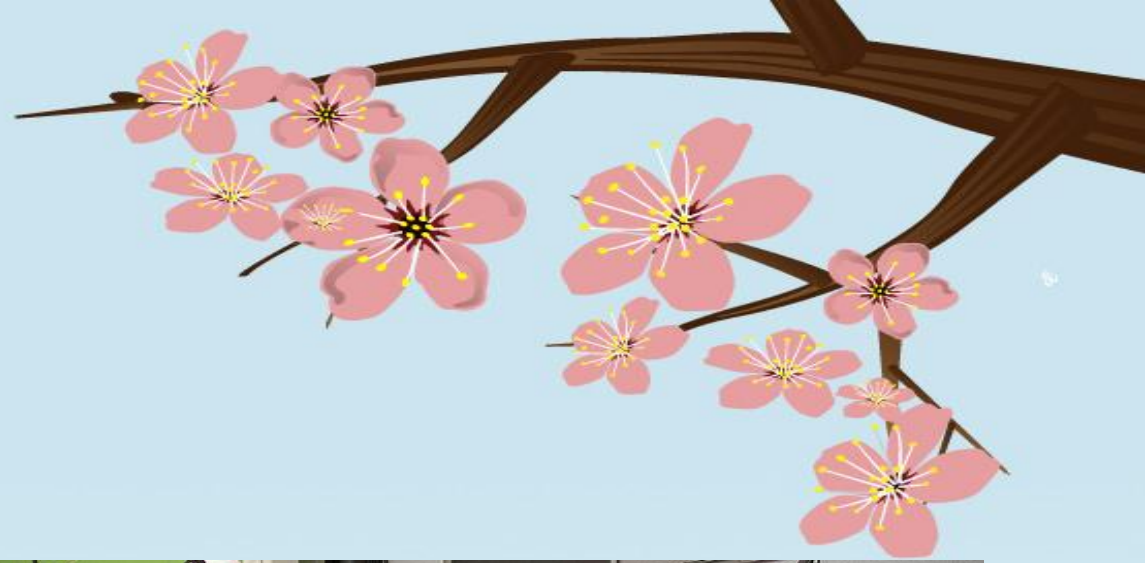


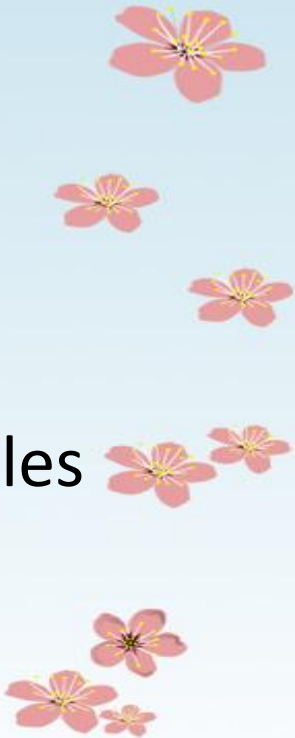
So You want to buy a Kimono...



Kimono or Yukata?



- Yukata – light summer kimono for men, women and children of all ages
 - They are the easiest kimono to wear, and many items can be made at home.
 - Patterns can be plain, traditional, punk, fun, or formal.
 - most inexpensive and easiest to care for of all the kimono styles
- Kimono – more formal and more items needed
- The process for determining the size needed is the same.

