

# Heian Cinderella Story



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*Iris ensata cv. 'Jyunihitoe'*

My favorite Shobu variety is "Juni hitoe". Juni hitoe, the origin of the name, refers to the hitoe worn in the Imperial Court in the Heian Period as an outfit for a fine day. It features 6 perianths. It is inner and light purple. It is Edo-style with space and volume. I felt elegance from this flower. It gives an image of a noble and elegant woman standing alone on a full moon night in the Heian Period. In the Edo era, this Shobu was chosen among wild Sword lily and was raised and established. It is like Cinderella who was chosen as a prince. I can't resist the charm of "Juni-Kimono" (twelve hitoe), and I am attracted to it like a single insect and cannot leave it.