

Obi

Obi can be whatever color you like. Buy either a kaku obi or the more elastic style.

[Amazon](#) (colors and selection: just don't buy easy-tie!)

[E-bogu](#) (kaku)

[Budo-Aoi](#) (some more colors)

Plastic saya

[Budo-Aoi](#) has the better model

[E-Bogu](#) has an okay model.

Bokuto

Budo-aoi has a [white oak bokuto](#). The [set which includes a kodachi](#) is attractively priced.

Seido offers a [deluxe white oak bokuto](#).

Kingfisher offers two models of laminated hickory. The “Shinto bokken” comes in either [L5](#) or [L7](#), referring to two different grades of hickory and finer finishing details.

There may be legacy white oak bokuto in Shibu stock. Check with your study group leader.

Keikogi and hakama

These combination sets are listed in order of approximate value to quality ratio. You may choose blue or black, but keikogi and hakama should match (i.e. blue on blue or black on black):

- [Black Budo-Aoi Keikogi/Hakama Set](#)
- [Black E-Bogu Iaidogi/Hakama Set](#)
- [Blue E-Bogu Keikogi/Hakama Set](#)

Iaito

[Nosyudo](#) provides the best quality and long-term value. Their [full catalog is in Japanese](#).

Nosyu swords are available via [Nine Circles in the UK](#) for a significant markup; their site would be suitable for browsing in English.

Jo

Look for a white oak jo, such as [this one from Nine Circles. See here for XL](#)

Alternatively, you can purchase a [laminated hickory jo](#) from Purpleheart. Kingfisher also sells [laminated hickory jo](#).

Red oak is *not* recommended.