



Pirate Outfit - Top

Going to a fancy dress party? Here is a design for the top for the Pirate outfit.

What do we need?

Equipment

1. A large piece of cloth (such as an old sheet, a table cloth or an old piece of fabric).
2. A needle and thread.
3. A felt tip pen.
4. A pair of scissors.



Safety Stuff

Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful when you use them. Make sure that you never leave them where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting, cover the work surface with newspaper or an old cloth and make sure that you're wearing an apron or some old clothes. Gather together all the items you'll need and plan your designs carefully before you begin. Draw your designs on paper to experiment, and try out any complicated ideas on some scrap cloth. That way you won't waste any clothes or good material you may need later!

A lot of the things you'll need can be found simply by hunting around at home, but check with an adult before you take anything. Using somebody's best suit to make a pirate costume isn't going to make you very popular! And don't forget to tidy up afterwards!

Steps

Step One

First, fold the piece of cloth in half and then hold it up against you. The folded edge needs to be the width of your shoulders. The length needs to be a bit longer than your waist. Next lay the cloth out flat and then fold it in half again so it's a long, thin shape.



Step Two

Now mark a hole where your neck will be. Scrunch your hand up into a fist and lay it on the corner of the folded material. Draw a line around your fist in a semicircular shape using a felt tip pen.

Then cut around the line to remove the corner of the fabric. There's the hole for your neck!



Step Three

Unfold the material and try the top on. Trim it if it's too wide and too long and then cut the bottom in a zigzag pattern. This will make it look ragged and more like the top of a pirate who's been at sea for a long time.

Ask an adult to help you sew up the sides - just leaving two holes for your arms.

Now the pirate top needs a belt. What can you use to make one?