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Chidori-gake 千鳥掛

The name Chidori-gake is taken from the little Chidori bird (plover, sanderling). Chidori birds walk in a zigzag pattern, so stepping stone paths with an offset pattern are named after them.

The century-old garden of the Shinto priest house Nishimura-Ke has a short Chidori-gake stone path. There is a bigger stepping stone in the small stream running through the garden. 西村家

Left: Daihō-in, a sub-temple of Myōshin-ji in Kyoto. 大宝院 妙心寺

Right: Alternating stepping stones in the tea garden of the Tokyo National Museum 東京国立博物館

Gan-uchi 雁打

The literal translation is "flying geese strike". A longer zigzag pattern, which is said to look like geese in flight.

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