

Kimono Ornament



This clever origami-folded ornament is perfect for holiday decorations or just to hang in a window, or your studio, all year long. Make several as gifts, or for yourself. A perfect showcase for little gems of beautiful fabric or paper.

You can make these out of fabric or paper, following similar instructions. If making from paper, only use one piece in the dimensions given.

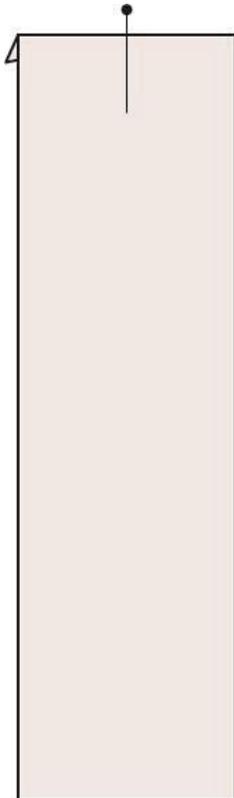
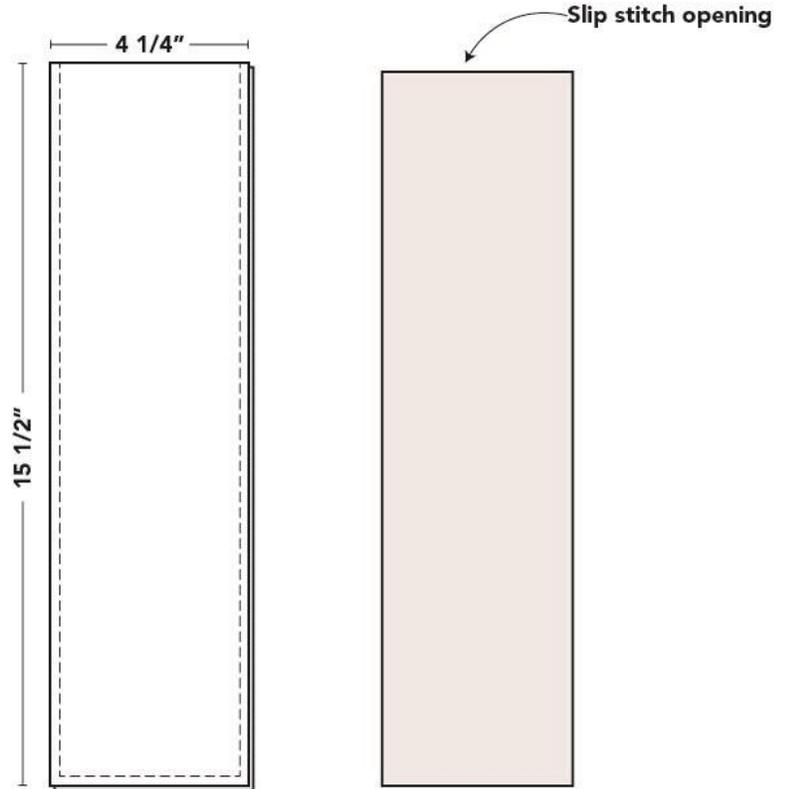
Materials needed:

- 2 pieces of coordinating fabric, 4 ¼” x 15 ½” (11cmx39.5cm) each
- Thread and needle for slip stitching
- Skewer or craft stick (about 4 ½ inches long)
- Iron for pressing
- Glue (optional)
- 6” (15cm) cord, yarn, or string to hang kimono ornament, optional

Instructions

Step 1

Begin with two rectangles that measure $4\frac{1}{4}$ " (11cm) wide by $15\frac{1}{2}$ " (39.5cm) long. Fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) along one short end of each rectangle and press. With right sides together and pressed-under edges aligned, stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) seam on three sides, leaving the pressed end open. Turn to right side, press lightly, and slipstitch opening closed.

