

# How to Make a Cloak

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## 1 Intro

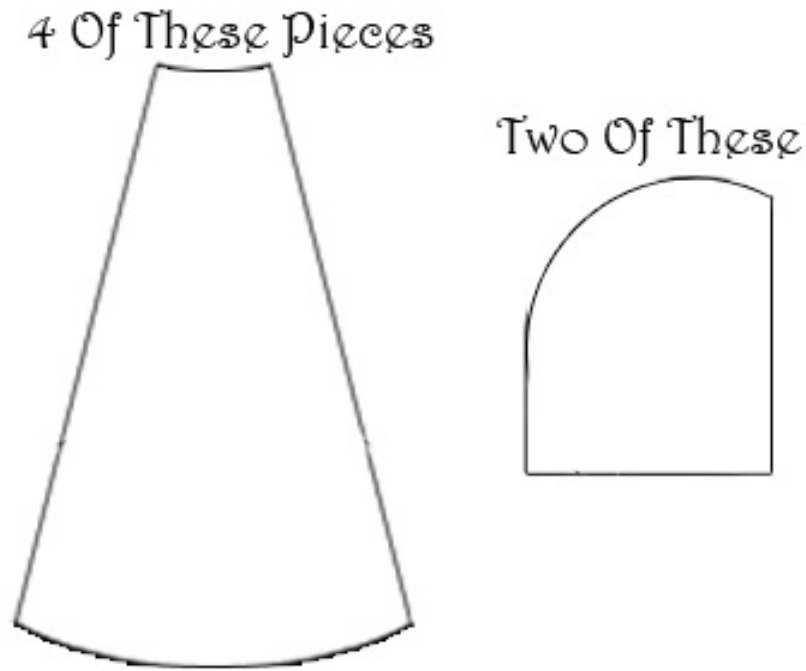
Cloaks are a staple of any LARPer wanting to play in all weathers. Warm, durable, and comfortable, they look good and will protect you from the weather, if you make them right. Fleece makes a good lining, and the outer fabric can be basically anything. Make sure, when making your cloak, that it will reach all the way to your ankles, if that's the look you want. It's typically a good idea to add up to six inches of extra to ensure that you won't be left short at the end of the project.

## 2 Supplies

- 4 yards of outer fabric (5 if you want a hood)
- 4 yards of liner fabric (5 for a hood)
- Thread matching the outer fabric
- Clasp of some sort

## 3 Instructions

1. Cut out the four panels of your cloak from both your inner and outer fabric, using the diagram below as an approximate pattern.
2. Optional: If making a hood, cut out pieces for the hood from both the liner fabric and the outer fabric as shown above. Sew along the curved line for both the liner and outer fabric pieces so you have two fitted hoods, and modify as appropriate, until you like the fit.
3. Sew your four pieces of outer fabric together along the long, straight edges, making sure that all the pieces are oriented the same way. Do the same with your inner fabric.



**Figure 1:** Pattern for the body and hood of the cloak.

4. Optional: Take the two hood pieces (one inner, one outer), and attach them to their respective cloak fabrics at the neck. Make sure that the seam attaching the hood to the cloak is on the same side as the seams attaching the pieces of cloak together.
5. Optional: If you want pockets, take some of the extra liner material and stitch it to the liner cloak fabric. The pockets should be on the side of the fabric without visible seams.
6. Place the liner cloak on top of the outer cloak so that the sides without seams are facing inwards. Sew the bottom, sides, and hood of the liner fabric to the outer fabric, leaving a gap at the bottom so you can turn it inside out.
7. Turn the cloak inside out and stitch up the gap you left. For a more crisp look, also sew along all of your seams, using a decorative stitch, so you have a line of stitching running all the way around the edges of your cloak.
8. Attach your clasp at the neck, making sure the cloak fits comfortably.
9. Wear with pride!