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A Guide to
Picking the
Right
Dakimakura



Useful Guide Anime Dakimakura Pillow

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We are Anime and Dakimakura Lovers! Our Dakimakura (抱き枕) Shop has one of the Largest Anime Collection and we simply strive to make it Easy for everyone to picking their right dakimakura:

- Best Customer Value at Affordable Price
- Quick Response
- Premium Quality Customised & DIY Pillow Cover

Picking the right design and fabric is usually the biggest hurdle most people face when buying their first dakimakura. It's possible to spend days — even weeks — on the issue without coming to a decision, which can be an incredibly frustrating and de-motivating experience. I know, because I've struggled with the process myself. I wrote this eBook to help take the confusion and stress out of the selection and research process, and to help increase the chances of picking a comfortable, and reliable pillow cover.



“Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough”

Miyuki Hashimoto 橋本 みゆき

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General Dakimakura Care Guide

Take good care!

Dakimakura is a great companion to most people, as such we want them to maintain and keep them in good condition. Here are a few simple things you can do to keep them in great condition.

“Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it.”

宮崎 駿 Miyazaki Hayao

1. Wash them as necessary.
Don't wash them **TOO** often, or they'll begin to fade. A good rule may be every 4-6 months, unless they become very dirty. Are they a bit smelly? Air it out or use fabric freshener (i.e. febreze) on it first!

2. Shower before bed.
Some people shower once a day in the morning, some in the evening, some twice a day. For personal hygiene, it is recommended to take showering once a day in the evening. It keeps the pillow from getting sweaty or smelly, and also reduces the dirt it gets on it.

3. Keep animals away from it.
We all love pets but they can also do harm to your beloved dakimakura. If you do have a pet, do keep them away from it as

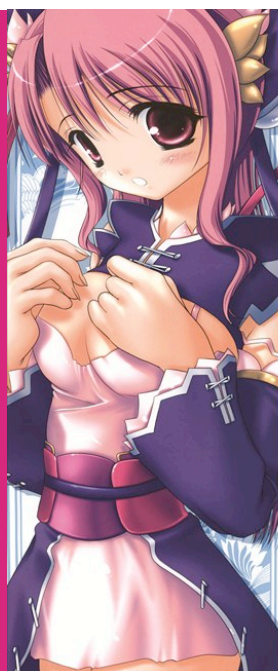
for example cats may want to scratch and damage the covers.

4. Trim (and file) your nails!
This is common sense and everyone should do it anyway. Some people don't, or they forget. Well-kept nails prevent scratching and tearing of fabric (and self) in sleep.

5. Keep it off the floor.
Your floor may appear to be clean, but it is still a factor in adding dirt to the pillow. Avoid if possible.

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Best Practices
See below for more details





“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.”

Shinichi Suzuki



Different Material Types

Pick the one that best match your skin

You will notice peach skin is a bit more rough due to the heavy fabric and woven polyester in its base fabric, hence it is quite durable. Also it is light to medium in weight so we recommend this is good for first time buyers. But we have heard clients that like to buy dakimakuras for a good hugging companion when they sleep, as such they demand a more soft fabric.

The Japanese textile is more of a plush fabric so it is less durable. Better to wash by hand, but feels soft and warm. Natural Velvet (Polyester) is derived from polyester so it is also quite smooth on the surface and more durable than Japanese textile.

2Way as you might have heard is the smoothest fabric and has a high elasticity, basically it is wrinkle free and this is ideal for sleeping with because it feels very very soft.

It depends how long you plan to have your pillow cover as they are interchangeable or whether you are buying

dakimakura as a collection art rather than use. You can try out different fabrics, if you want to buy a two or more dakimakuras.

2WT is considered by many to be the best material currently available. That can be a bit confusing, as they're probably about 5-10 different manufacturers that all make a 2WT material, and they're all a bit different from each other. As asrttyoxo said, it usually feels like a smooth spandex. The actual composition of material is usually somewhere in the 85/15%% Polyester/Polyurethane range. The material is very smooth, very stretchy, and depending on the manufacturer, can be quite thin. In the past, I've seen it be compared to the Japanese style one piece swimsuits that you always see in anime.

