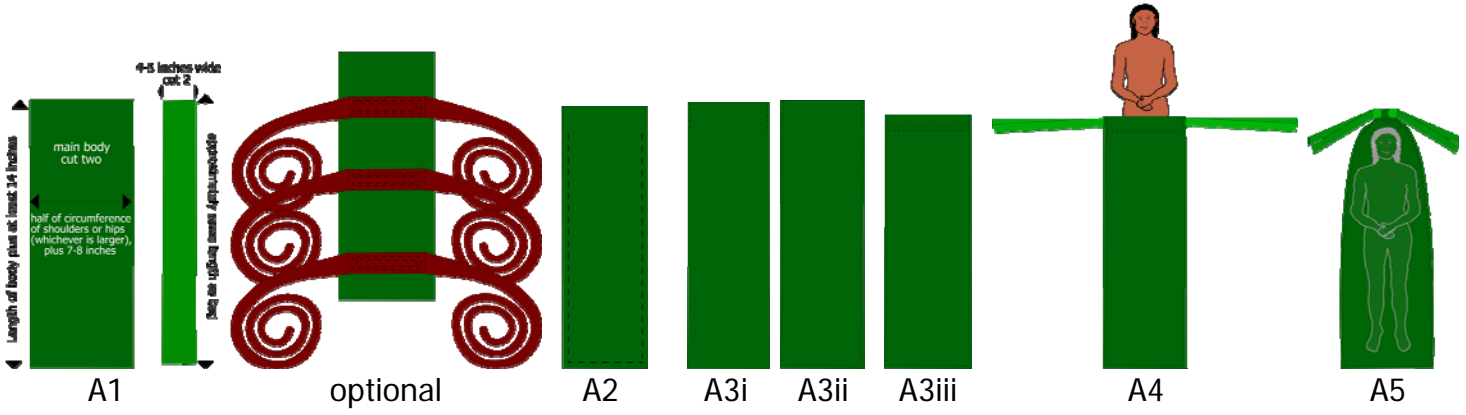


Sewn-bag type shroud A simple

(simplest to sew — but also the hardest to use: material must be biodegradable — cotton, silk, hemp, bamboo, etc. — and have a dense thread-count)

Note: backboards (as in package and Muslim-type shrouds) and/or handles (as in type B wrapped and D ribbons shrouds) can be added to this type with, or instead of, straps to facilitate lowering the body into the grave



Pattern

Instructions

Sewn-bag type A simple, step 1

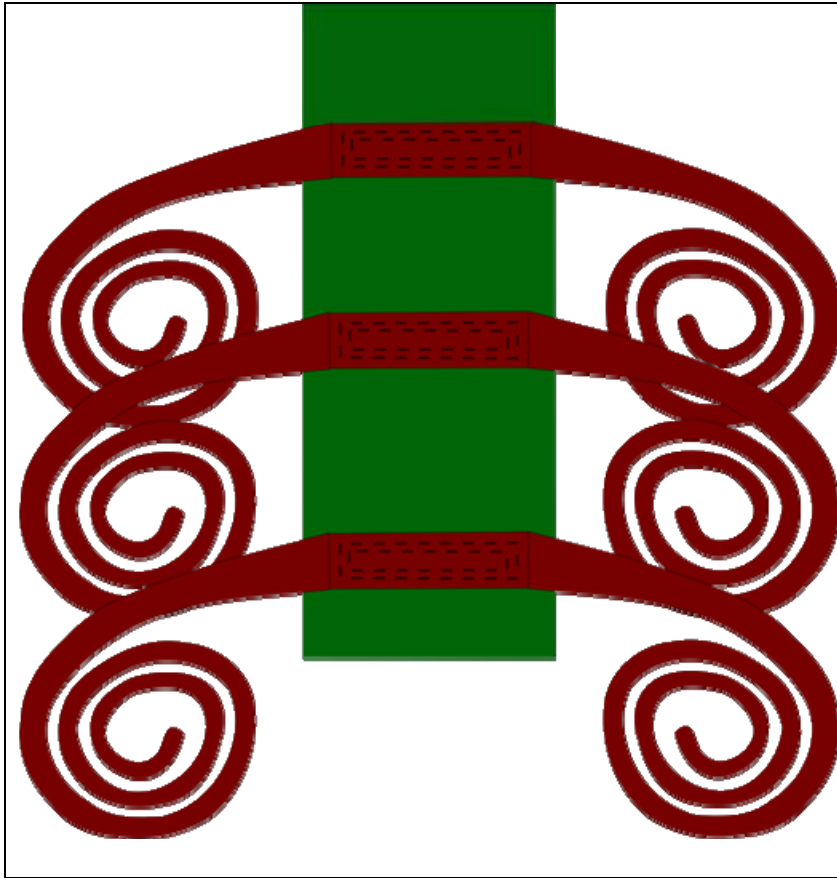
(material must be biodegradable — cotton, silk, hemp, bamboo, etc. — and be a dense thread-count)

