Sewn-bag type C button shroud

Material must be biodegradable — cotton, silk, hemp, bamboo, etc. — and have a dense thread-count. **Note:** backboards (as in package and Muslim-types 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.

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**Pattern**

**Instructions**

Sewn-bag type C button, step 1

a) Cut out material as directed on the left
Sewn-bag type C button, optional

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 C button, step 2 and step 3

a) place right/good sides of back and left-side panel together, and sew the outer edge
b) turn the straight side of the left-side panel over (at least 2 inches — this is where the buttons will be sewn) and top-stitch from top to bottom (sides for buttons and buttonholes can be changed for men)

c) turn the straight side of the right-side panel over (at least 2 inches — this is where the buttonholes will be sewn), and top-stitch panel edge from top to bottom
d) place right-hand sides of back and right-side panel together, and sew the outer edge
e) sew top and bottom of shroud
f) turn shroud right side out
Sewn-bag type C button, step 4, 5, and 6

- **a)** top-stitch around the edges, right side out (for reinforcement)
- **b)** sew 10 or more buttonholes, through the doubled material but as far away from the edge as possible (to allow for maximum overlap)
- **c)** add wooden (or other biodegradable material) buttons, sewn to the doubled material but as far away from the edge as possible (to allow for maximum overlap)

- **a)** spread front sides of shroud and place body in bag

- **a)** button up