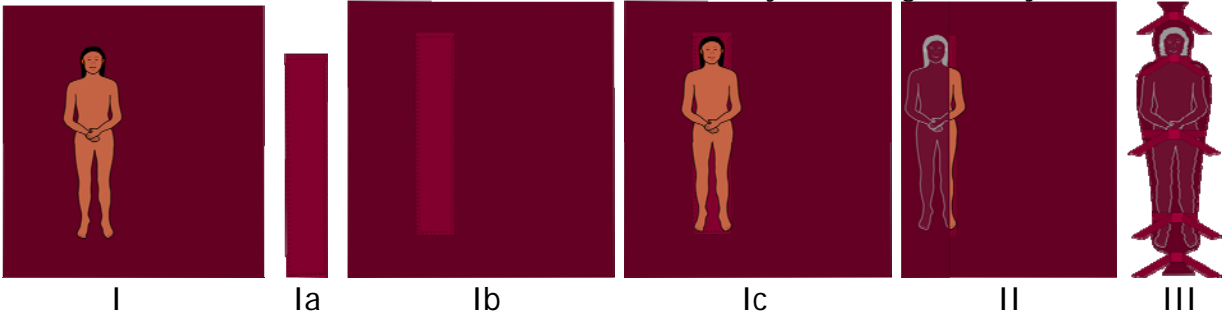


Unsewn-bag type shroud — Muslim style

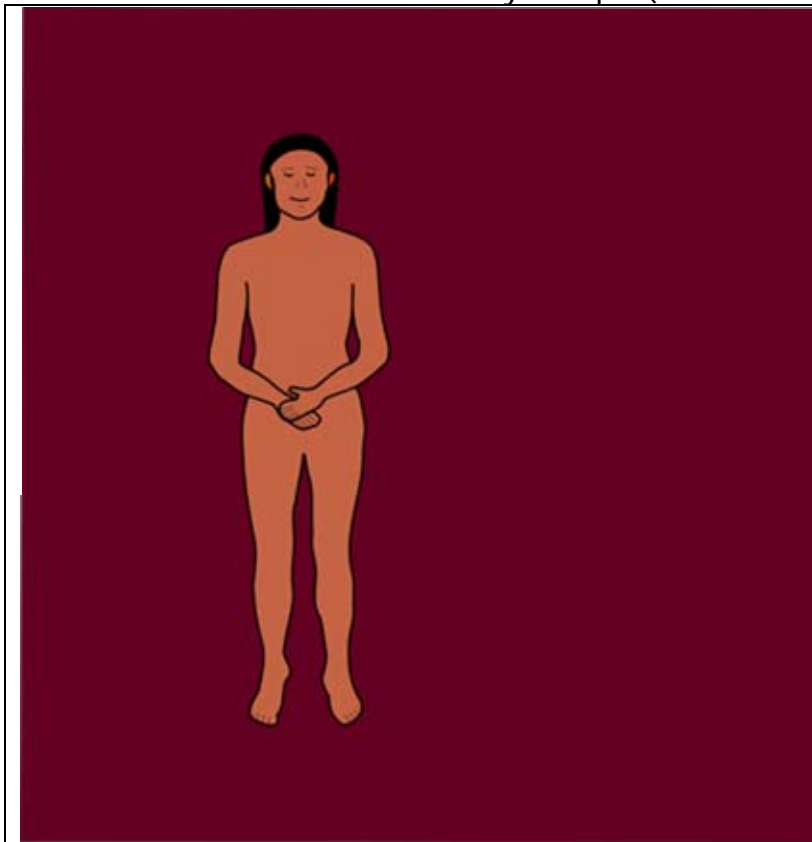
Use a queen-sized sheet for those under 6 feet tall, and a king-sized one for those over 6 feet tall — or equivalent-sized pieces of material sewn into the same shape/size: sheet/material must be biodegradable — cotton, silk, hemp, bamboo, etc. — and be a dense thread-count. This type can't use handles,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



