Design with Japanese Obi. Read reviews from world’s largest community for readers. The obi is the traditional sash used to secure Japanese kimonos. ...Â See a Problem? We’d love your help. Let us know what’s wrong with this preview of Design with Japanese Obi by Diane Wiltshire. Problem: It’s the wrong book It’s the wrong edition Other. In Design with Japanese Obi, the authors present the obi as it is being used in interiors today, demonstrating simple yet striking techniques for making these exquisite kimono sashes the centerpiece of any room’s decor. The focus is on seven key uses for obi that are applicable to nearly any setting imaginable, such as: Artistic table arrangements. These and other dramatic and innovative uses of obi in interior design and decoration are presented along with such essentials as color coordination, fabric shaping, and accessories for hanging obi. The vivid photographs in this book present some of the most elegant interiors the authors have found, from Tokyo to Washington D.C., and show the obi being used in today’s homes to create a sumptuous, refined, and modern ambiance. A unique feature of Japanese LPs is a fragile strip of paper called an “obi” (pronounced oh’-bee; literally meaning “belt”) wrapped around the cover. The practice of wrapping an Obi around an LP started many years before the Beatles releases and continues up to the present day. The Obi is generally used as a marketing tool, and Obi designs are as varied as the LPs they decorate. Some Obis display attractive graphics and provide a list of the songs on the album or other information considered useful to the consumer. Other Obis simply display a marketing phrase meant to Book Overview. Japanese Obi or “sashes” are colorful pieces of fabric that can be used to great effect in interior decorating as well as traditional Japanese dress. In Design with Japanese Obi, the authors present the obi as it is being used in interiors today, demonstrating simple yet striking techniques for making these exquisite kimono sashes the centerpiece of any room’s decor. The focus is on seven key uses for obi that are applicable to nearly any setting Read Full Overview.