

During the annual Hina Matsuri (Doll Festival) at Kasuisai Temple in Fukuroi City, Shizuoka Prefecture, approximately 1,200 dolls are displayed on 32 tiers in the Zuiryukaku reception hall  
Photo: Courtesy of Kasuisai



# Dolls, Puppets and Model Figures of Japan



Kokeshi dolls, a traditional wood craft of the Tohoku region of northeast Japan  
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Model figures from the Japanese animals series created by Kaiyodo  
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**J**apanese people have cherished *ningyo* (dolls) since ancient times and continue to do so for reasons ceremonial, recreational and artistic. We introduce some of the best known traditional and modern types of *ningyo*, from the Hina *Ningyo* after which the age-old Doll Festival is named to *ningyo joruri* puppets and the “model figures” of today loved by young and old alike.

