

# Kimono with Fringe

Everyone loves the effortless look of a drapey kimono shrug. It's a versatile piece for all occasions, and it's also an easy project to sew. All you need to create a kimono is two yards of fabric and three yards of trim. See the full tutorial below and sew your own kimono shrug.

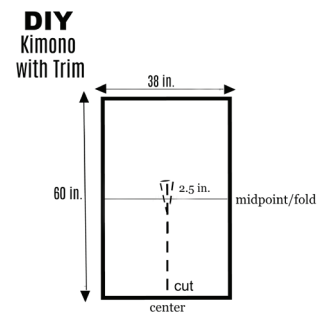


## Materials

- 2 yards of chiffon or fabric that has drape
- 3-4 yards of trim (optional)
- Thread
- Sewing scissors
- Measuring tools
- Iron-away marking pen
- Iron
- Brother Sewing Machine

## Cutting and Sewing Directions

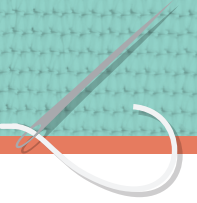
- 1 For this kimono shrug, you will need a piece of fabric that measures 60" in length and 38" in width. If you'd like trim, you'll need enough to cover the bottom and sleeves front-to-back. (It was about 3.5 yards for mine.)



- 2 Fold your piece of fabric in half.



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- 3 Find the midpoint of your fabric, and use a marking pen and ruler to draw a straight line to the fold.

- 4 Cut the line all the way up to the fold. Be sure to only cut the front portion.

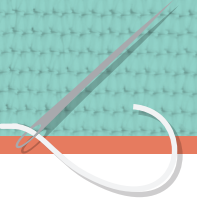


- 5 Now cut a little keyhole 2.5" up from the fold line. (If you're confused here, refer to the pattern template.)



- 6 Finish the center hem you just cut. In this example, the hem is folded over 1/4", pressed, and then another 1/4". Top stitch the hem into place.

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- 7 It should look like this when finished.

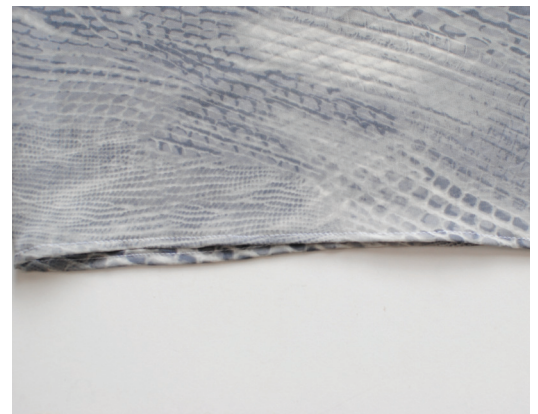


- 8 Now, measure the length you'd like your armhole to be. The kimono shown here was 13" (front-to-back 26"). Fold your fabric right sides together, lining up your bottom edges and pin all the way up till you hit the measurement for your armhole. Then sew the part you pinned using a 5/8" seam allowance. Repeat for the other side as well.

*Tip: If you don't want any fraying of the chiffon use your serger or a French seam for the interior.*



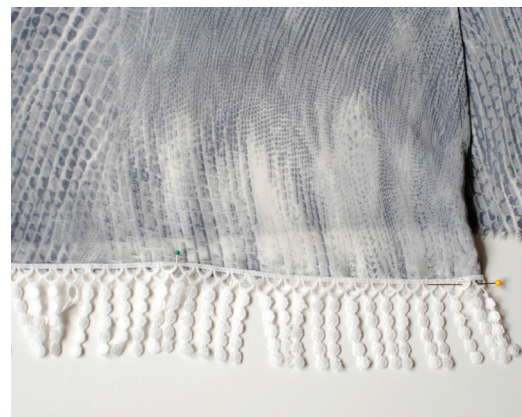
- 9 Finish your armhole edges. Fold over 3/8", press, and then another 3/8" and top stitch into place.



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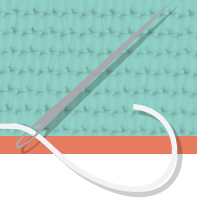
- 10 Add your trim to the bottom edge. (If your bottom edge is the selvage edge, you won't need to finish it.) Pin the trim into place and top stitch along the trim edging.



- 11 Repeat for the armhole openings as well.



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That's it! See how easy and fun it is to sew a kimono shrug! Now you can have one for all occasions. Try this with knits too, for a more casual look.



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