

Basic Biblical Robe - Men & Women

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE BEGINNING

To determine the amount of fabric you should purchase: measure from shoulder to top of foot then add 3 to 4 inches.

DOUBLE THIS MEASUREMENT. This is the amount of fabric to buy. Fabric should be rough looking in shades of **TAN & BROWN.** **NO PATTERNS, STRIPES, OR BRIGHT COLORS.**

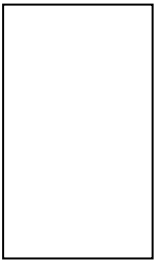
For children use 45" wide fabric, adults use 60" – be aware of hip & chest size.

Some adults will need a longer sleeve which can be made from leftover fabric.

You will need additional different fabric for a headpiece if your character requires one. (see reverse – Page 2)

DO NOT HEM ANYTHING – the edges should be rough

1) top



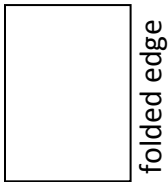
Lay out fabric on table in a single length with cut edges on top and bottom.

2) folded edge



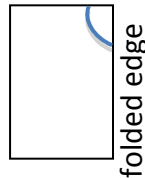
Fold fabric in half lengthwise so that the two cut edges are together. Lay out on table with folded edge at the top and the cut sides at the bottom. The doubled fabric should equal the length of the costume.

3) folded edge



Fold fabric again so that top right corner meets top left corner. Folded fabric will now be **4 thicknesses** and folded edges will be at the top and on the right side.

folded edge

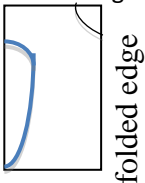


4)

From top right corner measure 2" down & 2" left along folded edges for child (3" for adult). Make cut from right folded edge to top folded edge.

You will later make a slit in the back to enlarge the opening for the head.

5) folded edge



Cut sleeve from the **non-folded** side. (see diagram)

You will be cutting through 4 thicknesses of fabric at one time.

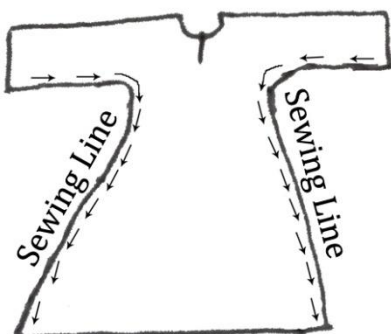
Start at edge of fabric, and begin to curve downward at approx 12-14" (for adult) or 6-8" (for child), creating underarm section. Continue cutting at slight angle down toward bottom left corner of fabric.

6) Try on costume. Pull fabric over the head, then cut a slit in "center back" of opening, just enough to get your head through.

If adult sleeves need to be longer, extensions can be made from the remaining fabric before sewing side seams in step 7.

7)

folded edge



Fold at shoulders with fabric inside out. Bottom edges should be even. Sew sleeve under arm and down side edge. Repeat for other sleeve. These are the only seams you will sew in costume.

DO NOT HEM ANYTHING

Man's overlay

This is simply a long piece of rectangular fabric with a hole in the middle for your head. It should be a different fabric than your robe. No sewing required! See picture below.

