

BOW DOWN

The *obi* (kimono belt) can be tied in the shape of a bow, and is called *washikusa musubi*. This makes the perfect hair style for a shopping afternoon. Throw on a flirty sun dress and a pair of ballet flats, and you're all set for a fun day out with the girls!

LOOK EAST

*Put a modern twist
on traditional
Japanese hair styles.*

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**HIGH AND
MIGHTY**

Japanese samurai warriors wore their hair tied back into ponytails or a top knot. Wear your hair pulled back into a sleek high ponytail and rock a bold lip colour for a chic look.





GO, GO, GEISHA

Thin sticks or rods called *kanzashi* were considered to have mystical powers. They were placed in a geisha's hair to inform the audience of her status. Wear two hair sticks in your bun to add a little Oriental flavour to your get-up.

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TIME FOR THE 'DO

Follow this step-by-step guide to get these fab looks at home.



HIGH AND MIGHTY

First, straighten curls and frizz to nail this look. Gather your hair into a high ponytail and knot it securely with an elastic band. Wrap black cloth steadily around the ponytail starting from the base outward, until it stands away from your head securely on its own. Pin in place with bobby pins.



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Using the Panasonic Hair Styler with the roller brush attachment, smooth out your hair. Then, tie your hair in a ponytail but don't pull the hair all the way through. Instead, leave it looped. Split the loop into two and wrap the ends back to the middle. Use bobby pins to secure the middle to give it a more defined bow shape.



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GO, GO, GEISHA

Blow dry your hair for a sleek effect. Sweep your hair up into a secure bun, tying it firmly in place with an elastic band. Use hair sticks of your choice and carefully insert them into the bun at an angle.