Examples of Kabuki Make-Up

For supernatural heroes and villains, which appear frequently in Kabuki plays, there is a special style of makeup called kumadori. Kumadori is made up of dramatic lines and shapes applied in different colors, each representing different qualities.

Kabuki Colors and Meanings

* **Deep Red- anger, forcefulness**
* **Red- passion, eagerness**
* **Pink- youthfulness**
* **Light Blue- calmness, coolness**
* **Indigo- melancholy**
* **Light Green- Tranquility**
* **Purple- nobility, loftiness**
* **Brown- selfishness**
* **Gray on chin- dreariness, cheerlessness**
* **Black- fear, terror, gloom**