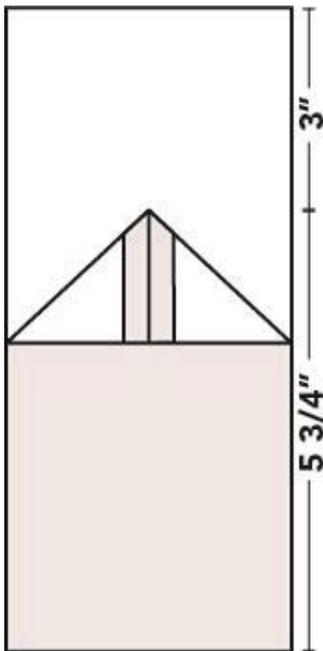


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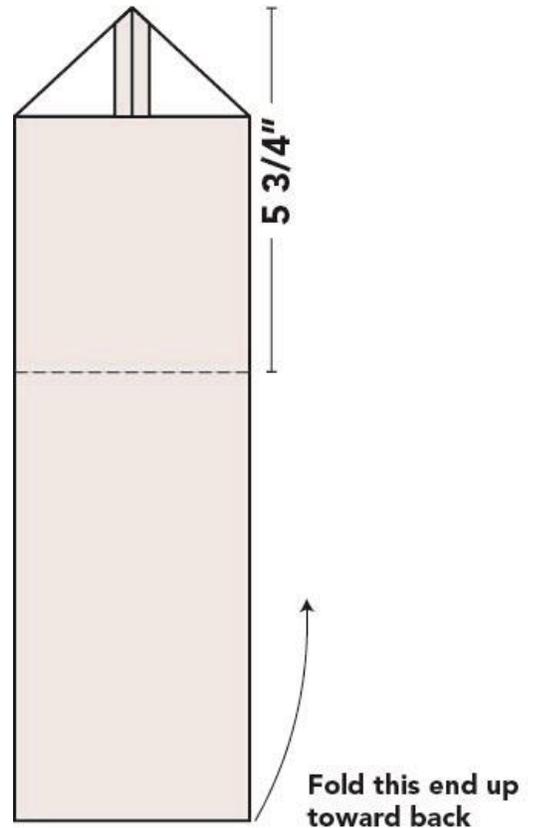
Select a favorite side, depending on the design of your fabric, and orient rectangle with favorite side facing up and one short end closest to you. Mark the center of the top short end. Fold under top edge $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) to the back and press.

Step 3

Fold top corners down (toward you) to meet at the center and pin in place. Press. Measure $5\frac{3}{4}$ " (14.5cm) down from pointed end at top. Mark and fold along this line, bringing lower end up to the back. Press.



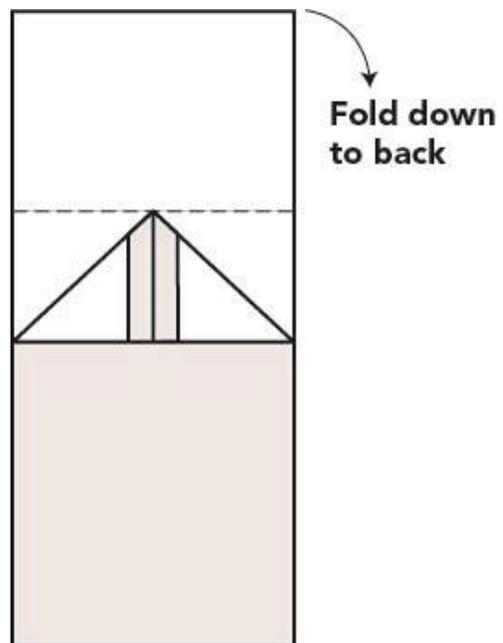
Check measurements: from tip of point to lower edge should be $5\frac{3}{4}$ " (14.5cm) and from tip of point to upper edge should be 3" (7.5cm).



Step 4

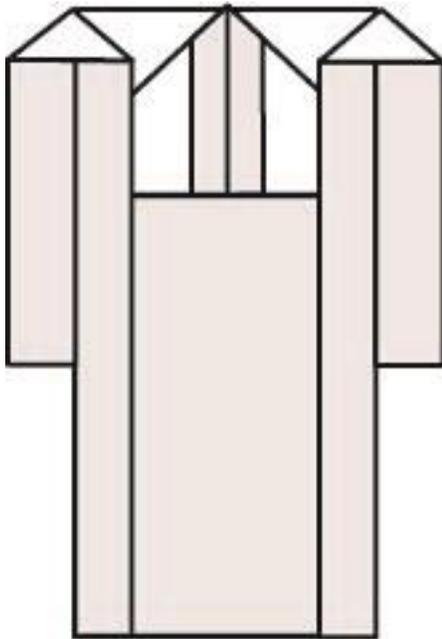
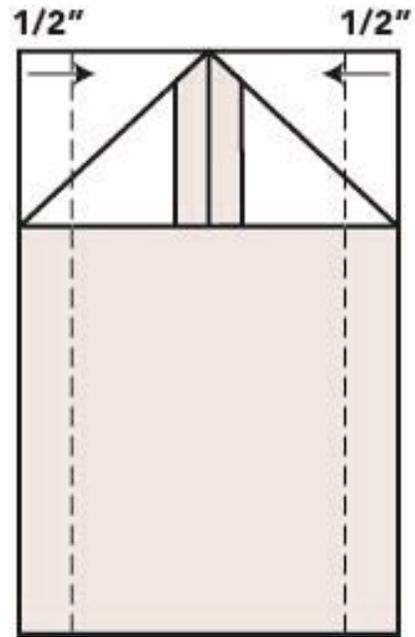
Mark a line level with the point and fold top edge down behind entire piece. Press.