**Pattern**

**Instructions**

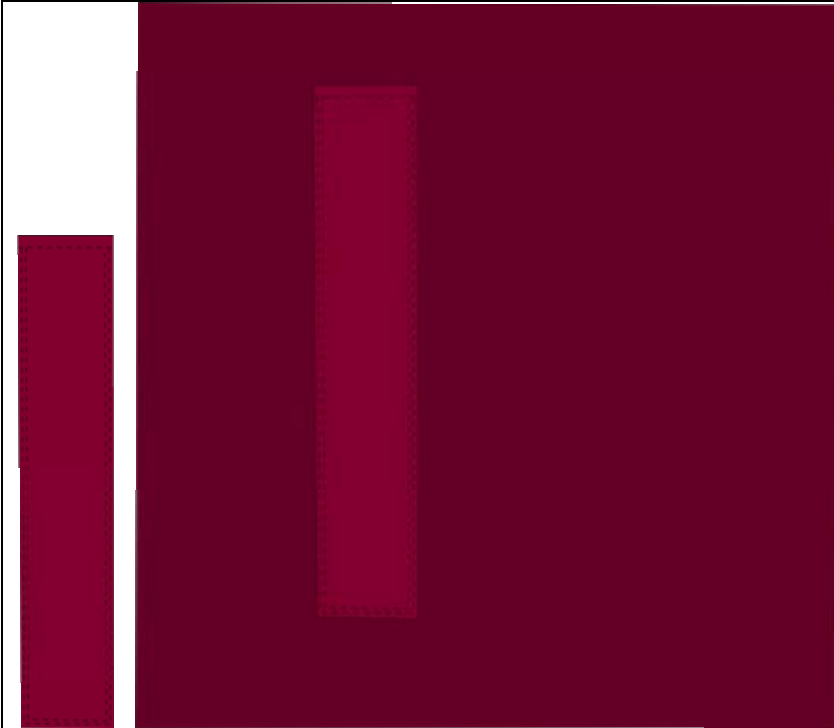
Muslim style step I (without backboard)



- a) Lay body lengthwise on the sheet (in square position) — about one body's width from left side
- b) Ribbons: cut 5 lengths of cloth (4-5 feet long and 7 inches wide) — fold lengthwise and sew the long side and one end. Turn right side out, press open end edges in, and top-stitch across those edges

(Note: instead, you can use any rope or ribbon that is strong enough and biodegradable)

Muslim style step 1a and 1b (with backboard — Note: backboard panel can be sewn on what will become the inside or outside of the shroud; if you wish to remove the backboard once the body is in the grave, you should sew the panel onto what will be the outside of the shroud)

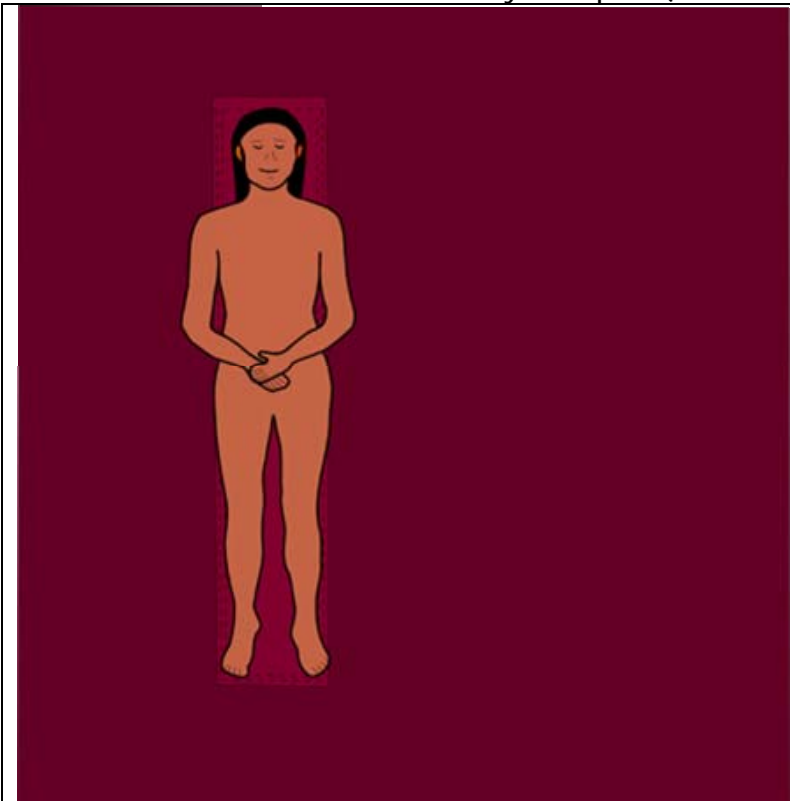


The diagram shows a large dark red rectangular panel. On the left side, a smaller vertical strip of the same material is shown, representing a piece of sturdy material cut to the same length as the body and at least 10-12 inches wide. This strip is shown with its top edge turned and hemmed. The main panel has a vertical pocket cut into it, approximately one body's width from the left side. The pocket is shown with its top edge open, forming a pocket for the backboard. The edges of the main panel are shown with a second row of stitching around the sides and bottom for strength.