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Official Fabric Dictionary

Fabric Stock Exchange

By Trenz Pruca

Peachskin - Peachskin is a smooth finish applied to finely woven Micro Fiber fabric. The soft, sueded finish results from sanding or chemical treatment of the fabric. This finish allows suits and dresses to flow with movement and drape beautifully. The feel of peachskin is soft, smooth and moderately wrinkle-resistant. It is a medium weight fabric that has a fuzzy, suede like feel.

Japanese Texile – A finishing process that produces a high gloss on the surface on the fabric by passing it through heavy rollers (calendering). Fabrics made of thermoplastic fibers like nylon or polyester are cired by calendering with heat and pressure alone. Other fabrics like rayons or silks are calendered with wax or other compounds. Cire fabrics have a much higher shine than glazed fabrics and are usually somewhat slippery.

Natural Velvet - A brocade-like pattern effect created on the fabric through the application of a chemical, instead of color, during the burn-out printing process. (Sulfuric acid, mixed into a colorless print paste, is the most common chemical used.) Many simulated eyelet effects can be created using this method. In these instances, the chemical

destroys the fiber and creates a hole in the fabric in a specific design, where the chemical comes in contact with the fabric. The fabric is then over-printed with a simulated embroidery stitch to create the eyelet effect. However, burn-out effects can also be created on velvets made of blended fibers, in which the ground fabric is of one fiber like a polyester, and the pile may be of a cellulosic fiber like rayon or acetate. In this case, when the chemical is printed in a certain pattern, it destroys the pile in those areas where the chemical comes in contact with the fabric, but leave the ground fabric unharmed.

Tricot - A warp knit fabric in which the fabric is formed by interlooping adjacent parallel yarns. The warp beam holds thousands of yards of yarns in a parallel arrangement, and these yarns are fed into the knitting area simultaneously. Sufficient yarns to produce the final fabric width and length are on the beam. Tricot knits are frequently used in women's lingerie items such as slips, bras, panties, and nightgowns.

Fabric Material

It is important you choose the right material which will match your skin type





“After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.”

天野 こずえ Amano Kozue



Washing

A Basic Guide to Washing Dakimakura

1. Strip the inner pillow and gather your supplies

Be gentle when you remove the dakimakura from the inner pillow, they're sturdy but it will still stress the fabric. If you're washing the dakimakura, you probably want to air the pillow out too. You must also decide if you want to wash the dakimakura inside out.

As for supplies:

- a. Your personal detergent. Just one load's worth, or the 'I' line on a marked cap. Make sure you don't use anything with bleach in it.
- b. A small wash basin. You can use the tub, or the sink, or whatever you like, but I keep a plastic tub nearby for cleaning purposes.
- c. Toothbrush. For small, troublesome spots. General soaking and such will remove most of the stuff, but for dried/caked on substances.

2. Fill the wash basin/sink/whatever with **COLD** water, dump in the detergent and get it mixed up.

Cold water is important. It will prevent the colors from running.

3. Immerse the dakimakura in the cold water, get it nice and soapy!

At this point, if you have any spots, go over them **GENTLY** with the toothbrush. A little toothbrush action with the detergent will get out

almost anything. The most trouble I've had was blood from scratching myself in my sleep, and even that came out fairly easily.

4. Let it soak for about 20 minutes.

Make sure the water is still cold. Walk off, let it sit for 20 minutes.

5. Remove the water, rinse the dakimakura well and dry as best you can.

These things absorb water like nothing else does! If you don't wring it out, you'll soak the ground beneath where you hang it to dry.

6. Hang it up to dry for 8-12 hours.

You can place them in a hanger or your back porch out on the line. Another alternative is to leave it outdoor for it to dry. It'll still be drippy even if you did wring it out well, so put towels beneath it if drying indoors.

7. It should be clean now!

CONCLUSION

Believe in yourself!
Have faith in your
abilities! Without a
humble but reasonable
confidence in your
own powers you
cannot be successful
or happy.



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