A) cut out material for body of bag (two pieces the same size)

B) cut out 2 of the smaller strips as ties — fold lengthwise (right sides in) and sew along length and one end

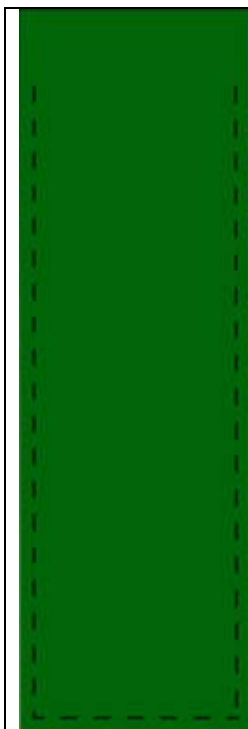
C) Turn ties right side out and sew up open end by hand or machine — these are your 2 ribbons

Sewn-bag type A simple, **optional** step — to replace handles for lowering the body into the grave.
Note: handles can be used, instead, as in shrouds B and D — use at least 4 handles on each side.



- a) Cut 3 pieces of 15 feet long strips of canvas (or other heavy material, like denim) — hem if you choose to; these become the straps
- b) Fold the straps in half (to find the centre)
- c) Make sure to match the centre of each strap with the centre-line of the back pieces of the shroud
- d) Sew double lines of stitching, being careful to only stitch to 3 inches from the outside edge
- e) Fold or pin the loose ends of the straps over the stitching to avoid them getting caught in further stitching

Sewn-bag type A simple, step 2 (right/good sides in)

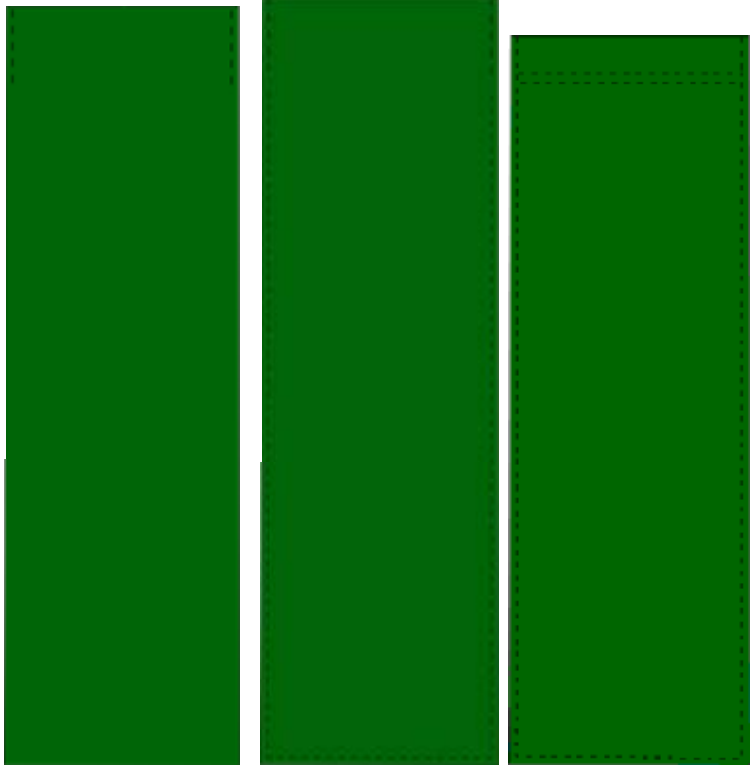


- a) Place both pieces of material together (right/good sides in)
- b) sew along bottom and lengthwise sides — leaving the top 4-5 inches unsewn