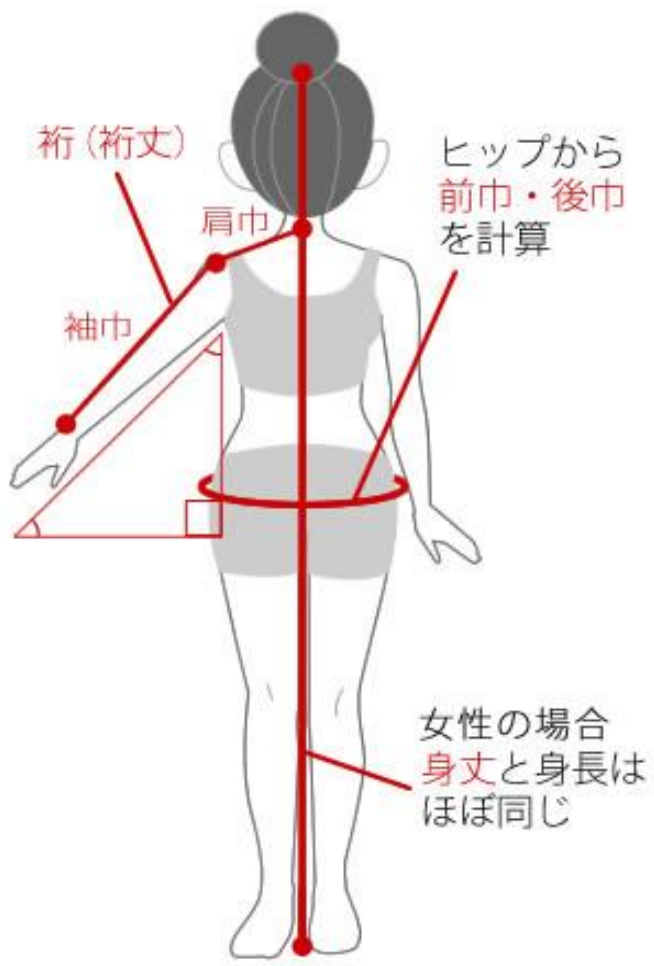


Sizing

- Kimono sizes are based primarily on length and sleeve size, not on width and length.
- Only in the past 20 years has the waistline become more of an issue.

Bolts of material for kimono (all types) have been a standard size for the past 500+ years. Only the tailoring and size (individual) has changed.

