

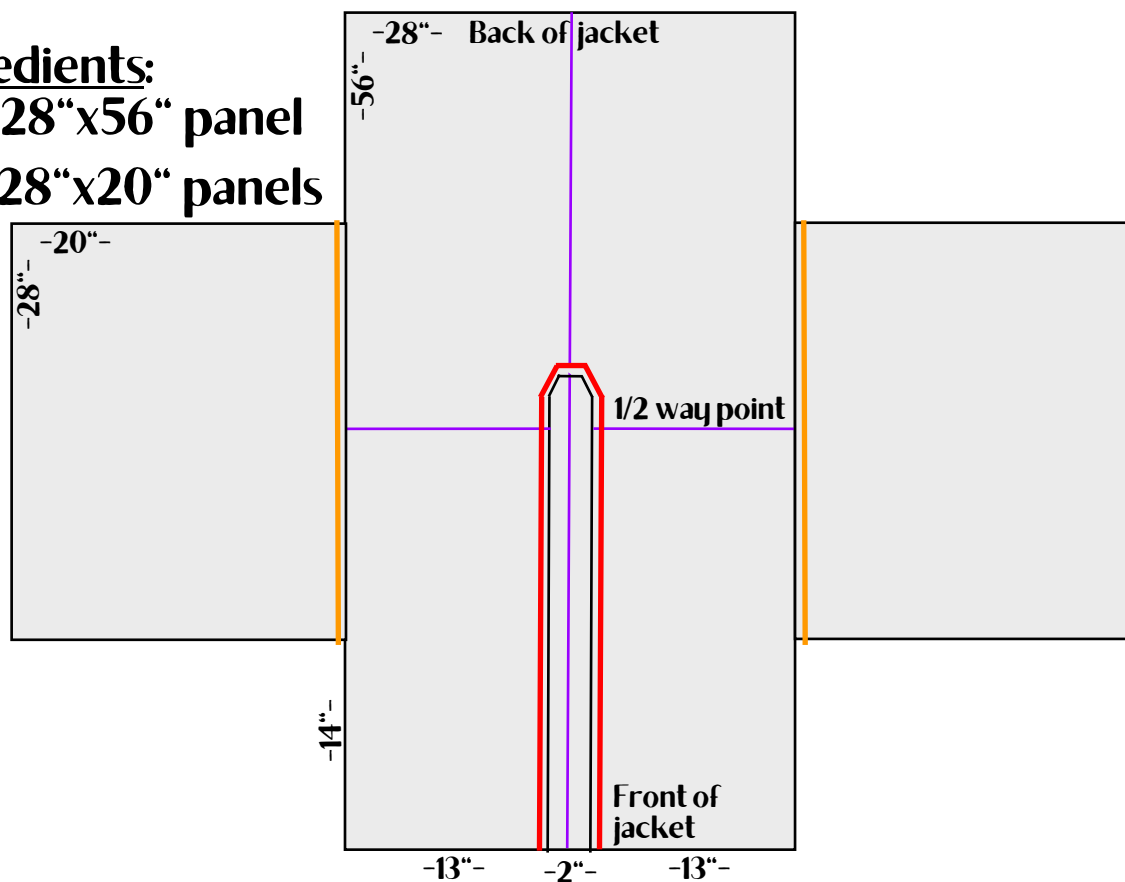
KIMONO JACKET

Kimono jackets are simple and fun to make. The recipe below can be made with a 28" x 96" piece of handwoven fabric, cut into three panels. Choose your softest handwovens for this project and feel free to adapt the pattern to suit your size and style. The best jackets allow the handwoven fabric to take the lead.

