

# NOOSA life

## Turning Japanese

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Those who know Donna Webster will know her passion for all things Japanese.

Donna ran Japanese boutique tours from Noosa some 15 years ago and since then has travelled and worked overseas. But her love for Japan has never died.

Now, Donna has brought a tiny slice of Japan to Australia in the form of beautiful handbags made from magnificent Japanese wedding kimonos (*material pictured right*).

"I created Kimono Collections Classic handbag with the intention of respecting the fact that it takes artisans a lifetime to perfect the art of making a one-of-a-kind wedding kimono," she said.

"My intention was to create a new life for the fabric to last my lifetime and beyond as a precious wearable piece of art."

Each bag is a unique piece made with love from exquisite kimonos Donna has sought and chosen herself.

"I know it sounds sacrilegious to cut up these precious kimonos but I do it with love," she said.

"The wedding kimonos are rare and will become more so now that young Japanese women prefer western style wedding dresses. I have kept the life of the wedding kimono going in these handbags."

Every bag unravels a story and has its own signature scent, created in Noosa by Clive Newland. The bag handles are made by local wood craftsman Jamie Bell.

These bags are precious, lifetime objects of beauty to be treasured by a fortunate few. Once a bag is sold, it will never be repeated ... no two bags are the same.

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