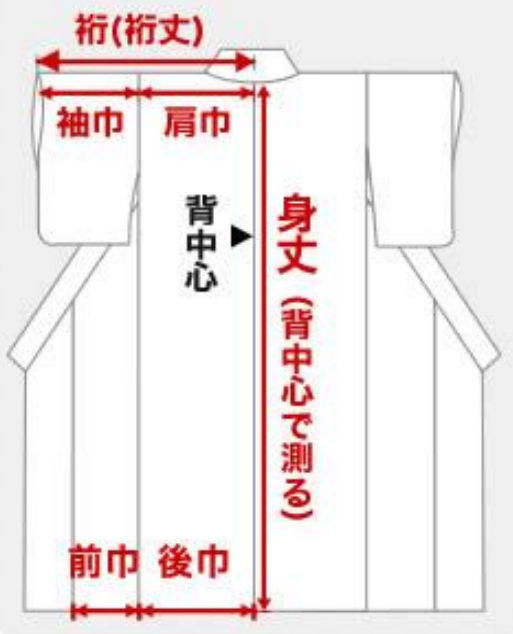




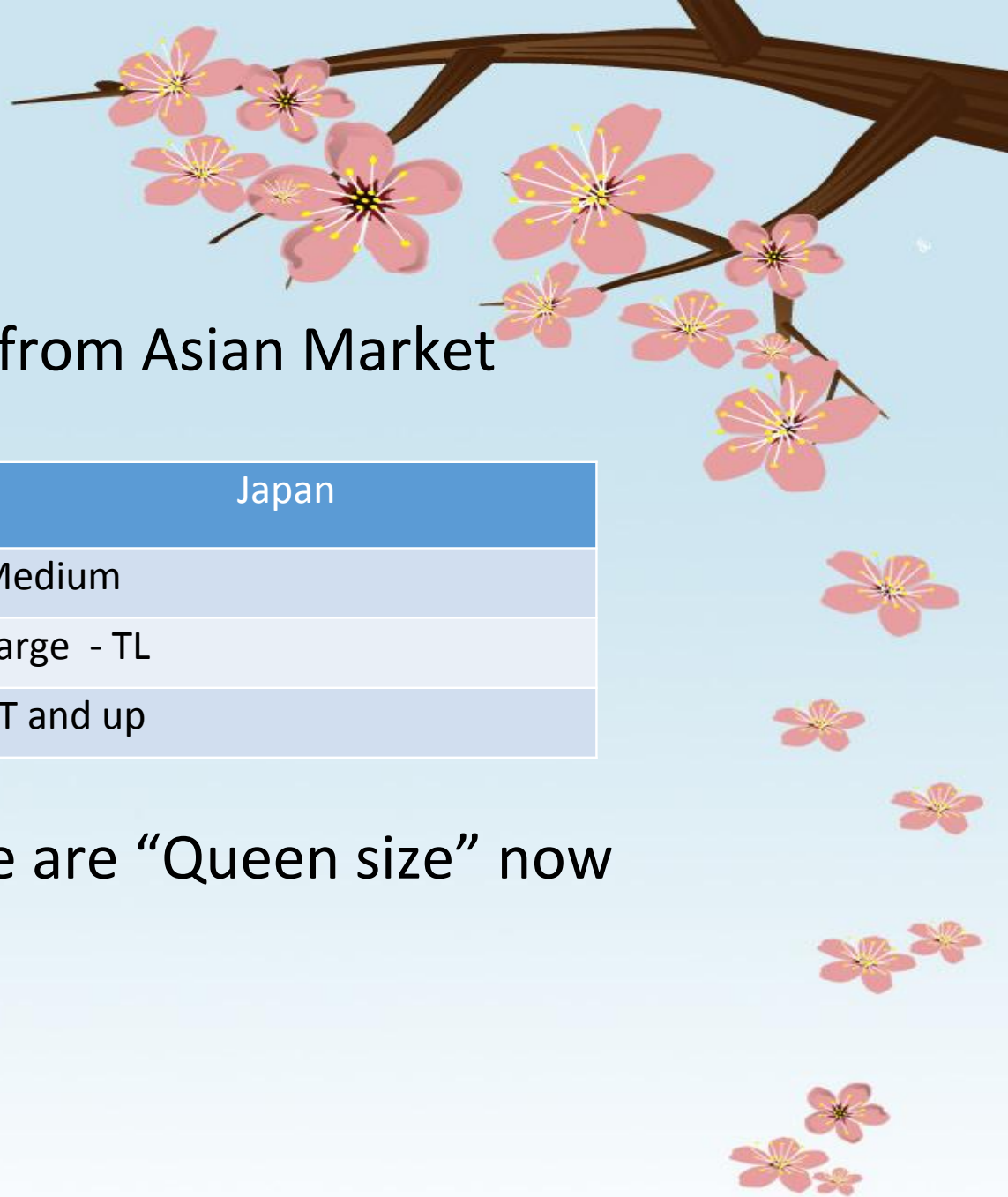
身丈と衿のサイズ、ヒップから前巾・後巾を計算しましょう。

- 身丈.....▶あなたの身長
- 衿▶首の付け根から手首まで(袖巾+肩巾=衿)
- 前巾.....▶ヒップ×1/4
- 後巾▶ヒップ×1/4+5.3cm

着物をお持ちの方は、サイズが合っているか計ってみましょう。



Sizing



- North American sizes are very different from Asian Market

- For women:

