

# SCROLL

## Historical Aid

A feature found in traditional Japanese homes is a *tokonoma* or raised nook in one wall of the main room. A decorative painted scroll called a *kakemono* is placed in the tokonoma along with a beautiful vase of flowers. The arrangement of the scroll and the flowers must harmonize with each other, the season of the year and the occasion.

The scroll may be made of silk or paper, beautifully painted with a scene from nature such as Mount Fuji. It unrolls vertically and is edged with a woven material.

## Project

Paint a branch of cherry blossoms on a kakemono, decorative scroll.

## Materials

- White construction paper
- Brown and pink tempera paint
- Drinking straws
- Sponges cut into small pieces
- Optional: glue and fabric scraps
- Scissors

## Directions

1. Put two or three drops of brown tempera paint in the middle of a sheet of construction paper.
2. Gently blow on the paint through a straw to create a tree trunk and branches. Let paint dry.
3. Add the blossoms by dipping sponge pieces into pink tempera paint and stamping blossoms onto the branches.
4. Optional: Glue narrow strips of fabric to the edges of the scroll.

