

*Advanced Kata of the Month:*

# Wankan



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## “King’s Crown” 王冠

Wankan is one of the more unusual kata in the Shotokan style. Having never been showcased in Nakayama’s Best Karate series, it is rarely taught in the dojo or performed in tournaments due to its short length and lack of drama. It is, however, worth study, especially for developing proper transition between techniques. Trivia buffs will note that Wankan is the shortest advanced kata in Shotokan, has only one kiai point, and is the only Shotokan kata that starts on a diagonal angle.