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National costumes of Japan

Kimono and Yukata

Kimono - traditional Japanese clothing, Japanese national costume.

Yukata is one of the varieties of kimono made of thin and light material.



Materials

Kimonos and obis are traditionally made of silk, but modern kimonos are made of cheaper and more practical material



What does it consist of

The kimono is made of cloth rolled into a scroll. Its width is usually from 36 to 72 cm, depending on the type of clothing, and its length is from 4 to 26 m. A 36 cm wide and 12 m long scroll is used for one female kimono. About 9-12 m of fabric is consumed per kimono.



Its origins

The Japanese scalped their kimono from the Chinese hanfu through cultural ties arising in the V century AD, and the kimono acquired its final appearance in the Heian era (794-1192) and since then its appearance has remained unchanged.



Where/when people wear it nowadays

Kimonos are worn at tea ceremonies, weddings, various sports competitions (kendo, etc.), New Year, seeing off the dead, national holidays, graduation from university or school, etc. By the way, for a foreign tourist with a camera, it is considered a great success to meet a Japanese woman in a kimono on the street.