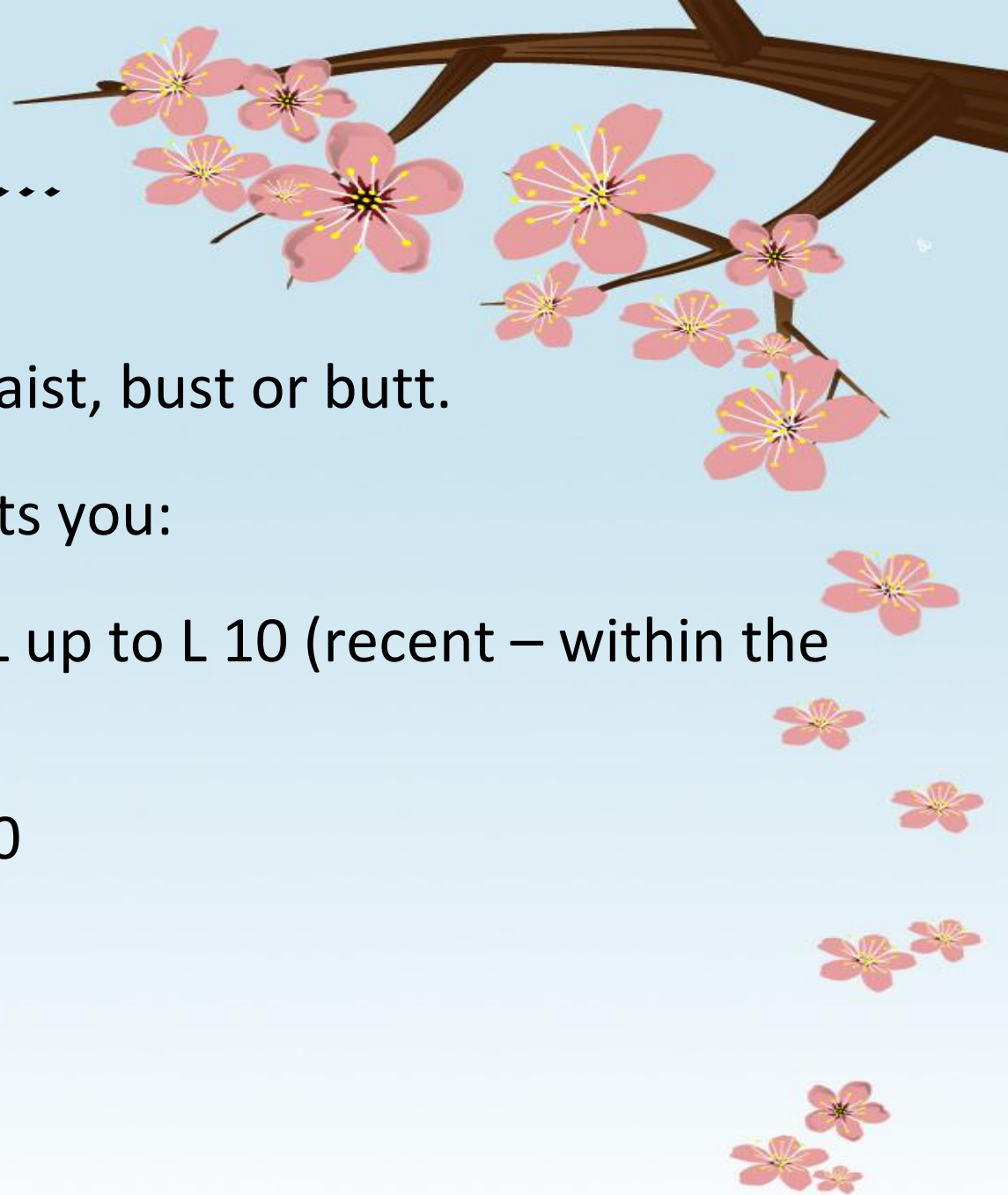
North America	Japan
Extra small - Small (0-6)	Medium
Medium – Large (6-12)	Large - TL
Large – Extra Large (12-16)	TT and up

- Obi are usually one size fits all, but there are “Queen size” now available
- Geta and Zori size is based on CM.

I have my measurements... Now what?

The ideal look is straight and flat - no waist, bust or butt.

- Reference the chart to see what size fits you:
- Women's sizes – F (free), S, M, L, TL, LL up to L 10 (recent – within the last 5 years)
- Men's sizes – F, S,M, L, TL, LL up to L 10





Normal Fit:

Female – height plus 10-15cm

Male – height minus 20-30 cm

Front width – base of neck to waist – hip size x $\frac{1}{4}$

Back width – hip size x $\frac{1}{4}$ + 5.3 cm

- Hip size – measure the widest part

Definitions:

Length (Mitake) The length of the tailoring kimono. Normally, height = length (female) in Kimono town, measure the length from "collar tuckle" to "hem (shoes)" with back collar, with back center. About height + 10 cm can be adjusted with a scrub. (Note that measuring from the shoulder will change the dimensions!

Length (Kitsuke) It refers to the length of the kimono when you dressed. In addition, it is the size necessary for tailoring women's long-sized bowls, haori coats, coats, men's yukata and kimono. In case of long jiburi, we will measure from the back of the back of the neck through the back of the neck, up to a slightly above the ankle.

Sleeve width (Soba Haba) It is the length from the sleeve to the cuff. We measure it when indexing sleeve length (Yukigake).

Shoulder width (Katahara) It is the length from the back stitch to the sleeve. We measure it when indexing sleeve length (Yukigake).

Sleeve length (Yukigake) It is the length from the back stitch to the cuff, the sleeve width (shoulder strap) + shoulder stiffness (Kataha). Raise your arm to 45 degrees and measure it. Pass through the shoulders from the back of the neck, hold back at the shoulder, measure up to the wrist of the arm. When it is impossible to measure it is rough, but it can be determined from the height.

Sleeve length (Sobaake) It is the length of a sleeve pretend. Generally it is one size 3 size (about 49.2 cm). By age, use, height etc.

