

Halter Dress of Shibori

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Kanoko Shibori is a fascinating tie-dyed silk cloth. This dress is made of the Shibori cloth of 48cm in width and 360cm in length, which is a precious belt (Obi) cloth for men's kimono, about 80 years old. Its unique and beautiful texture inspired me to challenge the design of a dress utilizing non-cutting dressmaking for the full beauty of the cloth. The design image came from its graceful elasticity and gentle texture, which are good for showing the elegance of a lady.

The distinguishing feature of the Shibori cloth is its elasticity and texture to fit the body like knitwear, which was resulted by the tie-dyeing process of about 30% shrinkage. Taking advantage of this excellent feature, the garment was



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constructed by the direct draping.

Since the cloth was tie-dyed in the bias direction, forming smooth drapes equally was most troublesome in the dressmaking. Moreover, the cloth was handmade and had some unlevel wrinkles. Because an iron or steam were unable to use at all for the Shibori, it was hard to eliminate the wrinkles. Therefore the spraying water and the self-drying had to be repeated several times.

At first, the Shibori cloth cleared wrinkles was folded to half and put on the shoulder. It was draped around the neck and both sides of the cloth were hung down along the halter neckline. Next, the both sides of the upper portion of the front cloth were connected in the center of the front bust, and the lower portions of the cloth were draped around the waist, and fastened in the back. Center cloths of the front and the back were made to spread naturally to the hem. Wearing an underskirt made with the same color velour, gave the graceful silhouette to the garment. Finally, by attaching the train cloth to the center of the back, its silhouette became more elegant. Additionally, an ornament such as a necklace was decorated at the breast.



Thus, "Halter dress of Shibori" has been completed utilizing its fascinating texture and non-cutting dressmaking.

Materials: Tie-dyed Silk and Rayon

Date Completed: 2013/5/25

Measurements: Bust – 34” Waist – 26” Hip – 36.5”