Wrap It Up!
Tabula Rasa Jacket

Follow these directions to define the waist of your Tabula Rasa Jacket with either an obi style belt or an attached sash that crosses around the back and ties in front to cinch the jacket.

Begin by putting on your mock-up and measuring around your body at your favorite location for the belt. You will use this measurement, which we will refer to as the waist measurement, to calculate the length of the pieces to cut for your belt. If you are making the attached sash, place a pin or mark at each side seam on the back of your mock-up where the tape measure sits on the jacket. You will use this mark to place the sash in the back side seams of your Tabula Rasa Jacket. All seam allowances are 5/8” unless otherwise directed.

ATTACHED SASH

Prepare sash pieces: Cut two sash pieces, on the straight of grain, using the following length and width calculations.

Length: The attached sash can either knot neatly or tie into a dramatic bow. For a knotted sash, use the waist measurement as the length for each sash. If you want to tie the sash into a bow, add 8” to the waist measurement for the length of each sash. This will give you a generously long sash with squared off ends.

Width: The sash can be as wide or narrow as you prefer. As a general rule, the softer the fabric, the wider the sash can comfortably be. Cut the fabric 1¼” plus twice the width of the finished sash. So, for example:

• For a 2” wide sash, cut the fabric 5¼” wide.
• For a 3” wide sash, cut the fabric 7¼” wide.
• For a 4” wide sash, cut the fabric 9¼” wide.

ASSEMBLE OBI BELT:

Pin one end of each tie to each narrow end of one belt piece, right sides together. Try on the belt to assess the size and the length of the belt and ties. Adjust if desired. When you are satisfied, stitch the ties securely in place.

Fold up the tie ends and safety pin them onto the belt, out of the way so you can easily complete the belt.

Place the second belt piece on top of the belt piece with the ties, right sides together. Pin and then stitch all around the belt, leaving a 2 to 3” opening along one side of the belt for easy turning.

Grade the seam allowances and turn the belt right side out. Press flat and close the opening with hand stitches.

Unpin the tie ends. Finish the raw end of each tie with a knot, some beaded accents, or by hand stitching them neatly closed.
Obi Belt Template

Use this template to create your own Obi Belt pattern for the Tabula Rasa jacket.

Cut two of fabric.

Cut two of interfacing.