

# Basic Detail Report

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## Okame with Plum Branch

### Date

ca. 1873-1891

### Primary Maker

Shibata Zeshin

### Medium

Ink and color on silk

### Description

Okame is the Goddess of Mirth, conventionally depicted in a humorous manner with puffed out cheeks, small smiling mouth, and narrow forehead, ornamented with two black dots. Zeshin has painted her portrait on a fan-shaped red piece of paper, which curls at the edge, in a trompe-l'oeil effect, to reveal a gold, green, and cream lacquer tray in the fan-shape beneath. She is depicted in a mustard and gold kimono with pink scarf. To the left is a calligraphic plum branch, a classic exercise in black, brown, and white inks.

### Dimensions

18 x 31 in. (45.7 x 78.7 cm)