

Flower Song- Kimono Wrap Project

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Originally made from vintage kimonos, Japanese Chirimen Cord is sewn today from a variety of traditional patterns and colors and manufactured in small batches by a little company in Japan. Inside the crepe fabric is an acrylic center cord which gives the cord body and its distinctive tubular shape.

1. Wear it as a necklace. This short necklace is made from 1 yard (36 inches) of cord doubled in half. The button loop absorbs some of the length, so the necklace measures about 17 inches in length.



2. Wear it as a bracelet. One yard (36 inches) of cord makes a double wrap bracelet. If you have a small wrist, start with a length of kimono cord approximately 33 inches, unless you want to also wear it also as a necklace and then cut accordingly.



3. Tuck the fabric ends in on themselves. Cut your thread 36 inches in length and thread a needle. Sew the two ends together as carefully as you can.



4. Fortunately, most of your stitches won't show, so it doesn't have to be perfect. Just try to keep your stitches as hidden as possible. Once the two ends are secure, sew the button on securely. Cut off the excess thread.



5. With a short piece of thread, tie a temporary bind on the kimono cord where you will silk wrap. Later you will cut this away, but it helps to hold the kimono cord stationary.



6. Cut a 20-24 inch of C-Lon in a color that complements your cord pattern. The loop is positioned in the direction you are silk wrapping. Be sure to watch our video: [How to Silk Wrap Kimono Cord](#).



7. Make a silk wrap about 3/8 inch in length. Feed the tail of C-Lon through the loop.



8. Pull the two tails of C-Lon away from each other until the middle of the loop moves into the center of the silk wrapping.



9. Carefully cut the ends of C-Lon. And at some point, cut away the temporary thread you positioned in Step 5.



10. Find the center of the kimono cord and loop it around your button. Repeat Step 5 to tie a piece of temporary thread around the kimono cord.



11. Once you have measured an opening for your button loop large enough to fit your button, repeat Steps 7-9 to silk wrap a button loop.



To embellish your design with additional silk wraps, select random locations and silk wrap two other C-Lon colors to create a truly artisan look.