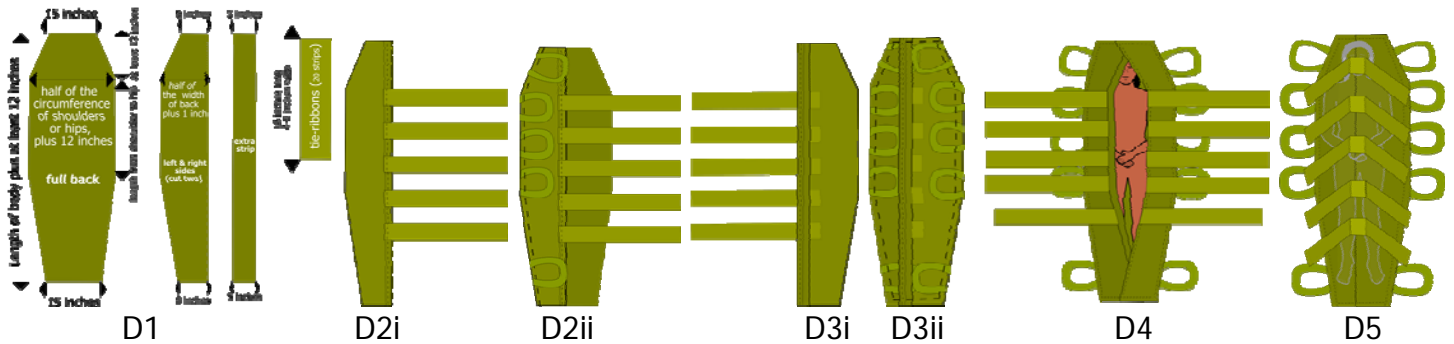


Sewn-bag type D ribbon shroud

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



**Pattern**

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

**Instructions**

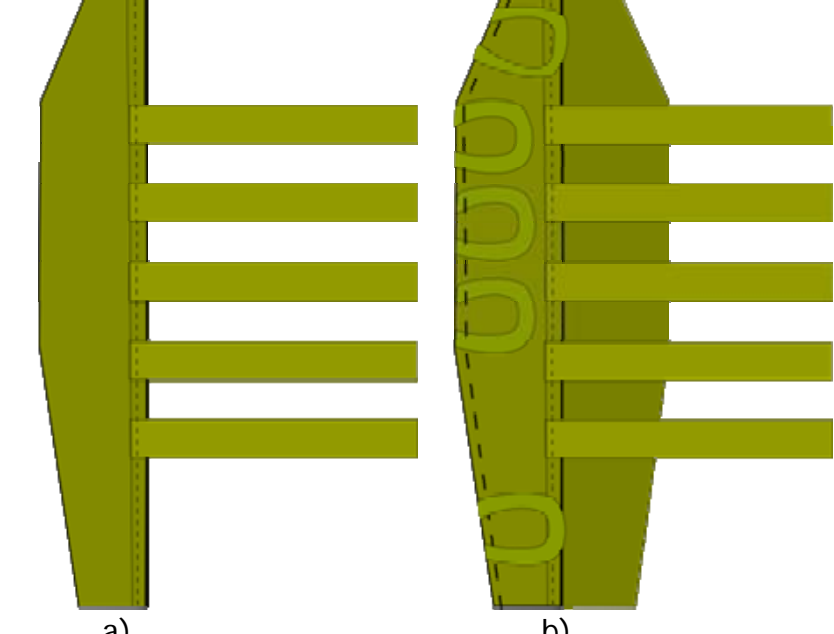
a) Cut out material as directed on the left

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)



