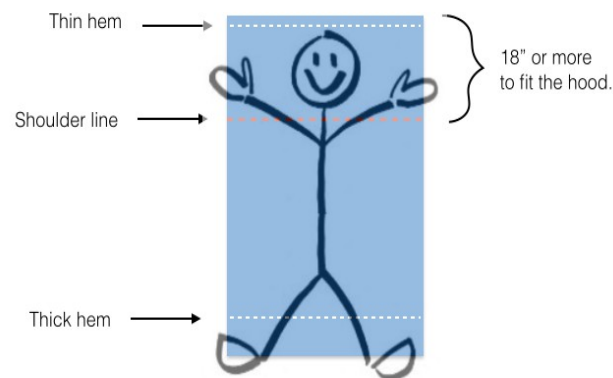


Beginner 3 Seam Cloak

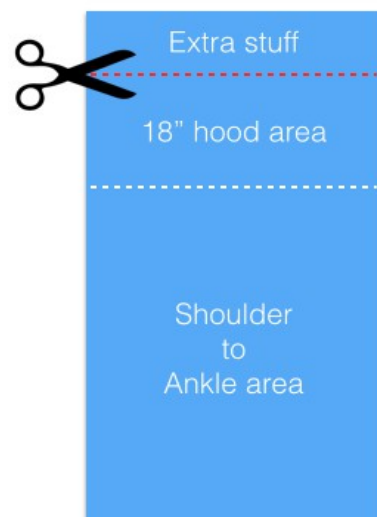
1) Find Shoulders



Most solid flat bedsheets have a thin hem and a thick hem. Place the thicker hem at the bottom near your ankles. Hold the sheet against you and figure out where your **shoulder line** will be. Mark this spot. (It is ok to make a shorter cloak.)

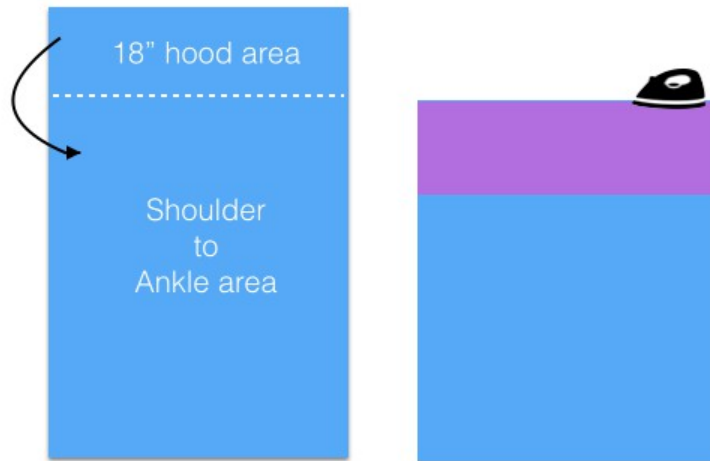
Measure what is left above that spot. You should have at least 18" left on the sheet. More is ok.

2) Cut extra stuff off.



If you have extra fabric above your 18" hood area, cut it off now.

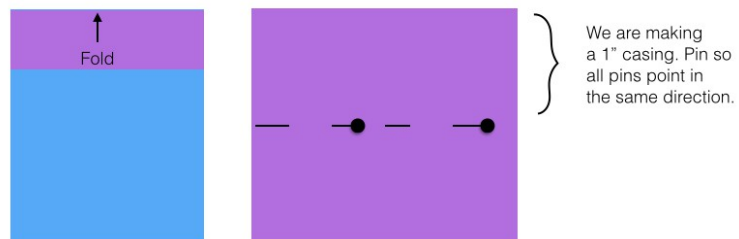
3) Making the Casing: Iron



Fold down 18" at the top and iron it flat.

Use an 18" tall poster guide to help iron if needed.

4) Making the Casing: Pin



After ironing you end up with something like this.

Pin the fabric near the fold. Make sure pins point in same direction.

5) Making the Casing: Sew

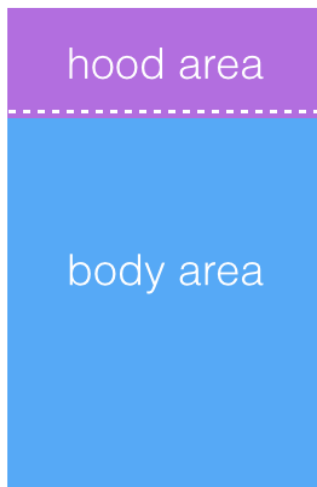


Using straight stitch, sew a line 1" out from the fold. Remember to backstitch at the start and end of every seam.

Use a magnetic seam guide to help you sew straight if needed. Take out pins as you go.

