LAFTA Kimono Challenge

Thanks to former LAFTA member Kim Huber, who recently moved to Florida, we are the recipients of a large stash of vintage Japanese kimono. Kim imported them many years ago as a business venture, and has generously donated the unsold ones to us.

The LAFTA challenge: make something wonderful from the kimono (that word is both singular and plural: one kimono, two kimono, a whole lot of kimono).

1. In March, look through the stash and think of what you might do with some of this fabric. Take some home to experiment (the silk is much more difficult to sew on than you might think, and some is not in good condition).
2. Take some photos of your work in process. Failed experiments might be just as interesting as successful ones. We would like to document as much as possible of the challenge and how LAFTA members are responding to it.
3. If you need more silk, the stash will be coming to all the LAFTA meetings this spring and summer. Take more as you need it. If you need more and can’t wait till the next meeting, visit the stash at Wendy Dunleavy’s house.
4. If you have pieces of fabric that you have not used, PLEASE bring them back at any meeting and return to the stash so others can use them. Even the tiniest bits might be useful for somebody else’s project.
5. Bring the wonderful thing(s) you have made to the October meeting for the grand challenge show and tell.