Sleeve attachment (Setsuke) The part where the body and the sleeve are sewn together, usually 6 sizes (about 22.8 cm). When connecting a belt at a high position, such as a kimono and a kimono,

Tsubasa · under the collar (erased) We measure the length from the collar tip (collar under) to the hem (umbrella) of 衿 (bud). It looks beautiful when you start from a little below the scallop.
Height, length (Mitake) to index.

Front width (beforehand) The length of the hem of the front body. It can be determined from body size.
 $\text{Hip size} \times 1/4 = \text{front width}$

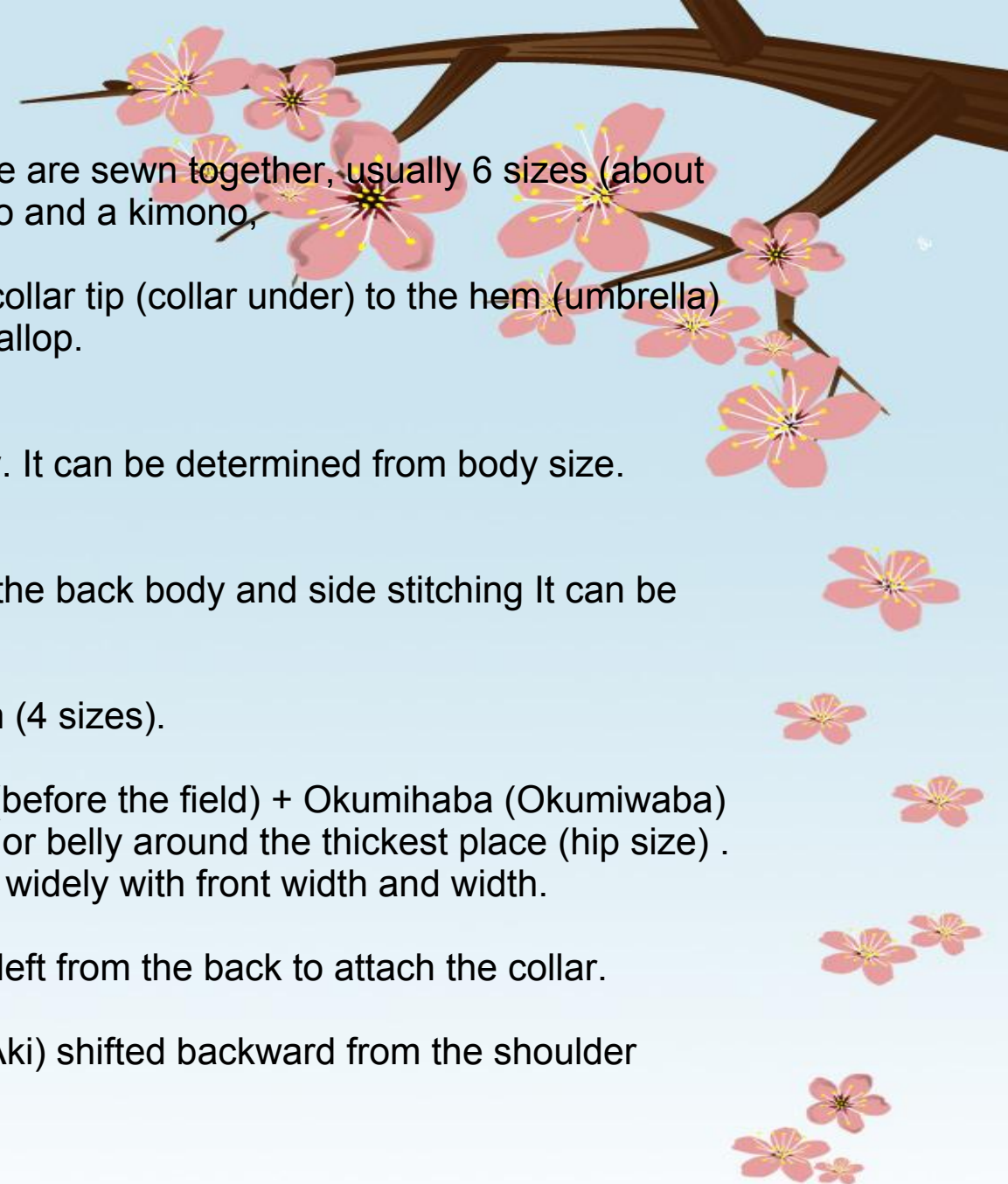
Rear width (behind) The length of the hem between back stitching of the back body and side stitching It can be determined from the body size. $\text{Hip size} \times 1/4 + 5.3 \text{ cm} = \text{rear width}$

Bamboo stick The length of the hem of the.. It is usually about 15 cm (4 sizes).

