

How to Handle Handscrolls

A. How to Unroll a Scroll



1. Pull the string to unravel the knot and loosen the wound cord. Unwind the cord around the handscroll without rotating the handscroll.



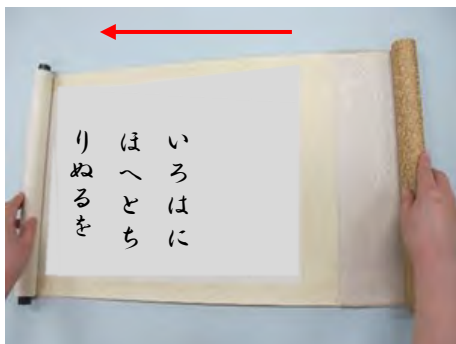
2. Neatly gather the cord and fold into a loop.



3. Gently tie the cord into a bow. If the cord is damaged, do not tie it forcefully.



4. Unfurl the outer cover of the scroll.



5. Place the tied cord inside the outer cover of the scroll, and unfurl by unrolling the left side (the roller side). Open the scroll no larger than shoulder width.



6. When finished viewing the scroll, roll the right side (the outer cover) up to the left side (the roller side).

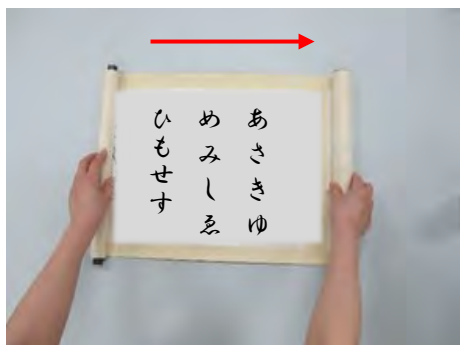


7. Lift the scroll with both hands and move it to the right of your body to prevent rubbing the reverse side of the scroll.



8. Just as you did in step 5, unfurl the scroll by unrolling the left side (the roller side), and then view the next section.

B. Rolling the Scroll Back Up



1. Leaving the right side (the outer cover) in a set position, rotate the left side (the roller side) and proceed to roll the scroll.



2. When finished with rolling the scroll up to the right side (the outer cover), lift the scroll with both hands and move it to prevent rubbing the reverse side of the scroll.



3. Place the handscroll to the left of your body, and rotate the right side (the outer cover) opening it to the next shoulder width size section, then proceed to roll as in step 1.



4. Diligently correct any misalignment during roll-up. Roll the scroll up a little at a time and adjust by holding the end of the roller.

C. How to Roll the Cord



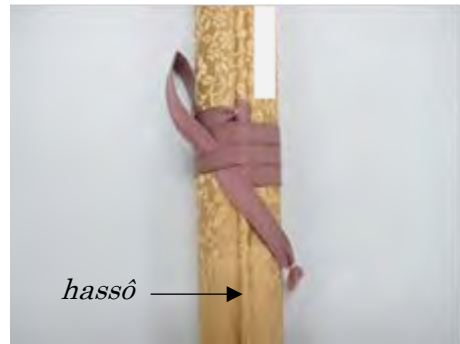
1. Untie the cord knot.



2. Wrap the cord toward the bottom of the handscroll so you do not damage the title strip. Without rotating the handscroll, move the cord and proceed to roll one complete turn at a time.



3. On the third pass with the cord, place the cord over your thumb and create a small opening, fold the remaining end of the cord in half and insert it into the opening you created.



4. Avoid rubbing the top of *hassô* (the support rod) and tie up the cord past *hassô*.