Whole piece now measures $5\frac{3}{4}$ " (14.5cm) from top to bottom.



Step 5

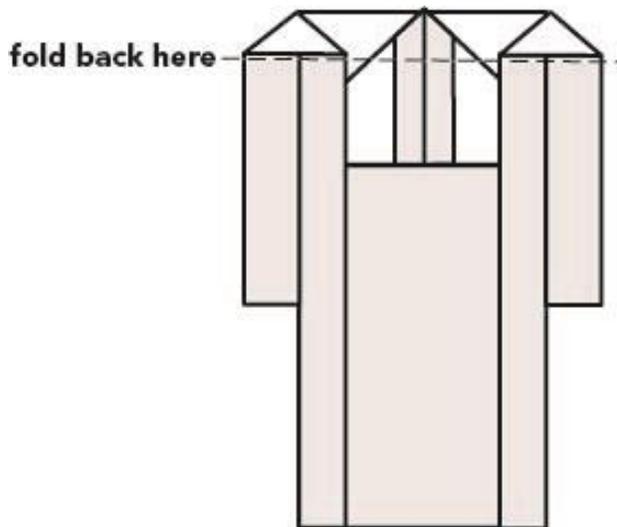
Fold 1/2" (13mm) along each side edge toward center.

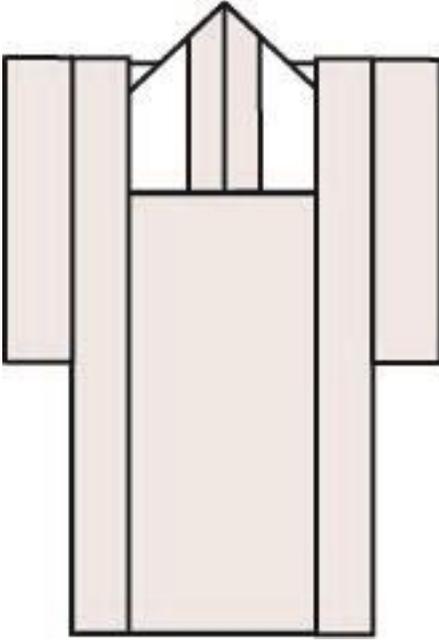


Then fold back the back layer so that it is flat and makes a "hood" at the upper corners, creating small triangles. Press.

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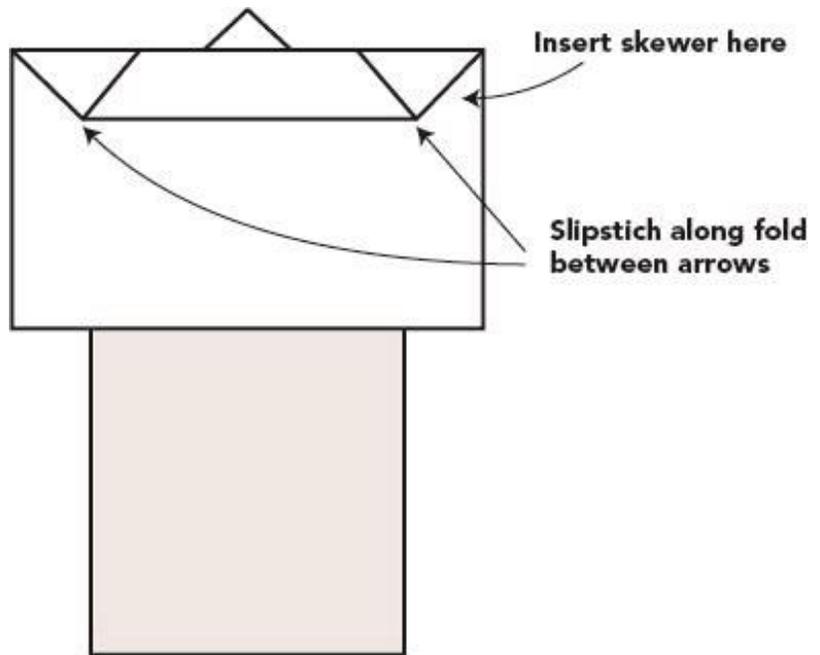
To form casing for skewer, fold top edge and flattened triangles to back 1/2" (13mm) (the center point protrudes above this fold). Press.





Step 7

Turn over and slipstitch folded edge to back of kimono. Insert skewer through casing; trim ends to desired length. To create hanger, tie a 6" (15cm) length of thread or cording to each end of skewer.



You may want to take a few stitches to secure the lower back section here also. Or, use a few dots of glue to keep things together.