Body width (Mihaba) Rear width (behind the bus) + before width (before the field) + Okumihaba (Okumiwaba) = body width width of a garment, you indexing from around the waist, or belly around the thickest place (hip size) . For those wearing at tea ceremonies etc, it is also good to tailor them widely with front width and width.

Collar shoulder bright (Akari Erika) It is the part that bleeds right and left from the back to attach the collar.

Carryover (overhead) It is the length of the collar shoulder (Erika Aki) shifted backward from the shoulder mountain.



What is needed to wear a Yukata?

- Kimono
- Himos (linen ties)
- Obi (Hannaba, easy tie, Nagoya)
- Shoes (Geta, Zori, flip-flops)



What is needed to wear a Kimono?

The basics:

- Kimono
- Himo (tie that goes twice around the body)
- Obi – Hannaba or easy-tie
- Geta or Zori with Tabi
- Juban or fake collar

Then depending depending on formality:

- Naga Juban or Juban
- Han Eri or false Eri
- Korin
- Extra Himo with elastics
- Magic belt
- Board (plastic or with elastic)
- 3 way elastic ties
- Makura
- Obi jime/ Obi age
- Obi Dome
- Kanzashi
- Purse/ drawstring bag
- Haori with ties
- Uchiwa fan/ folding fan
- Asa (umbrella)



Men's Kimono or Yukata

Basics

- Kimono
- Himo
- Obi
- Geta

The Extras:

- Juban or Cotton s
- Haori with ties
- Himo/ Magic belt
- Setta and Tabi
- Murse
- Fan/ Uchiwa
- Asa



Purchasing

- Many Yukata can be purchased **as a set for as little as \$30**
 - Some come with Yukata and obi, others as Yukata, obi, Geta and purse
 - The Juban and Himo “underwear accessory” set can be purchased at a reduced price.
 - Set are a great choice for people just getting into kimono
 - You can also buy things individually.



Things you can make - The Winnipeggers Guide!



Traditionally, this was how it was done for hundreds of years

- Himo – Need to go around waist/ hips twice. (3 – 4 cm width, 150 – 200 cm - makes 4)
- Three string – strong, firm elastic (3-5) with Himo on each side
- Obi ita – Plastic board to support obi
- Easy Tie Obi – can be made up, *often cheaper to buy*
- Geta – especially due to North American foot sizing.
 - Buy flip-flops: wood geta can be painful after a few hours
- Kimono – While fairly easy to make the problem is the material can be more expensive than buying already made, and making it can be very time consuming.

- Makura – can be easily made with a rolled up hand towel placed in a sewn square and ties at each end.
- False Eri and Han Eri – You do need some proficiency, but it can be done.
- Juban – (both men’s and women’s) – Skirt slip can be used by women, and gym shorts for men.
- Haori – can be sewn, but may be cheaper to buy.
- Decoration:
 - Obi Dome
 - Kanzashi
 - Fan – any will do
- Purse – any will do, or make a string bag
- Obi Jime/ Age – can be made, but is expensive/ time consuming



Shoes - Male and Female

- Proper Size for shoes – measure foot based on cm. length
 - Proper size is also based on how you wish to wear the Zori/ Geta – it's acceptable to wear Zori/ Geta that are 2-3 cm shorter than your foot, or up to 2 cm longer than your foot.
- REMEMBER COMFORT!
 - Many Geta are wood (no arch support) - After walking a while, your feet will be sore.
 - Zori – many have plastic foot straps that can cause rubbing between the toes and cause blisters

Tabi

- Stretch tabi are by cm size and have a lot of give and take
- Clasp tabi are more fitted and have no stretch. If these are used go 1-2 cm larger for when your feet swell (and they will!)



