

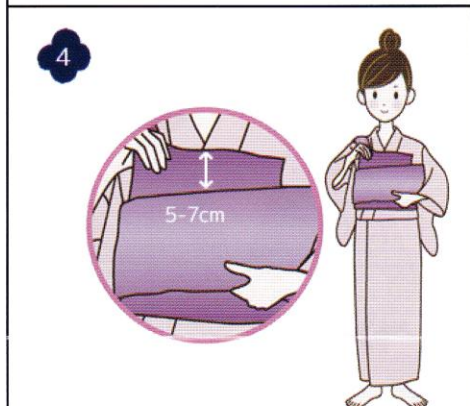
1. Fold about 30cm of 'Kobukuro-obi (a half-width obi)' in half from an end (this part is called 'Te') and put the part over your right shoulder with the fold line outwards. Put the obi open at your front.



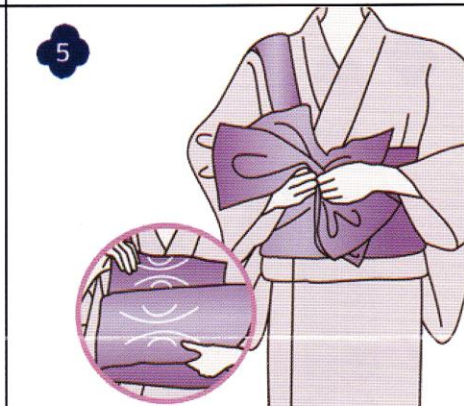
2. Put the obi around your waist twice, tightening each time. Position nicely by pulling from the under side. The rest of the obi fabric hanging down is called 'Tare'. Fold 'Tare' inward from the right side towards the up front. Tie the belt once with the right end ('Te') over the left ('Tare') at the front. Put the shorter end ('Te') over your left shoulder in order not to loosen the tie.



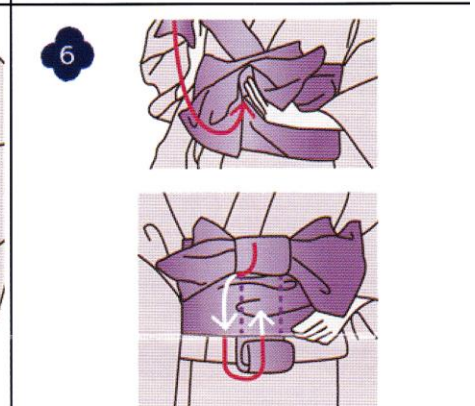
3. Measure the size of bow you want (normally about 35cm as the same as your shoulder width) at the long bottom ('Tare') end. This end will be the actual right and left side of the butterfly-like bow.



4. Fold the bottom ('Tare') two or three times along with the size you measured. Hold the center closed.



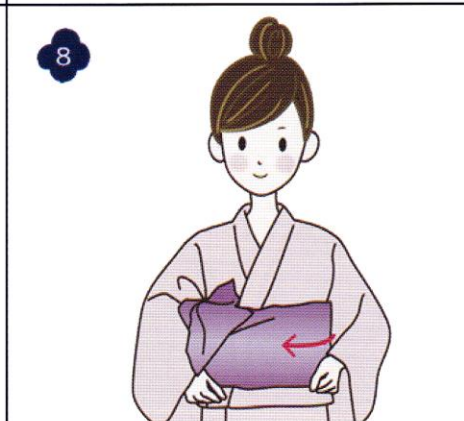
5. Hold any extra fabric above and beneath together and make a gather.



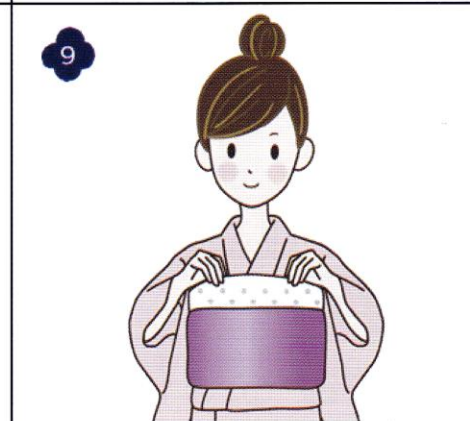
6. To make the center tie that holds the bow together, take the end that is over your shoulder ('Te') and wrap it around the center of your folded piece several times. Pull the end ('Te') upright to close the bow tight. The rest of 'Te' comes in front to wrap the knot.



7. Any excess portion of the end should be hidden underneath. Adjust the position of the bow. Open both ends and take a nice shape of a butterfly.



8. Hold the center of the bow with your right hand and the center of the back of obi with your left hand. Turn the whole belt 180 degrees clockwise and place the butterfly-like piece on the center of your back. Pull the bow a little upwards to look better.



9. Insert a 'maeita' between the obi.

FINISH !

