

INDIAN BREECHCLOTH

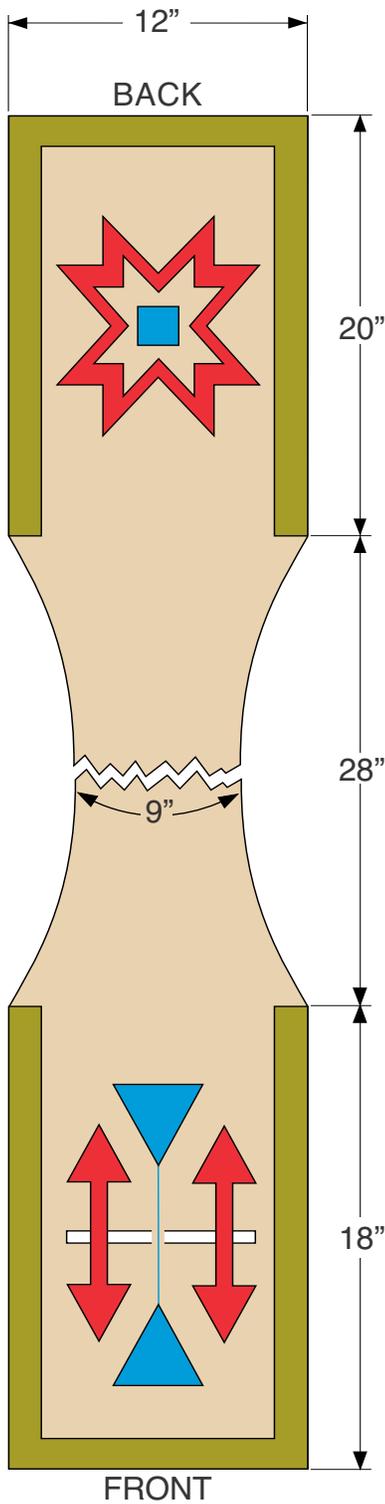


Figure A

NOTE: These measurements are satisfactory for a person 5'4" to 5'8".

The breechcloth is a piece of material 60" to 72" long and 12" wide, edged with ribbon or binding of a contrasting color. The front and rear aprons are usually decorated with beadwork or ribbon applique.

1. For proper fitting, slip the breechcloth on before cutting. Drape it apron fashion over a belt and mark positions A, B, C and D as shown in Figure A. Position A should be about 2" above the knee; position B is the front belt line; position C is the rear belt line; and position D is marked even with position A. When the breechcloth is removed, the rear apron should be about 2" longer than the front apron. Breechcloths used for dancing usually have aprons 3" to 6" shorter. The measurements as shown are satisfactory for a person 5'4" to 5'8".

2. Cut aprons to the marked size and narrow the crotch to eliminate some of the bulk, which will make the garment more comfortable. This is the area between position B and C as shown in Figure A. 9" at the narrowest part is average.

3. Bind the edges of front and rear aprons by folding the binding in half and sewing it so that equal border will appear on both sides of the apron. Form the corners by folding the binding as shown in Figure B.

4. The unbound edges between positions B and C are folded over about 1/4" and stitched to eliminate a raw edge.

5. You may decorate the panels with beads, ribbons, etc. The adding of yarn tassel will lend to the attractiveness of your finished breechcloth (see Figure C).

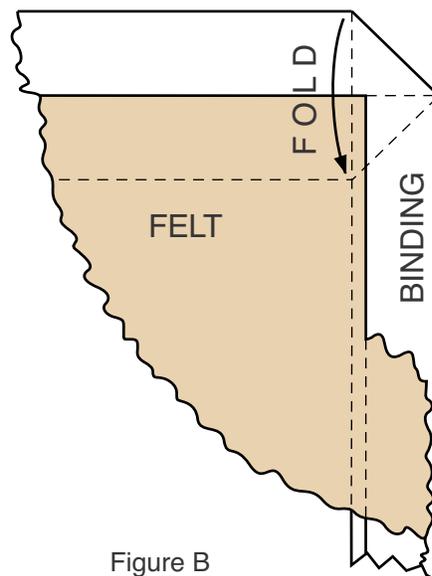


Figure B

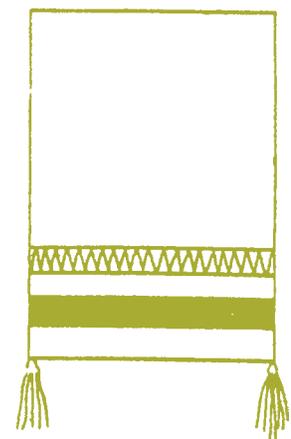


Figure C

The loincloth may be worn over your clothing.