

“POTATOE SACK ROBE” – PART 2

Costume Instructions

I have one of the easiest costumes on the planet to make—3 seams only. The best part about this costume is - it’s basically two rectangles!

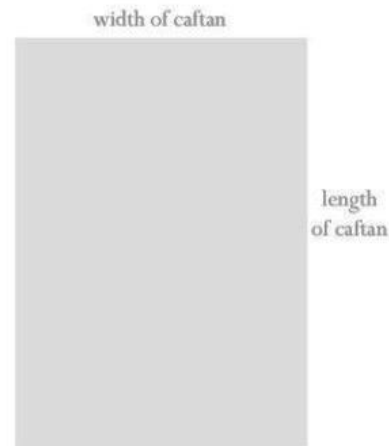
SUPPLIES NEEDED: Fabric (provided in sack), Tape Measure, Sewing machine, thread

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. With your arms straight out, measure from just above your elbow to just above your elbow on the other side. Record this measurement. This measurement will be your **width**.
2. You will also need your **length** of where you want the potato sack robe to end. Take your sack length all the way down from your **shoulder to your ankle**. Record this measurement.
3. Write your measurements below and cut the fabric provided in your bag to create two rectangles in these measurements.



Width: _____ Length: _____



4. Use another shirt to measure the neckline so it will be big enough to pull over your head. Record this measurement below: *(average size is 8-10 inches)*

Neckline: _____

5. With the right sides (front of each fabric piece) together, sew the top pieces of your fabric together.
6. Fold your sewn fabric pieces in half width-wise. Take half your neck measurement and mark. Cut out a neck opening similar to this one show in the pictures below.



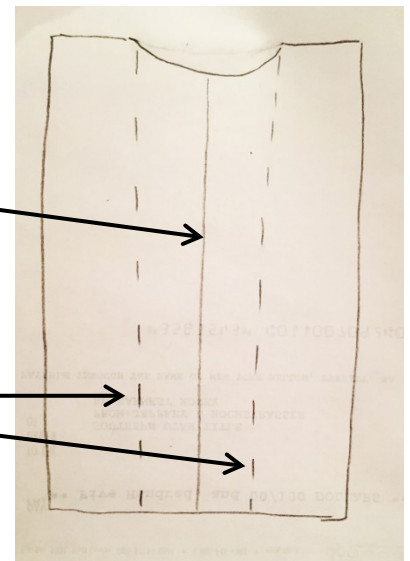
7. Using another shirt as a guide, measure down how far you want an armhole. I used 7 inches.
8. Sew the sides under the armholes marked.



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9. Now that the long potato sack has been made, we need to cut it open to become a robe. Lay the robe down on the ground and cut from the center of the neckline down to the bottom of the potato sack (*follow the solid line cutting example included in the picture to the right*).

10. Now that the long potato sack has been cut open to “become a robe” we need to cut off 6-8 inches of fabric from the front so that it doesn’t hide the actor’s clothing that he/she will be wearing underneath the potato sack robe. Using the potato sack neckline as your guide (*and referring to the picture below to help you*), cut from the edge of the neck straight down (*follow the dotted lines in picture*) to remove the excess fabric from the robe.



11. **Roll hem** or surge all edges: neck, armholes, bottom of potato sack robe
This type of hem finish is usually used on lightweight and delicate fabrics, and produces a very, very small turned hem so the fabric won’t fray. See tutorial below if you don’t know how to do it:

<http://blog.megannielsen.com/2013/05/3-ways-to-sew-a-rolled-hem/>

12. Using the excess fabric cut off from the potato sack robe, **roll hem** or surge all edges to create a sash that can be used elsewhere in the production.
13. Wash and iron your fabric to remove the “puffiness” of the fabric.
12. Using a small extra piece of fabric and a safety pin, write your name on the fabric in a black marker and pin it to the back of the neck where your “size tag” normally goes. This will help us know whose costume this is.

You are done!