

# Hello Tokyo Obi Belt

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Finished belt size: 5 1/2" wide by waist size.

## Supplies needed:

- 3/8 yd of the main obi fabric, ALL-13999-287
- 1/8 yd of the obi tie fabric, ALL-14001-189
- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler
- Coordinating thread
- Iron

**Pattern Level: Enthusiastic Novice**

*"I am a total beginner and want to learn more!"*



## Instructions:

### Step 1 – Measurements and Cutting the Fabric

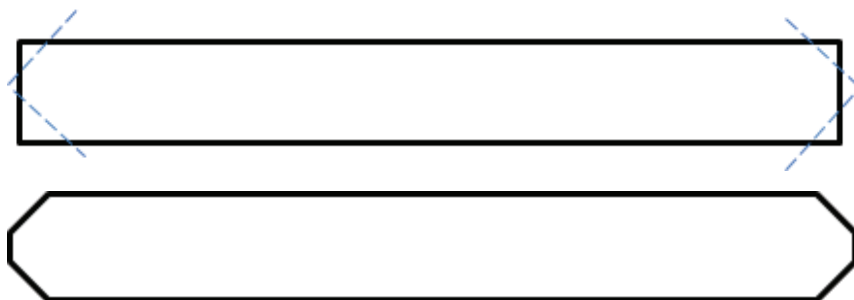
First determine the length of the obi belt by measuring your waist. Then add 1" to this number for seam allowance.

Length = waist size plus 1" \_\_\_\_\_

From the main fabric, cut two pieces: 6 1/2" x Adjusted Length  
From the obi tie fabric, cut two pieces: 2" x Adjusted Length

### Step 2 – Angle the Belt Ends

To allow flexibility with fit, the belt ends are tapered. On the main fabric pieces, measure 2 3/4" from the corners on each side. Draw a line connecting the marks at each corner, as shown. Trim along lines to create an elongated octagon.



### Step 4 – Make the Obi Ties

Fold one obi tie in half, RST along the length of fabric, creating a 1" wide strip.

Stitch along the long edge with a 1/4" seam allowance to create a tube. Use a safety pin or bodkin to turn the tube of fabric right side out. Carefully press the tube flat so the seam lies at the edge.

Turn the raw edges at one end of the tube towards the inside by approximately 1/2". This will be the exposed side of your fabric ties. Press or pin this in place.

Starting at the raw edge, carefully top stitch 1/8" in from the edge. This will keep your tie flat after washing.

Repeat for the second tie.

### **Step 5 – Secure the Obi Ties**

Lay one piece of the main fabric right side up. Pin ties, raw edges together, to main fabric, centering on short edges. Secure in place by stitching over it a few times approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the fabric.

Repeat on opposite end of belt.

Securing both ties, fold ends out of the way to prevent them from getting caught as you sew the belt pieces together.

### **Step 5 – Finish the Belt**

Lay the second piece of main belt fabric on top of the piece with ties, RST. The ties will be sandwiched between these belt pieces.

Stitch with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance leaving a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " gap along one edge. Trim corners.

Carefully turn the belt through the gap so that the fabrics are right side out.

Gently press the belt flat.

Top stitch around the belt at  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge.

Enjoy your new obi belt!