Unsewn-bag type shroud package style

Use a queen-sized sheet for those under 6 feet tall, and a king-sized one for those over 6 feet tall — or equivalent-sized pieces of material sewn into the same shape/size: sheet/material must be biodegradable — cotton, silk, hemp, bamboo, etc. — and be a dense thread-count. This type can’t use handles, but can have a backboard for stability in moving the body.

Pattern Instructions

Unsewn-bag type package step I alternate (without backboard pocket)

- a) place body on sheet (positioned diagonally)
Package type package step la
(with backboard pocket, which can be placed on the outside or inside of the sheet — backboard should be length of body and at least 8 inches wide)

a) cut a piece of sturdy material the same length as the body and at least 10-12 inches wide
b) turn top edge (1 inch) and sew
c) turn about 1 inch in both lengthwise sides and bottom and press
d) place strip in exact middle of sheet (in diagonal position) and sew both lengthwise sides and bottom to the sheet (leaving top end open), with two sets of stitching (for strength)

If backboard pocket is placed on the inside, you need to put the board in before the body

Package type package step lb

a) insert a board into the backboard pocket which is the length of the body and at least 8 inches wide
b) place body on backboard pocket (whether inside or outside)
Package type package step II

a) fold top point over head, and bottom point over feet/legs [Note: if there is a backboard pocket, it would be beneath the body on the inner or outer side.]

Package type package step III

a) wrap left side of sheet over body and tuck the corner underneath the body
a) wrap right side of sheet over body and tuck underneath it.

Package type package step VI

a) Tie ribbons (can be sewn or unsewn strips of material) around neck, over hands, and around ankles — three ribbons is the minimum, but extras can also be tied around the arms and perhaps the knees as well.
b) Make sure the edges of the shroud around the head are well tucked in.