the wrapping cord.

6. If there is cord padding, remove it.

7. Pull the wrapping cord to one side.

Fûtai

8. Unfurl the upper portion of the scroll on a clean, desk-like flat surface, and extend the *fûtai* (decorative fabric strip). Straighten out anything that is heavily creased. If damaged, do not forcefully stretch.

Yahazu

9. Hook the hanging cord with the *yahazu* (hanging stick), hold the middle of the hanging scroll with your other hand. Hold it with thumb raised and support it from the bottom.

10. Hang the scroll on a hook on the wall. Be careful not to grasp it too tightly.

11. Check that it has been hung level, then remove the *yahazu*. Leave the *yahazu* where it will not fall onto the hanging scroll or hand it to an assistant.

12. Hold the ends of roller rod with both hands and slowly unfurl all the way down.
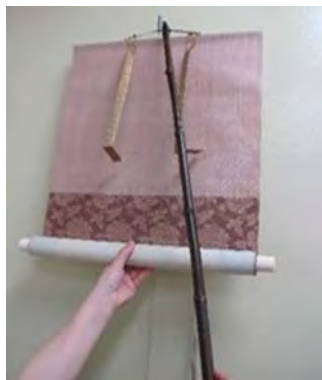
B.　How to Roll the Scroll Back Up

1. Hold the ends of the roller rod with both hands and proceed to roll up. If it becomes crooked, move it to a flat surface such as a desk and adjust it.

2. Roll it up as far as you can with both hands.

3. Hold the center of the scroll with one hand from the bottom for support and remove it from the wall with the *yahazu*.

4. Place the hanging scroll on a clean, desk-like flat surface without withdrawing the *yahazu*.

5. Fold up the *fûtai*. Fold *fûtai* at your left hand's side first.

6. If the scroll has cord padding, pass it through the hanging cord and roll it up.

C.　How to Tie the Wrapping Cord

1. Pick up the scroll and roll up the wrapping cord from left to right. Without rotating the scroll, roll up the wrapping cord along the scroll.

2. Roll the wrapping cord around the scroll three times and pass it over the hanging cord, then fold it back and pass it under the hanging cord.

3. As you pull the wrapping cord under the hanging cord, fold it in half so that it forms a loop.

4. Extend the folded portion to the opposite side.

5. Pass the folded portion under the hanging cord on the opposite side.

6. Adjust the loop to the length of the ends of the hanging cord.