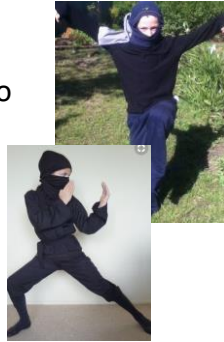


# Japanese Cultural Day Costume Ideas

## Ninja

On the internet:  
Instructables – Easy to make Ninja costume  
Wikihow – Make-a-Ninja-costume



## Kimono

Cut an oversized T-shirt down the middle of the front only, from neck to hem. Overlap at the front and tie a wide piece fabric around the waist for the belt (obi).  
Wear Mum's summer robe with an obi belt or find one at an op shop. Thongs on your feet. Put your hair up in a bun and add some floral decorations.



## Samurai

Go to [jellyfishjelly.com](http://jellyfishjelly.com) and follow instructions to make a paper plate samurai helmet.  
Use cardboard to make some armour and a sword.

## Pokemon/Yokai Watch –

### any anime/movie/book character

Wear the onesie you already have or Google ideas to make your own pokemon or other anime costume. Go old school and dress as Godzilla! Face paint makes a huge impact.



## Japanese landmark

Use cardboard from a large box and make a sandwich board type costume of Mt Fuji, Tokyo Tower, Kinkakuji (the Golden Temple) and so on. Cut the card to shape and paint the features on. Photo is for inspiration only!



## Japanese product

Think about all the things that are made in Japan – cars, motorbikes, game consoles, cameras, photocopiers, etc and come as one of those.  
Come as the Bullet Train!  
Come as a robot!  
A vending machine!

## Japanese Season

Dress in pink, cover yourself in cherry blossoms and come as Spring. Or the beautiful colours of autumn.



## Japanese Food/Drink

There are plenty of ideas on the net for dressing up as sushi, sashimi, soy sauce, noodles, rice, fish and so on. Paint a box white, makes some holes for your head, arms and legs and dress up as a cube of tofu. Come as seaweed!



## Japanese Mythical Creatures

Come as a Japanese oni, a Maneki Neko, a Daruma Doll, a Kappa etc. Use your imagination and some face paint or make a cardboard mask.



Come as this year's Chinese animal (dog) or any of the other Chinese animal signs. (Japanese people follow these too)

Or...

Come as one of the important Japanese animals such as a Koi, a crane, a tanuki, a deer, a snow monkey, a spider crab and so on.

Still need more ideas? Wear your coolest gear and come as a **J-Pop star**. Draw hiragana, kanji or katakana on a t-shirt and come as the alphabet. A sudoku grid. A chopstick (make a pair with a friend). The Japanese flag. The possibilities are endless...ganbatte kudasai!

