



Supplies needed

- 1 to 2 yards of fabric, depending on the length of the cape
- 1 yard (36") of cord or ribbon
- Sewing chalk
- Thread
- Scissors
- Pins
- Safety pin
- Iron and ironing board
- Ruler or measuring tape

Directions

1. Determine how long you want your cape. There are two ways of doing this:
 - a. Use a tape measure to measure from your shoulder to the point where you want the cape to end. Measure this length on the fabric.
 - b. Lie down on the fabric with the top edge of the cape at your shoulders. Sit up without moving your legs, and mark on the fabric where you want the cape to end.
2. After marking the length, add 2½" (for hem and hood casing), mark this line across the fabric and cut.
3. From the remainder of the fabric, cut a 15-inch by 30-inch rectangle. This will be the cape's hood.
4. On the hood piece, fold each short side under about ¼ inch. Fold that under again to create a finished edge. Iron the folds and pin. Using the sewing machine set on straight stitch, #3 stitch length, sew the folded edges separately, close to the folds.
5. On the cape piece, follow the same hemming directions on one short edge; this will be your bottom edge. (If you want, do the same on both long edges. Leave one short edge unfinished.)
6. On the cape piece, gather the non-hemmed short edge: Set the sewing machine stitch length to #4, and stitch about ¾" from the edge. Leave long threads at both ends of the stitching. Pull on one of the threads to gather the fabric (be careful not to pull the thread out) until the top edge of the cape is the same width as the long side of the hood. Spread the gathers out evenly.
7. Right sides together, pin the gathered cape edge to the bottom of the hood. Sew one line of stitching ¼" from the edge, and sew a second line of stitching 1" from the edge. Trim the raw edge with a pinking shears.
8. Thread the ribbon through the channel you just created by pinning a large safety pin to one end of the ribbon and using this to work the ribbon through the channel.
9. Finish the hood by sewing the open end right sides together using a straight stitch, #3 length, closing the opening. Trim the raw edge with a pinking shears.