

# INSPIRE

Based on *What do the Mountain Spirits Ponder?*, design your Kimono.

## What is a Kimono?

Kimono is a traditional Japanese garment. Derived from the words *ki* (“wear”) and *mono* (“thing”), Kimonos come in a range of styles and patterns. They are usually sewn by hand into a “T” shape from 4 single pieces of fabric called *tans*. They are then tied with an *obi*, or belt.

Considered the only impressionist on textiles, Itchiku Kubota’s most significant work is *Symphony of Light*, the product of the artist’s unique vision inspired by the ever-changing effects of light and his reverence for nature. Breathing new life into a long-forgotten technique of relief textile surface design called *Tsujigahana*, Kubota also had a passionate desire to transform the way kimono were perceived and worn.





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## Directions:

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Choose one of the kimono templates.

What aspect of nature is beautiful to you? How could you suggest this part of nature in your design? For example, Itchiku Kubota visited the Canadian Rocky Mountains in 1981 and was strongly affected by the power and beauty of nature that he found in the light-filled landscapes of the mountains. He was inspired by all kinds of things in nature including snow, clouds and rain.

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If you like, sketch your design on the kimono shape.

Use three colours and then choose the materials for your design.

start gluing down some of the materials for your design.

Start by blocking in tissue paper shapes taking advantage of the transparent qualities of tissue paper. You may also enjoy using the markers and drawing your design on the tissue papers. By ripping and crumpling up the tissue papers and layering them, you could create an interesting texture.

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Look at your kimono design and decide whether it feels complete or think about what could still be added. what kind of background colour works best for your kimono to be displayed on and, using the double-sided tape provided, mount your kimono on it.

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Take your artwork home or label it and place it in the INSPIRE basket. We will then display it for you as part of the community art installation of the same name.

## Thanks!