Where to buy new Items

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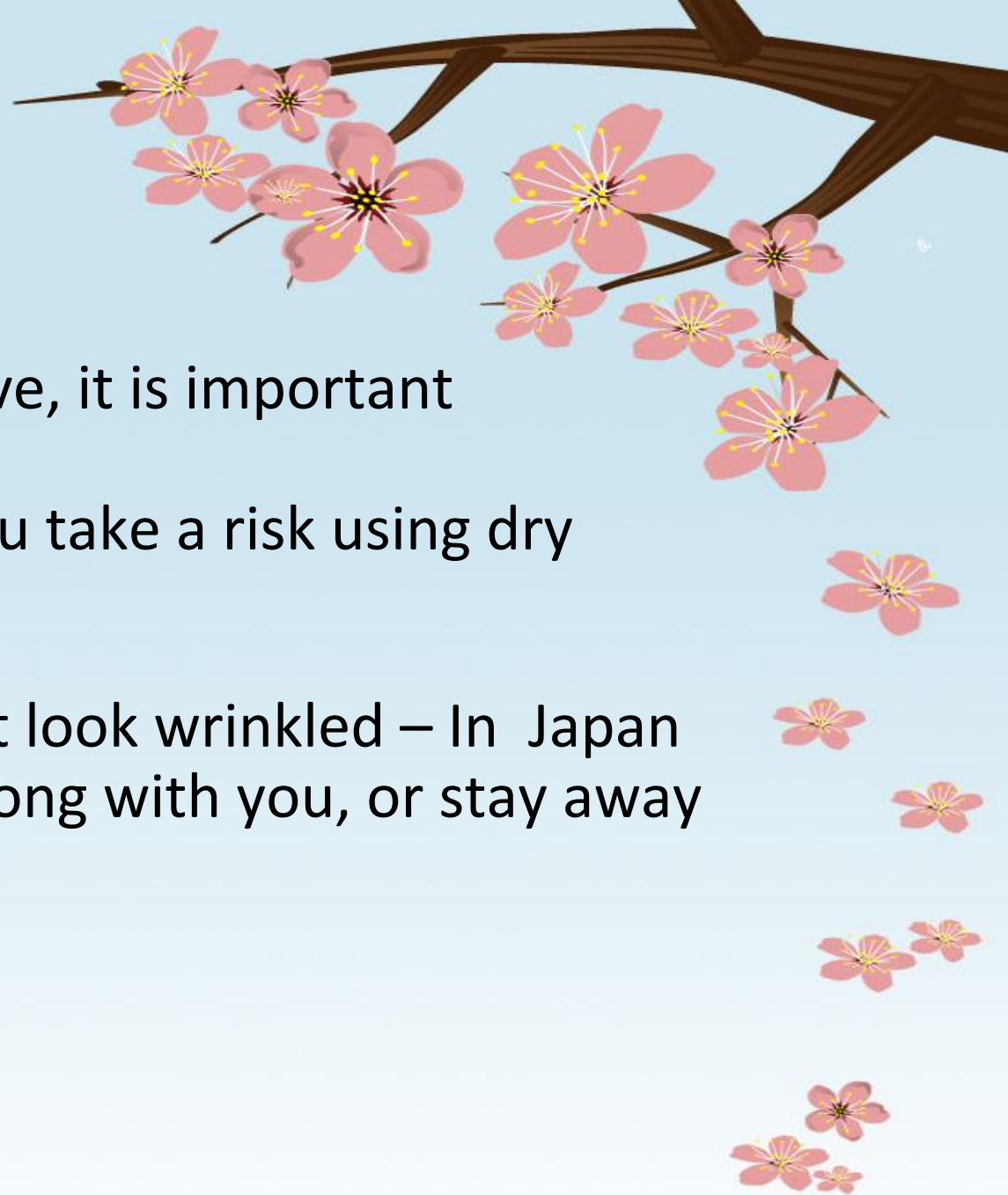
Where to Buy - Used Items

- Consider used items because they are often one-of-a-kind and a higher quality at a fraction of the cost of new
 - All items are available this way.



Remember...

- Even though these items are not expensive, it is important that they are clean and ironed.
- No kimono cleaners in N. America and you take a risk using dry cleaning services locally
- It is very inappropriate to wear items that look wrinkled – In Japan Very low-brow people will ask what is wrong with you, or stay away and have nothing to do with you.



Shipping



- Speed vs. Cost
- Weight
- Suggestion use the same broker or same store and combine shipping
- Get used items to be marked as USED clothing they are duty free

