



Kimono instructions



These gorgeous kimonos are great for everyday wear but can also be used for nightwear. They are so versatile they can be made in a whole range of fabrics

You will need:

- Approx 2.25 metres of 45"/115cm fabric; cotton, viscose, chambray etc (if you want the kimono wider you could use a 60" wide fabric).
- If you want a contrast edging you will need approx. half a metre.
- 3 metres of bias binding (optional)

1. Begin by cutting 2 x 1 metre pieces of fabric. Fold in half lengthways, right sides together matching selvedge edges. Measure 12" from top and 8" in from selvedge edge, draw a line and cut a rectangle curving slightly at corner, repeat with second piece. If you are using directional fabric check it is all going the same way!



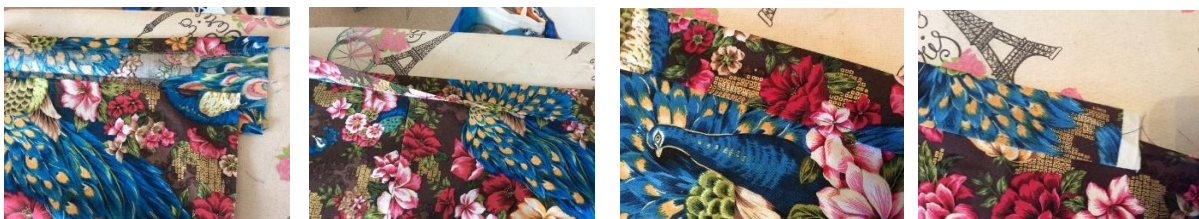
- Choose which piece you want for the front. Keep it folded then from the centre fold measure 5" out & 10" down, draw a diagonal line, cut, this will form a triangle when opened. Cut down centre front fold to form the opening. For the back piece, measure 5" from centre fold then draw a slight curve approx. ½" deep to form back neck, this piece is left complete do not cut down the fold! With remaining fabric cut 2 strips for front edging 94" x 5" & 2 strips for arm edgings 25" x 5".



- If you prefer you can finish raw edges by overlocking or using a zigzag stitch. I overlocked the sides & shoulders only as I am going to bind the underarm seams, if you don't want to do this overlock these as well. With right sides together pin the front to the back at shoulders & stitch using a 1.5cm seam allowance, press seam open. Sew the two front bands, right sides together to form a continuous piece, press seam open. Fold in approx. ½" down each side & press then fold in half lengthways and press in half, repeat with arm edgings but do not sew together.

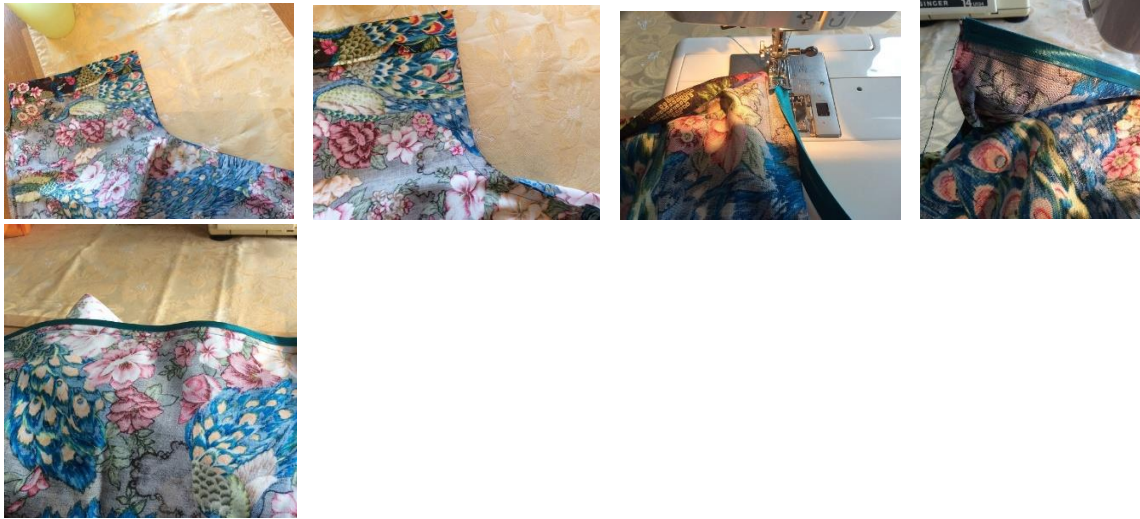


- Open out the sleeve edge and sandwich the raw edge in between the band making sure there is enough fabric to catch when sewing (I usually match mine up with the raw edge that's folded in), pin in place then stitch close to edge. Continue with neck band matching seam with centre back. Start sewing from centre back neckband & sew down each side separately. You will need to ease in around shoulders and bottom of 'V' don't be scared to stretch and push fabric in (sandwich) as you go. Leave approx. 2" gap at the bottom for hemming later.



- With right sides together pin side seams from sleeve edge to bottom, sew one continuous seam using 1.5cm seam allowance. The next step is optional; iron a piece of ready made bias

binding in half lengthways and sandwich the raw edge of the underarm seam between, sew close to edge incasing raw edges. Turn under bias on sleeve edge & sew over so no raw edges are exposed, repeat with other seam.



6. Turn under bottom edge $\frac{1}{2}$ " then up another 1" iron in place. Fold in front edging at bottom corner to line up with hem, match up previous line and sew in place. Sew hem close to edge.



Press kimono & enjoy!



