

Shimenawa Rope

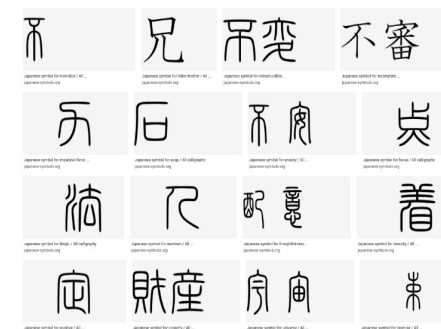


No matter which is the actual origin, they are undoubtedly thought to be the boundary between the sacred and the profane, used to ward off diseases and evils. When you see it around a tree a rock or the neck of a Shadow Warrior, that means it is a **Yorishiro** -- an object capable of attracting spirits called Kami. Never cut down such a tree, or challenge a Shadow Warrior in which is believed to be inhabited by spirits, because it's thought to bring the misfortune or Death. This also explains why a Shimenawa is used in Sumo Wrestling to denote the highest rank of sumo because Japanese people believe that the **Yokozuna** -- the highest rank of sumo is a living Yorishiro inhabited by a spirit.

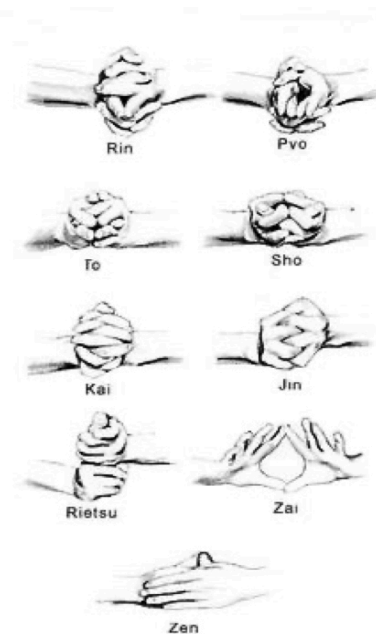


1/ The tenth symbol or character of choice on completing the ritual of the Kobudera or Kuji-no-In is written down on a small piece of paper as a Kanji and placed within the bow of the Shimenawa Rope to either summon or protect you when facing danger or within the throws of Battle.

2/ Image 2 gives an example of such symbols, but the choice is yours to make of which will give you the desired effect or protection depending on the task at hand. Your Shimenawa Rope when you receive it already comes with the Kanji character for "Invincibility" and when cast should never be lost when invoked.



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Kuji-Kiri means "Nine symbolic cuts". It is a technique that belongs to the esoteric Buddhist tradition. From the outside, it seems to consist in drawing nine lines in the form of a grid, then drawing a symbol on the grid. In fact, it is the setting in place of nine energy structures, that once activated, can empower a concept represented by the drawn symbol over the grid. This symbol then interacts with what seems to be reality, and modifies the structure of the universe according to the desired effects. It is the sacred esoteric science of the oriental mage.