



Date Masamune's

Samurai Armor Set

1/2
scale





This complete suit of 'five-plate' armor is a reproduction of the suit worn by the legendary 16th/17th-century warrior Date Masamune, known as the 'One-eyed Dragon' (*dokuganryū*) throughout the Sengoku ('Warring States') period.

This 1:2-scale replica of Masamune's armor stands 31.5 inches high and is modeled in amazing detail. Each separate plate of the lamellar armor is an authentic miniature replica made in metal, laced together in the same way as the real thing, using the traditional methods employed in feudal Japan.

This samurai armor is a fascinating project (suitable for beginners as well as more experienced modelers) that will also appeal to anyone interested in the history of Japan and its legendary samurai warriors.

The armor is made up of chest armor, shoulder protection, thigh and shin guards, and gauntlets, topped by the iconic helmet with its neck guard and fearsome faceplate.



Eleven tassets, each one made up of six individual, overlapping plates, laced together, hang from the bottom of the cuirass.

The cuirass is made up of five separate plates, connected to each other by pinned hinges.





The helmet was made with the best technology available at the time of its construction, incorporating 62 separate plates, represented by the ridges in the model. The face mask is made up of two main pieces: the face itself and a separate nose piece. The helmet also incorporates a three-plate lamellar neck guard, a horsehair beard and drainage points on the underside of the chin, one of which is punched through with the family crest.

The finishing touch of the helmet is Masamune's large signature crest of a golden crescent moon, mounted across the front.



Specifications:

Scale	1:2
Materials	Lacquered metal, lace, faux suede
Finished Dimensions	H 31.5", W 15"
Difficulty Rating	5

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