

MANEKI-NEKO PAINTING · KITA-KAMAKURA

Paint Your Own Lucky Cat

A maneki-neko painting experience at artist Semimaru's atelier, with an English interpreter

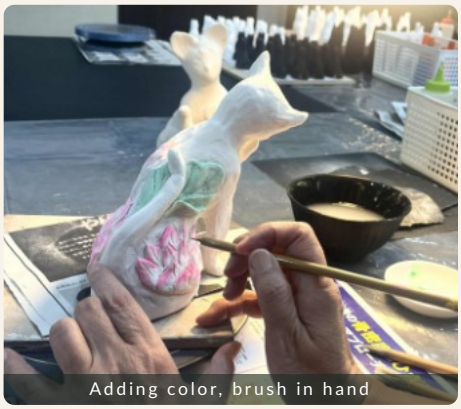
A souvenir you make, not buy.

With one paw raised, the maneki-neko is said to beckon in people, good connections and fortune. In this experience, you add your own colors and patterns to a maneki-neko made by Semimaru, an artist who has been creating ceramic cat figures in Kita-Kamakura for more than 30 years. It takes place at Meigetsu Kukan, an art spot near Meigetsu-in Temple. All tools are provided and an English interpreter is on hand, so first-timers and overseas guests can relax and enjoy it.

40–70 min
from painting to finished piece

English
interpreter included

Same day
take your finished cat home



Adding color, brush in hand



The classroom at Meigetsu Kukan



A work by Semimaru

HOW IT WORKS

Your colors, your own lucky cat.

Florals, polka dots, golden outlines — depending on your colors and patterns, the same cat takes on an entirely different personality. After painting, relax with tea and sweets while your piece is finished.

Flow FLOW

01
Choose your cat
Pick the size you like from maneki-neko of different sizes.

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02
Paint
Freely add colors and patterns with paints and brushes.

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03
Tea & sweets
Relax with tea and sweets while a surface finish is applied.

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04
Take it home
Your finished maneki-neko goes home with you the same day.

Details DETAILS

Duration	Approx. 40–70 minutes
Price	Varies by the size of the maneki-neko (please inquire)
Venue	Meigetsu Kukan art spot (near Meigetsu-in Temple, Kita-Kamakura; approx. 10 min walk from JR Kita-Kamakura Sta.)
Language	English interpreter included
Tools	Paints, palettes and brushes are provided on the day
What to bring	A towel or apron, only if you are concerned about paint *Not required to take part
Included	Maneki-neko, use of tools, English interpreter, tea and sweets, surface finish


A colorful collection of cats


The Kita-Kamakura valley

Combine with ZENRISE: Pair it with a walk through Kita-Kamakura's temples such as Meigetsu-in and Engaku-ji, The Zen Journey or our local guide service for a day that goes even deeper into Kamakura.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

An artist who has shaped cats in Kita-Kamakura for 30+ years.



Semimaru, Artist

ARTIST · OWNER OF MEIGETSU KUKAN

Semimaru opened Semimaru Atelier near Meigetsu-in Temple in Kita-Kamakura, Kanagawa, in 1992. In a studio surrounded by wooded hills and seasonal flowers, she creates ceramic figures — mainly cats, hina dolls and zodiac animals — and shows her work at the adjoining Kita-Kamakura Gallery Tsuki.

Today she is also the owner of Meigetsu Kukan, which brings together Semimaru Atelier, Kita-Kamakura Gallery Tsuki, the rental and classroom space Studio Yuki, and the Tsukinekodo café lounge. It has become a relaxing place for the local community, where she actively hosts markets and other events.

With so many feline works, it is also a gathering place for cat lovers, and she writes a regular column for "Nekotomo Shimbun". Her signature works include "Semimaru's Tale of Genji" and "Chachamaru Jizo Bosatsu".



The entrance to Meigetsu Kukan



At work in Semimaru Atelier



A sculpture in the garden

For sizes, group numbers and dates, feel free to contact ZENRISE.

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