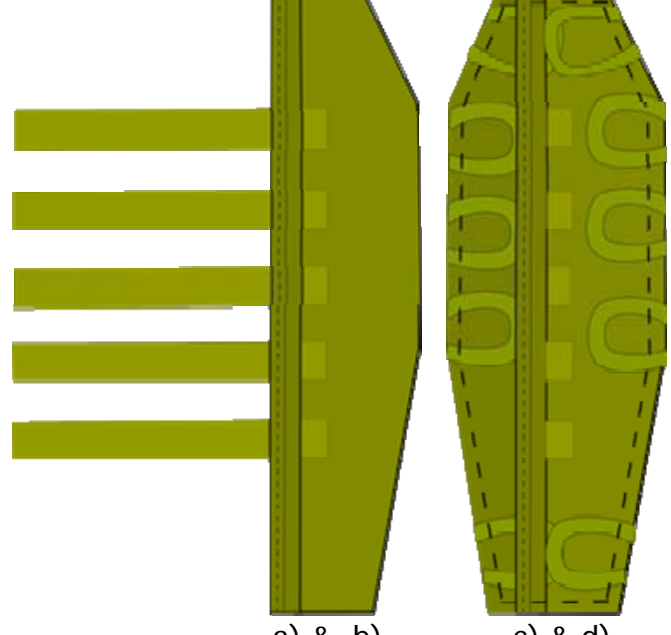
The diagram illustrates two stages of sewing a shroud bag. Part (a) shows a green fabric panel with a straight left edge and a pointed right edge. Five horizontal ribbons are attached to the left edge. Part (b) shows the same panel with a second green fabric panel attached to its right side. The ribbons from part (a) are now positioned between the two panels. Dashed lines indicate the sewing lines along the left edge and between the panels.

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)

a) b)

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



The diagram illustrates two stages of sewing a shroud bag. Part (a) shows a green fabric panel with a pointed right edge and a straight left edge. Five horizontal ribbons are attached to the left edge. Part (b) shows the same panel with a second green fabric panel attached to its right side. The ribbons from part (a) are now positioned between the two panels. Dashed lines indicate the sewing lines along the right edge and between the panels.

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)

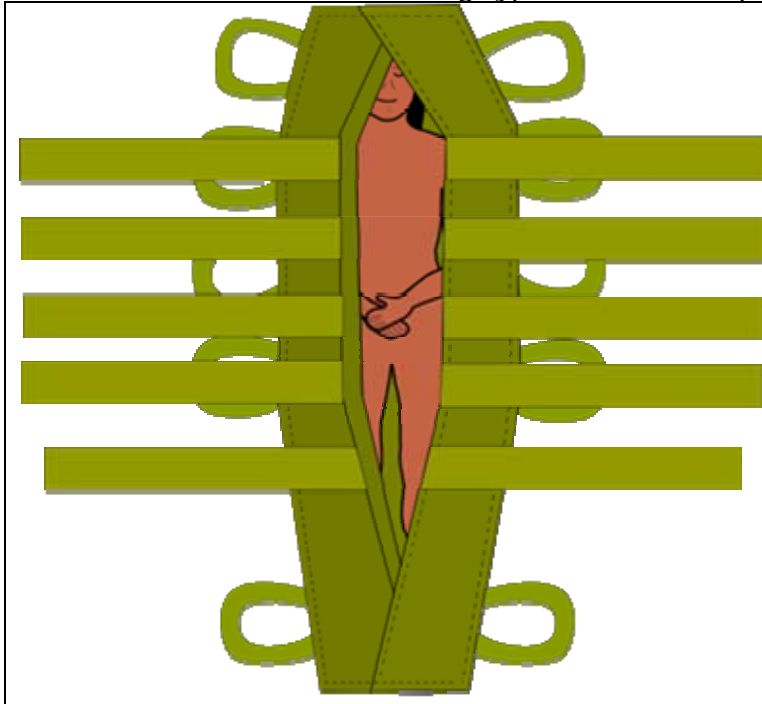
b) turn a small edge (raw edge out) and hem/top-stitch the other side of the 'extra' strip

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

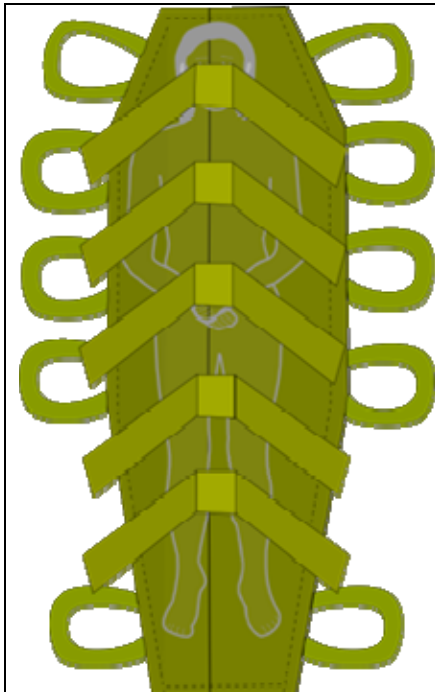
a) & b) c) & d)

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)