Note:

- handles can be added the same way as in sewn shrouds B and D — use at least 4 handles on each side
- if you are using canvas straps, make sure that they are tucked entirely between the front and back pieces of the main body, and will not get caught in any further stitching

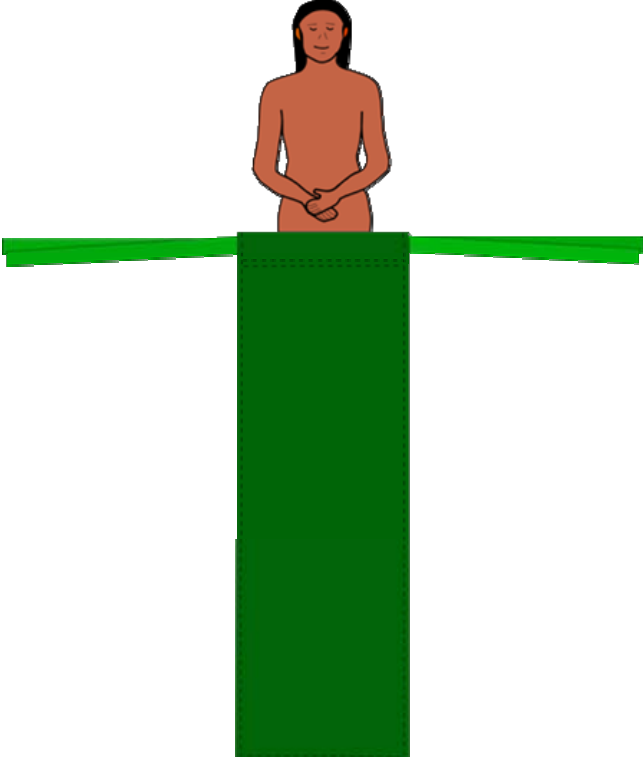
Sewn-bag type A simple step 3i, 3ii, and 3iii (right sides out)



- a) turn bag right-side out
- b) turn over and hem the four loose edges at the top of the bag (the remaining 4-5 inches at the top) separately
- c) top-stitch bottom and sides of bag for reinforcement (excluding the top edges)
- d) turn loose top edges under (so that the raw edges are inside)
- e) stitch twice across the top about 2 to 2½ inches from the top — being careful to catch the raw edges at the top, which have been folded inside — this makes a tunnel for the tie-strips

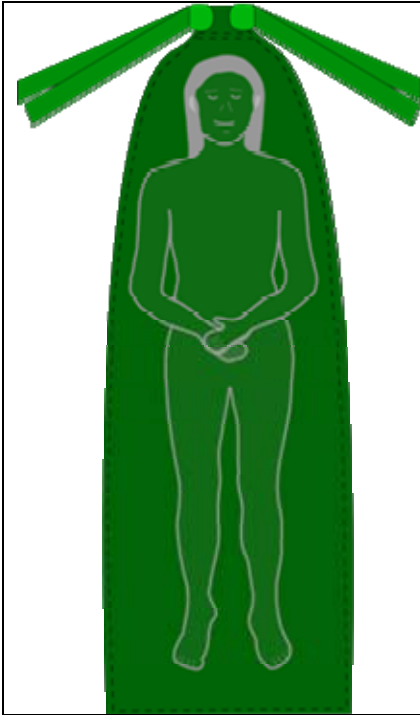
a) & b) c) d) & e)

Sewn-bag type A simple step 4



- a) thread tie-strips through each side of the folded material at the top
- b) lift body and slip into bag feet first (this is the difficult part; and will probably take at least 4 people, holding the body and the shroud, to do)

Sewn-bag type A simple step 5



- a) pull ties tight, and knot at each side of the top part of the bag
- b) alternatively, tie one pair of left-right ribbons in front of the shroud, and tie the other pair at the back