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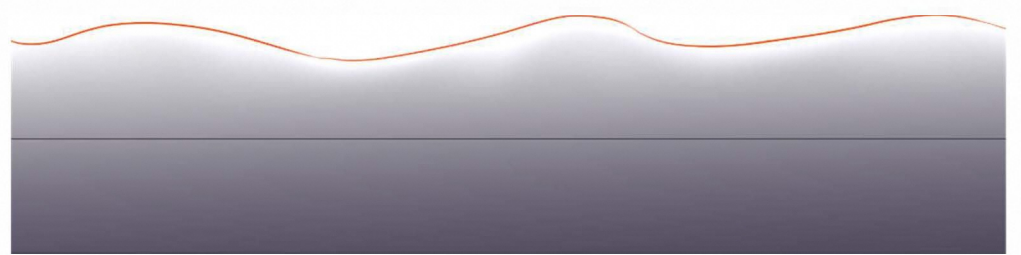
# Temper Line (*hamon*)

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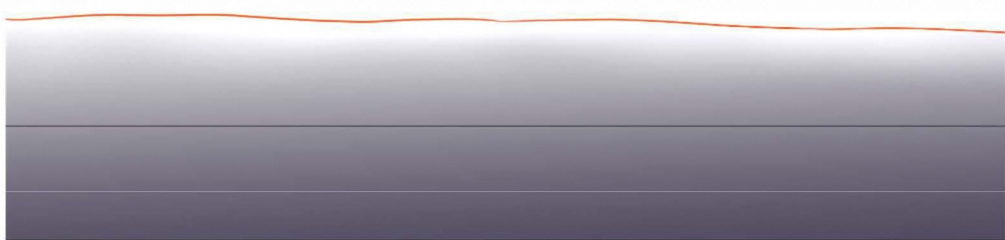
The hamon is a reflection of the smith's artistry, born through the careful application of clay to the blade before quenching. Designs are hugely varied and can indicate which group a smith belonged to or, due to a particular hamon's uniqueness, even which specific smith made the sword.



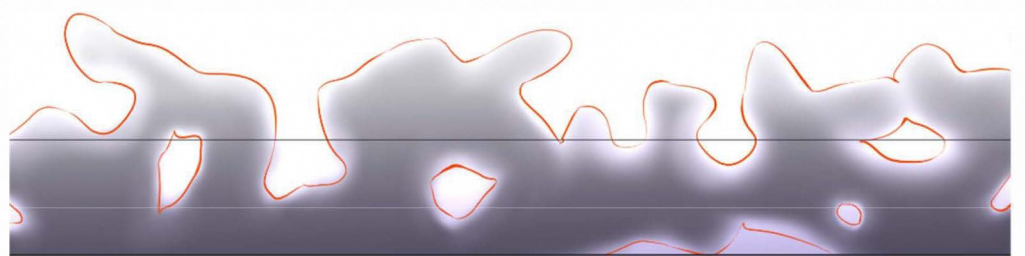
Small variable (*komidareba*)



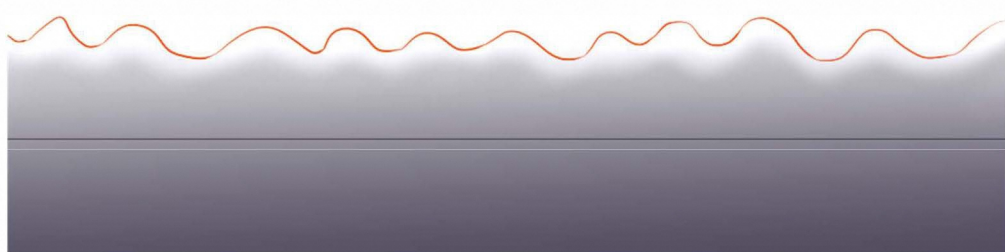
Calm waves (*notareba*)



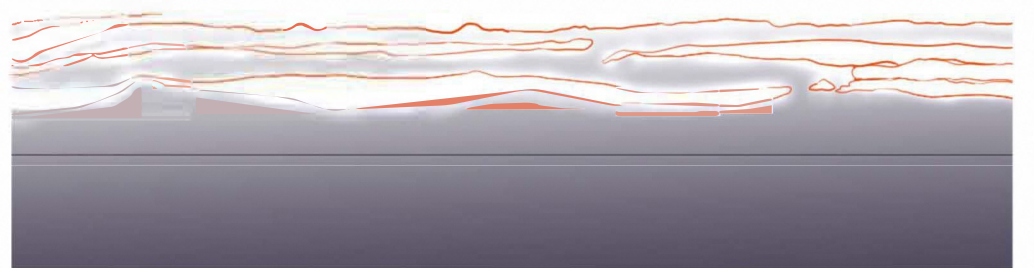
Straight (*suguha*)



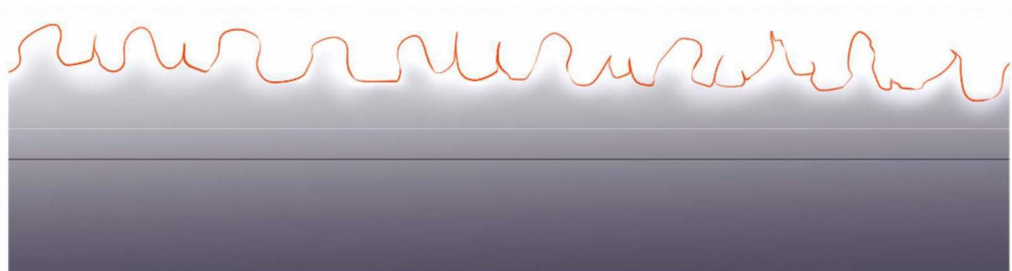
Overall temper (*hitatsura*)



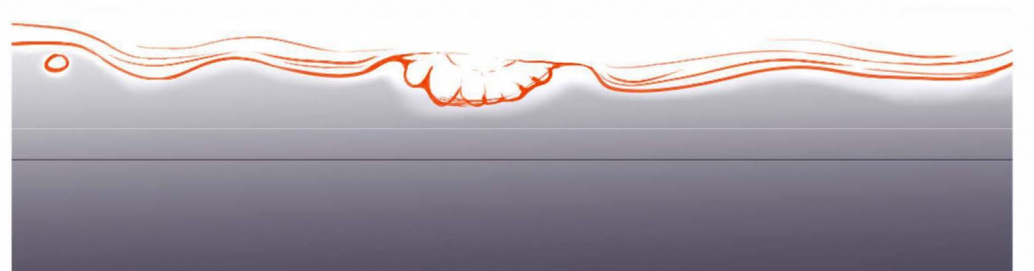
Semicircular waves (*gunome*)



Bamboo blind (*sudareba*)



Clove (*chōji*)



Floating chrysanthemum (*kikusuiba*)