

Japanese Patinas



Niage on brass.



Niage on copper.



Su-tanpan on sterling.



Firubi on sterling.

Su-tanpan

Combine four parts of copper sulfate with one part table salt and stir into a generous amount of vinegar. Paint or immerse as needed to develop the color.

Furubi

Combine five parts of copper sulfate with one part table salt and stir into water. Paint or immerse as needed to develop the color. This is very similar to su-tanpan but uses water instead of vinegar.

Niage

Equal parts of rokusho and copper sulfate in water. Heat to a simmer and immerse clean metal objects for as long as needed to achieve the desired color (it is not instant). Colors move through gray, rust, red, to dark brown.