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Mending

People in the Edo period repaired and mended various things used for living when they broke after overuse. In Yamba, we have excavated traces of repairs from many houses regardless of their sizes. Craftsmen such as tinkers, who repair castings, and jointers, who repair ceramics and lacquer-ware, traveled around the country, but the mending of clothes, geta clogs, and zori sandals were mended regularly by ordinary people. Simple fix-ups for houses and tools were also done by themselves. People back then used things much more preciously.