**Family Crests of the Matsumoto Lords**

Historically, Japanese families have shown their familial connections using emblems called *kamon*. These family crests appear on anything from formal kimonos to battle standards, household possessions, and even houses. Often, the symbols chosen for *kamon* are drawn from nature, such as the imperial household’s stylized chrysanthemum, or a combination of geometric figures, like the three-diamond logo of the Mitsubishi company.

Below are the *kamon* of the samurai families who ruled Matsumoto Castle. Several of these emblems can be seen on the circular end caps on the inner eaves of the Kuromon Gate.

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| Crest | Family Name | Crest Name | Description |
| 挿絵, 抽象 が含まれている画像  自動的に生成された説明 | Ishikawa Family (1590–1613) | *sasa rindō* | Gentian flowers with five leaves resembling those of bamboo |
| 挿絵, 飛行機 が含まれている画像  自動的に生成された説明 | Ogasawara Family (1613–1617) | *sangai-bishi* | Three overlapping diamonds |
| アイコン  自動的に生成された説明 | Toda Family (1617–1633) | *hanare muttsu-boshi* | Six stars spaced to represent a filled circle |
| ホイール, ウィンドウ, 挿絵 が含まれている画像  自動的に生成された説明 | Matsudaira Family (1633–1638) | *maru ni mitsuba aoi* | Three leaves of *futaba* *aoi* (*Asarum caulescens*) enclosed in a circle |
| 敷物 が含まれている画像  自動的に生成された説明 | Hotta Family (1638–1642) | *kuromochi ni tate mokkō* | Vertical bird’s nest on a black mochi cake |
| アイコン  自動的に生成された説明 | Mizuno Family (1642–1725) | *maru ni tachi omodaka* | Vertical threeleaf arrowhead (*Sagittaria trifolia*) enclosed in a circle |
| アイコン  自動的に生成された説明 | Toda Family (1726–1869) | *hanare muttsu-boshi* | Six stars spaced to represent a filled circle |