**Sewn-bag type D ribbon 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 straps (as in type A simple and C button shrouds) can be added to this type with, or instead of, handles to facilitate lowering the body into the grave.

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**Pattern Instructions**

**Sewn-bag type D ribbon, step 1**

- a) Cut out material as directed on the left
- b) Fold all of the 20 strips and sew along the lengthwise side
- c) Sew 10 of them at one end (ribbons)
- d) Turn all strips so seam is inside (10 handles and 10 ribbons)
**Sewn-bag type D ribbon, step 2i and 2ii (right/good sides in)**

a) turn the edge of the straight side of the left-side panel (raw edge out) and pin (unsewn end of) ribbons in place — hem/top-stitch to attach ribbons

b) place right sides of the back and left panel together (right/good sides in) — pin handles in place in between back and side panel (they are actually inside at this point) — sew all along left side (over/including ends of handles)

**Sewn-bag type D ribbon, steps 3i and 3ii (right sides in)**

a) pin the other 5 ribbons (protruding unsewn ends — paler squares) between the lengthwise side of the right-side panel and one side of the ‘extra’ strip, wrong sides together, and sew the seam near the edge of the right-side panel (note: most of the length of the ribbons are now on what will eventually be the outside — see left side of graphic step 4 where the ribbons come out between this seam)

b) turn a small edge (raw edge out) and hem/top-stitch the other side of the ‘extra’ strip

c) place right/good sides of the back and right-side panel together — pin handles in place in between them — sew all along right-hand side (over/including ends of handles) [Note: handles are actually on the inside, between back and side panels.]

d) making sure that the ‘extra’ strip will end up on the inside of the shroud, sew the top and bottom of the shroud
Sewn-bag type D ribbon, step 4 (right side out)

a) turn the shroud right side out
b) top-stitch all around the outside of the shroud (now right/good side out — smaller stitching) making sure that the sewing catches the inside ends of the handles (this will make them stronger)
c) spread front-side panels and place body inside shroud

Sewn-bag type D ribbon, step 4

a) tie all of the ribbons together
   (note: the lighter square is the knot from tying the ribbons)