

Night Light Workshop

This two-hour workshop gives attendees a chance to make a miniature traditional night-light holder from thin wood panels. The holder can be taken home as a souvenir of Takasago. Participants are offered a choice of materials with which to decorate the holder, including *mizuhiki* decorative cords (often used to tie up a wrapped gift), decorative handmade *washi* paper, locally sourced Tatsuyama stone, and Matsuemon canvas. The activity mostly involves using glue, which is provided.

The night-light holder is open in the middle, so that participants can, if they wish, attach a LED light inside the holder to make it a working electric lamp. The LED light unit is included in the cost of the workshop.

The workshop is held at the former residence of the descendants of Kuraku Matsuemon (1743–1812). Matsuemon was a local businessman and inventor best known for developing the process for making the Matsuemon canvas that became popular nationwide for use as ships' sails.

The workshop is suitable for families with young children; the cost is ¥500 per person. Reservations are required. For inquiries and reservations, please email work_shop@takasago-tavb.com or apply through the Takasago City Tourism and Visitors Bureau website.