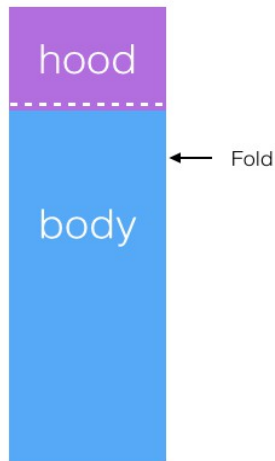
The casing for your ribbon is done.

6) The Hood: Open and Fold Vertically



Open your sheet flat.

You now have a narrow hood area and a bigger body area separated by the casing seam you just made.

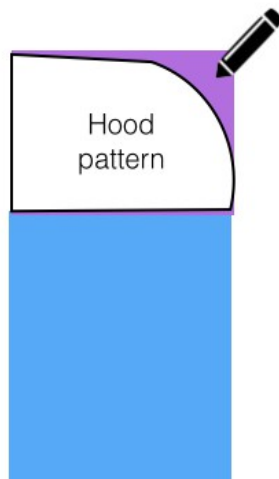


Then fold your sheet in half vertically.

Make sure the right (smooth) sides are together on the inside and the seam casing loop part shows on the outside.

Place the fold on the right side.

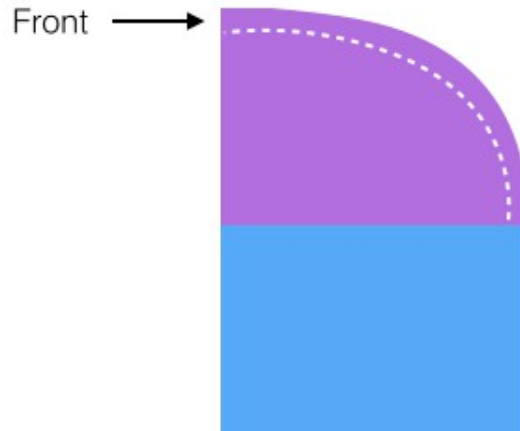
7) The Hood: Trace, Cut and Pin



Use the poster pattern to trace your hood. Make you you lay the curved part of the hood pattern on the folded side.

Cut away the excess hood fabric and pin the fabric together.

8) The Hood: Sew Seam Twice



You will sew this seam twice.

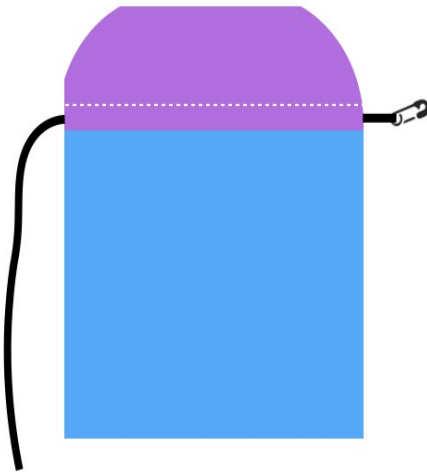
Start at the front of the hood. With straight stitch, sew using a 1/4" seam. Take pins out as you go. Use the magnetic seam guide to help you.

Stop before you hit the casing seam for the ribbon. It's ok to use the handwheel near the end to get close but not run over. Remember to backstitch at the start and stop of every seam.

Line up your presser foot just to the side of the straight stitches. Change to zig-zag. Sew the seam again with zig-zag to prevent fraying. Remember to backstitch at the start and stop of every seam.

Use scissors to trim close to the zig-zag if needed.

9) Put in the Ribbon

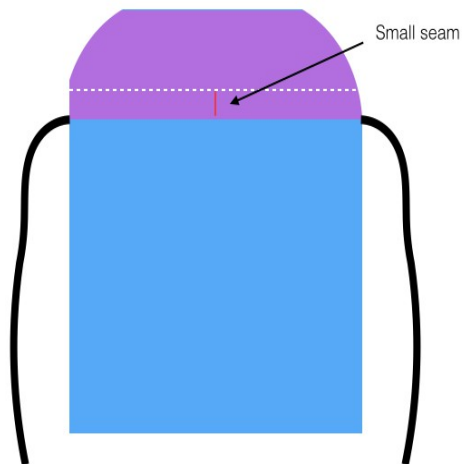


Open your cloak.

Take one end of your ribbon and safety pin it. Then scoot the safety pin through the casing seam. It's best to go with a long ribbon (3-4 yards) or just leave it on the spool. You can always cut it shorter later.

Try the hood on and center the ribbon.

10) Secure Ribbon



Sew a small straight stitch seam at the center back of the casing through the ribbon.

This prevents the ribbon from falling out in the wash but still lets you "scrootch" the hood up.

Celebrate! Your cloak is done!