

## Eco Blossom

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Purpose: To follow Akihiko Izukura's zero waste philosophy and all natural dyeing process.

Process: The garment was made from 100% raw silk made by Akihiko Izukura. I started with a silk tube 109 inches by 51 inches in dimension. I sun-dyed the fabric in sections using blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries to create different shades of purple. Once I achieved the color I wanted, I started the smocking process. I Canadian smocked using a large rectangular piece for the skirt. Once the smocking was complete, I used elastic for the waistband. I patterned the top bodice and incorporated more hand sewed embellishments. To follow Akihiko Izukura's zero waste philosophy, I used all my scrap fabric to make ruched flower embellishments for the neckline of my bodice. I also create covered buttons for the back of my bodice.

Techniques: Canadian smocking, ruched flower embellishments

Materials: 100% raw silk, white shantung lining, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries

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Measurements: Size 4 mannequin. Bust: 31". Waist: 25". Hips: 35"