

## **Defending the Castle**

### **Roof Tiles**

The brilliant white color of Himeji Castle's roof is created by the white plaster that seals together its flat and cylindrical roof tiles. The impermeable surface created by the plaster protects the wooden frame of the keep from moisture and fire. The clan crests of the castle's lords are stamped into the end tiles on the eaves and ridges of the roofs.