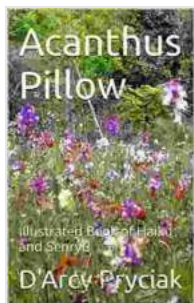


The Acanthus Pillow: An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Haiku and Senryu Poetry



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curved shape that conforms to the head and neck, commonly adorned with intricate carvings of acanthus leaves.



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In recent years, the acanthus pillow has become increasingly popular as a decorative item, and many different styles and designs are now available. Some pillows are even made of luxurious materials such as silk or velvet. The acanthus pillow is a beautiful and unique piece of home décor that adds a touch of Japanese flair to any room.

History of the Acanthus Pillow

The acanthus pillow is thought to have originated in China during the Han Dynasty (206 BCE – 220 CE). It is believed that the pillow was originally used as a symbol of status and wealth and was only available to the upper classes.

Over time, the acanthus pillow became more popular and began to be used by people of all social classes. It was also during this time that the pillow began to be carved with intricate designs, which often depicted scenes from nature or mythology.

The acanthus pillow was introduced to Japan during the Nara period (710-794 CE) and quickly became a popular item among the Japanese people. The pillow was often used for sleeping, meditation, and as a decorative object.

Construction of the Acanthus Pillow

The acanthus pillow is typically made of wood or bamboo. The pillow is carved into a curved shape that conforms to the head and neck, and the surface is often adorned with intricate carvings of acanthus leaves.

The acanthus leaf is a popular motif in Japanese art and architecture, and its use on the acanthus pillow symbolizes growth, prosperity, and good luck. The pillow is also sometimes carved with other auspicious symbols, such as the phoenix or the dragon.

Types of Acanthus Pillows

There are many different styles and designs of acanthus pillows available. Some pillows are simple and unadorned, while others are elaborately carved with intricate designs. The pillows can also be made of different materials, such as wood, bamboo, silk, or velvet.

The most common type of acanthus pillow is the round pillow. The round pillow is typically used for sleeping and meditation, and it is

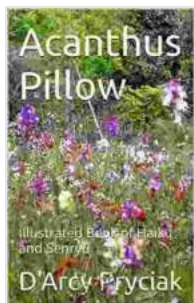
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Other types of acanthus pillows include the square pillow, the rectangular pillow, and the bolster pillow. The square pillow is often used as a decorative object, and it is often carved with a more elaborate design. The rectangular pillow is typically used for sleeping, and it is often carved with a simple design. The bolster pillow is a long, cylindrical pillow that is often used for supporting the head and neck.

Care and Maintenance of the Acanthus Pillow

The acanthus pillow is a delicate object, and it should be cared for properly to ensure its longevity. The pillow should be stored in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. The pillow should also be cleaned regularly with a soft cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or detergents to clean the pillow, as this could damage the finish.

The acanthus pillow is a beautiful and unique piece of home décor that adds a touch of Japanese flair to any room. The pillow is also a symbol of good luck and prosperity, and it makes a thoughtful gift for any occasion.



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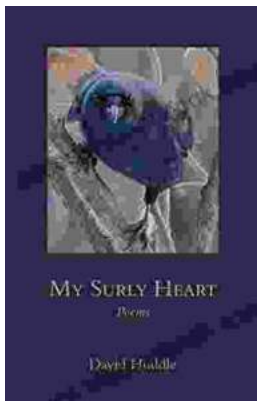
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