Ingredients:

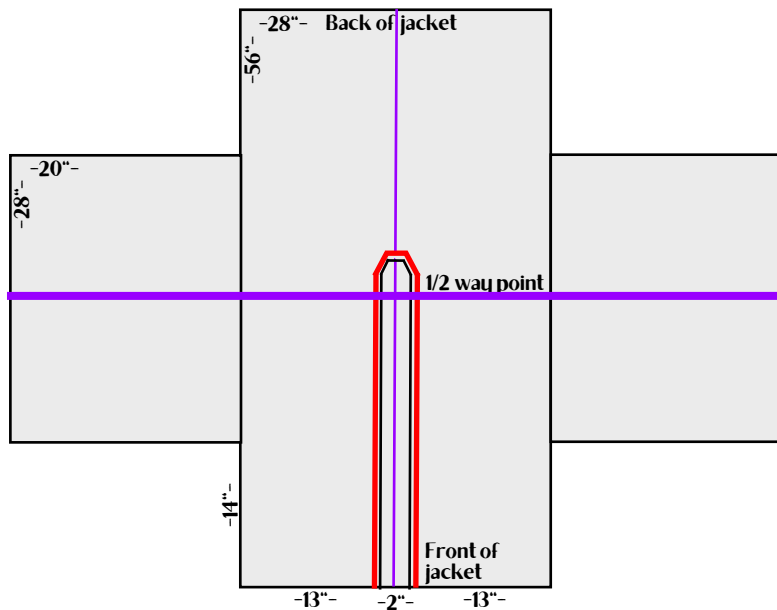
One 28" x 56" panel

Two 28" x 20" panels

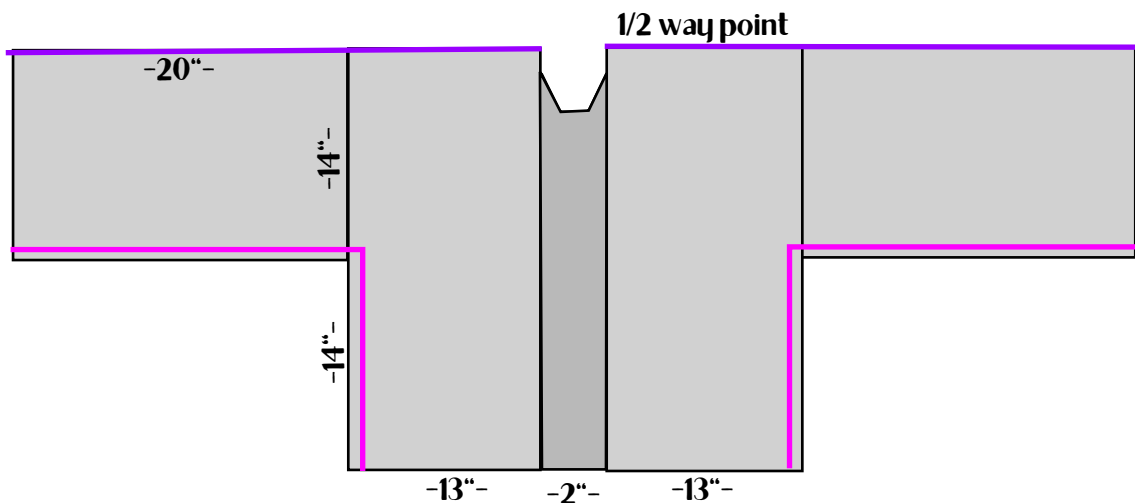


1. Lay your panels on a flat surface as pictured in the diagram above. Use a pin to mark your 1/2 way point along the horizontal and vertical planes.
2. Cut a straight line from the center of the front of the jacket. You will need to cut a few inches past the half way point on the vertical plane. Hem along the red lines.
3. Pin your sleeve panels at the 1/2 way point on the vertical plane. This is a good time to do some preliminary pinning of the jacket to make sure it drapes and rests on your shoulders comfortably. The sleeve placement in relation to the vertical 1/2 way point will effect the length of the front and back of the jacket. Once you're satisfied with the sleeve placement, lay your panels flat again and sew along the orange lines.

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4. Fold the jacket in half at the vertical 1/2 way point. It should start to look more like a jacket at this point. Pin together the bottom edge of the sleeves and pin together the outer edge of the body of the jacket. Make sure drapes the way you want it to.



5. Sew along the pink lines.

6. If the sleeve edges and bottom edges of the jacket aren't selvedged or hemmed, go ahead and hem them now. I like to save this for the end so everything lines up nicely!

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7. You just made a handwoven kimono jacket! Try it on. Do you like how the neckline feels? Is the angle of the armpit comfortable? Kimono jackets are great projects for beginners because they can easily be altered. They're made to be roomy so there's plenty of room for error. Enjoy your beautiful handwoven kimono jacket!

