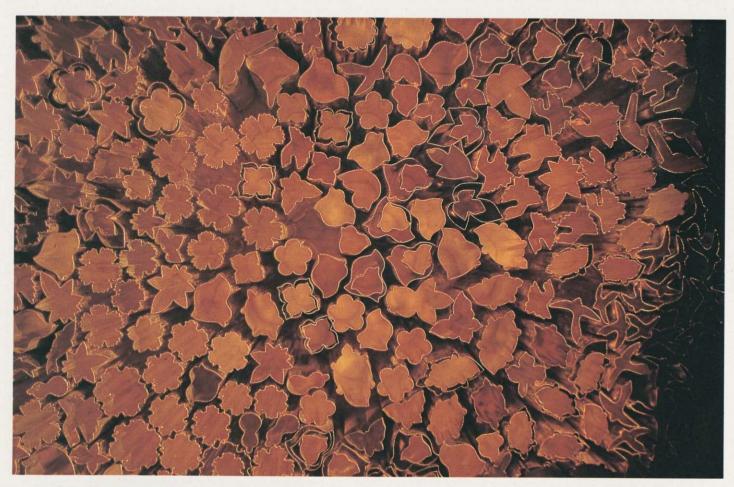
Autumn Palette

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okyo's colors jump out in the most unexpected ways, at the most unexpected times.

Copper food cutters glitter in the golden afternoon light at Kappabashi, the street where culinary dreams come true.

A solitary leaf signals the arrival of fall.

Sumo star Asashio prepares for the fall tournament by making a stack of handprints (tegata), which he will autograph and pass out to special fans. He uses an ink derived from the persimmon fruit.

Even the lowly delivery van with its ancient running messenger motif becomes an object of wonder in a certain light, and the colors of a street mural advertising a popular Japanese comic book totally dominate the human activity below.

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