Headpieces and women's drapes

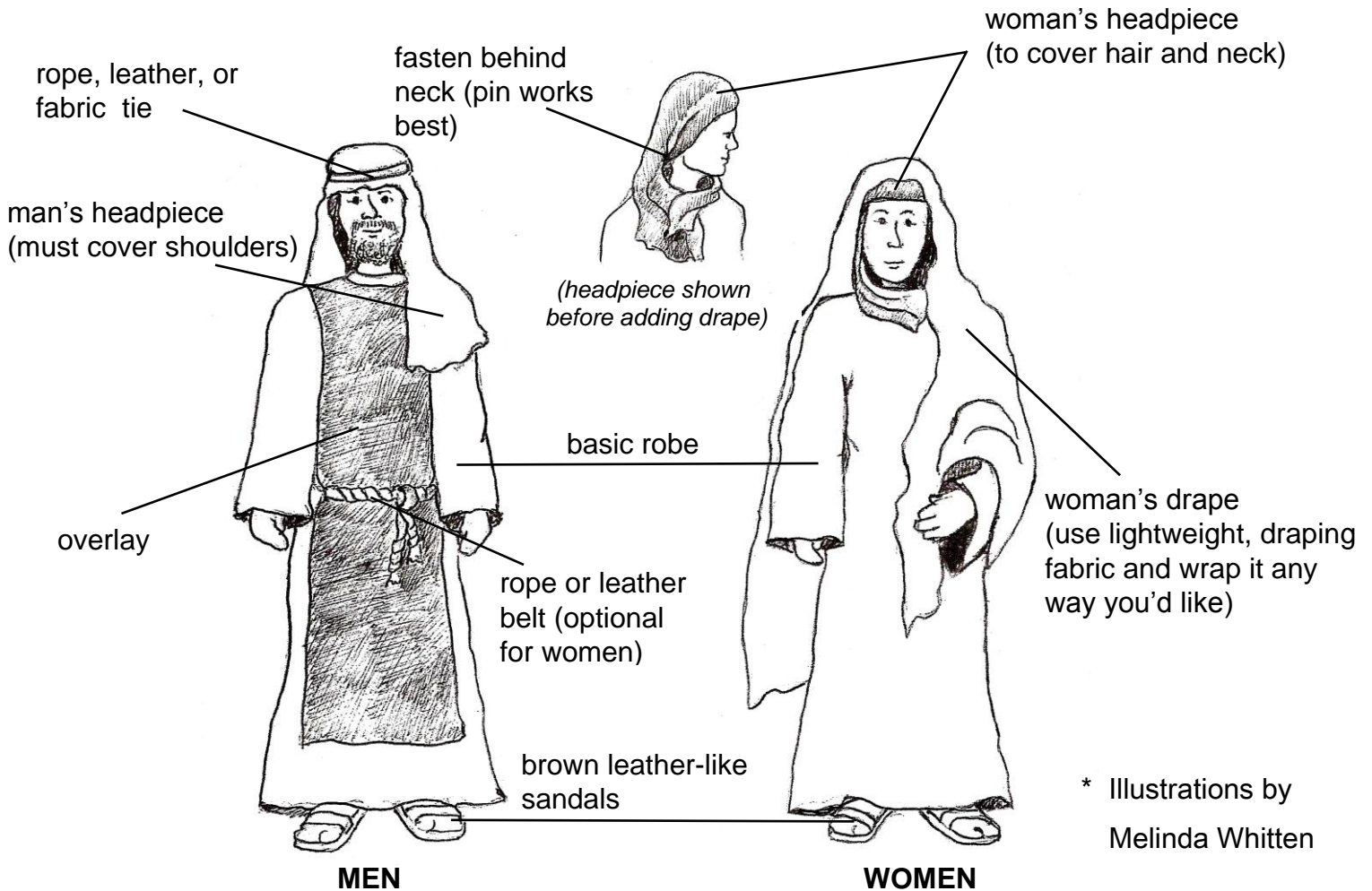
Man's headpiece - 1 yard of 45" wide fabric (needs to cover your shoulders)

- rope, leather, or fabric strip to tie it onto your head (see picture)

Woman's headpiece - 1 yard of 45" wide fabric (needs to cover hair and neck)

Woman's drape - 2 ½ to 3 yards of fabric - this lays on your head and wraps around your body

*** Please note the difference between the men's and women's headcoverings.
Women, please avoid tying yours on like the men.**



INTERESTING FACTS (from the web)

~ It was customary in biblical times for women to cover their heads with veils or scarves, as a sign of chastity and modesty. The unveiling of a woman's hair was considered a humiliation and punishment (as in the case of adultery).

~ The fabric used in ordinary people's clothes was a rough weave of wool or linen made from flax. Most were homespun, loose fitting, in one of the soft colors of natural dyes. Women were largely responsible for production of clothing in all stages of manufacture (growing, harvesting, drying, spinning, dying, sewing).