

Korea National Intangible Cultural Heritage  
No.60 Jangdojang

**PARK JONG GUN**

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*Jangdojang* refers to the skill of making decorative daggers, or to an artisan with such a skill.

Since the Goryeo Period (877 – 1394), people, men and women alike, carried *jangdo* (ornamental knife) to protect themselves or as an accessory. Following the Japanese invasion of Korea (1592 – 1598) women of noble families regarded *jangdo* as an essential item to be carried by them to protect themselves. Toward the late Joseon Period (1392 – 1910), *jangdo* became a luxury accessory.

*Jangdo* was made of gold, silver or white jade. Scholars liked to carry *jangdo* displaying their favorite phrase inscribed with a heated iron.

*Jangdo* were mainly made in Seoul, Ulsan, Yeongju, and Namwon. Those made in Gwangyang, Jeollanam-do are known for their uniquely Korean gracefulness. *Jangdo* made of diverse materials display also the diverse handicraft techniques of the Joseon Period.













Bamboo embellished Jangdo  
ebony, oxbone, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
280mm



Bird and Tree embellished  
Jangdo  
gold, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
160mm



Geum Eun-jangdo with  
silver chopsticks  
gold, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
180mm



schmidts birch cylindrical  
Jangdo  
schmidts birch , silver,  
stainless steel, pine resin  
290mm





Convex cylindrical Jangdo  
silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
245mm





Nakjuk : Decorative technique to make a pattern by searing the surface of bamboo with hot iron.

Peony flower embellished  
Nakjuk-jangdo  
nakjuk, gold, silver, stain-  
less steel, pine resin  
350mm





Dragon embellished Jangdo  
silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
570mm



Two Dragons embellished Jangdo  
gold, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
650mm



**Gold inlaid sword**  
jade, gold, stainless steel, pine resin  
570mm





Dragon embellished  
Nakjuk-Jangdo  
nakjuk, stainless  
steel, pine tree  
900mm



Dragon embellished  
rectangular Jangdo  
gold, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
470mm

Dragon embellished Jangdo  
gold, silver, stainless steel, pine tree  
200mm



Jangdo with the ten traditional Symbol  
of longevity  
gold, silver, stainless steel, pine resin  
120mm



Chrysanthemum embellished rectangular Jangdo with silver chopsticks  
jujube tree, gold, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
180mm





Tortoise shell Jangdo with  
silver chopsticks  
tortoise shell, gold, silver,  
stainless steel, nickel, pine  
tree, pine resin  
200mm





White jade Jangdo with silver  
chopsticks  
white jade, gold, silver, stainless  
steel, pine resin  
200mm



White jade octagonal Jangdo  
white jade, gold, silver  
200mm



Baekdong Nakjuk Jangdo  
nakjuk, nickel, stainless steel, pine  
resin  
120mm





(Left) Eulja(curved shape) Jangdo  
(Right) Octagonal Jangdo

coromandel, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
150mm (each)



Magpie Jangdo(Oxbone)  
oxbone, jujube tree, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
160mm

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oxbone, jujube tree, silver, stainless steel,  
pine resin  
160mm



Magpie Jangdo (Ebony)  
silver, ebony, oxbone, stainless steel, nickel,  
pine resin  
240mm





Magpie Jangdo (ebony)  
silver, ebony, oxbone, stainless steel, nickel,  
pine resin  
240mm





Dragon embellished hairpin-shaped Jangdo  
silver, stainless steel, pine resin  
200mm



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