- 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 hem it
- c) turn and press the edges of the sides and bottom
- d) place the backboard panel onto the sheet approximately one body's width from the left side of the sheet
- e) sew backboard panel onto the sheet, leaving top end open (forms a pocket for the backboard)
- f) sew a second row of stitching around sides & bottom for strength

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

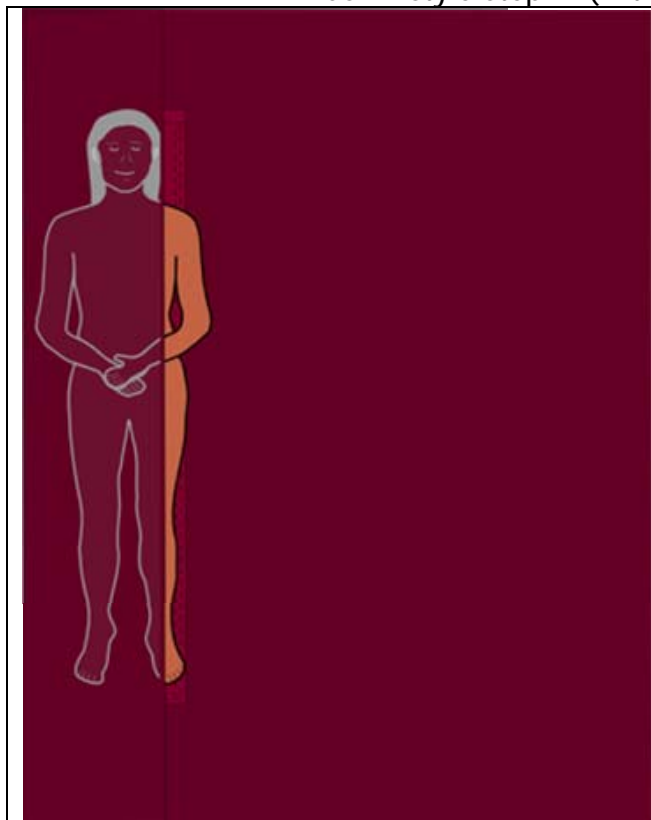
### Muslim style step 1c (with backboard)



The diagram shows a human figure standing on a dark red rectangular panel. The figure is positioned in the center of the panel, with their hands clasped in front of them. The panel is shown with a vertical pocket cut into it, approximately one body's width from the left side. The pocket is shown with its top edge open, forming a pocket for the backboard. The figure is shown standing on the panel, illustrating the placement of the body over the backboard panel.

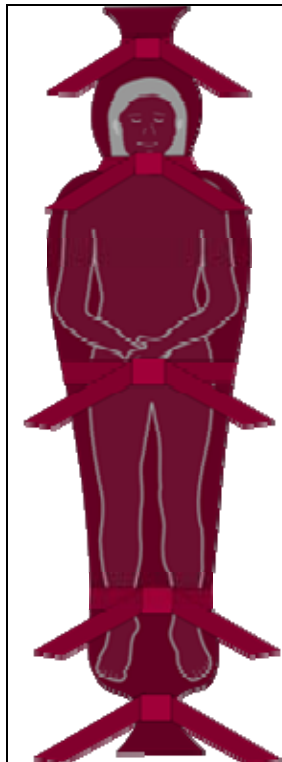
- a) insert a board into the backboard pocket which is the length of the body and at least 8 inches wide
- b) place body over the backboard panel

### Muslim style step II (with or without backboard)



- a) Fold the left-hand side of the sheet over the body
- b) Finish wrapping body using the right-hand side of the sheet, tucking the loose edge under the body as necessary

### Muslim style step III (with or without backboard)



- a) bunch up the sheet above the head and wrap/tie with one of the ribbons (or rope/etc.)
- b) bunch up the sheet below the feet and wrap/tie with one of the ribbons (or rope/etc.)
- c) wrap and tie another ribbon around the neck, the waist (over the hands), and the ankles

[note: you might want to hand-stitch the top and bottom ribbons in place for extra security — i.e. that they stay in place and not slip off]