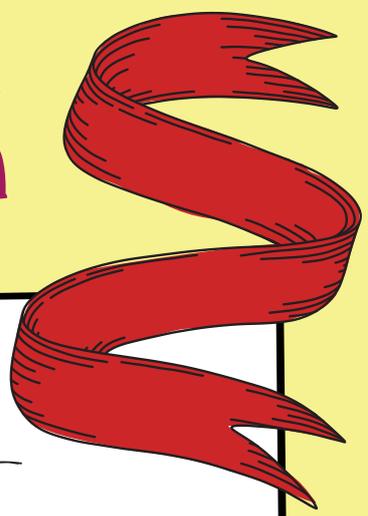
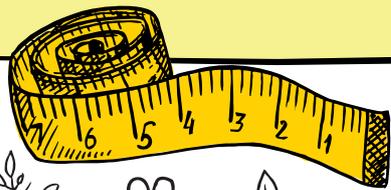
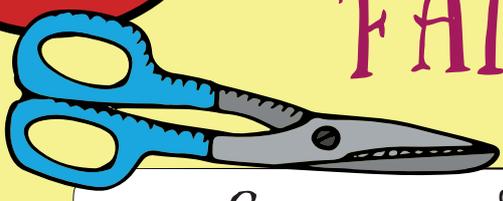


CREATE YOUR OWN FAIRYTALE CLOAK

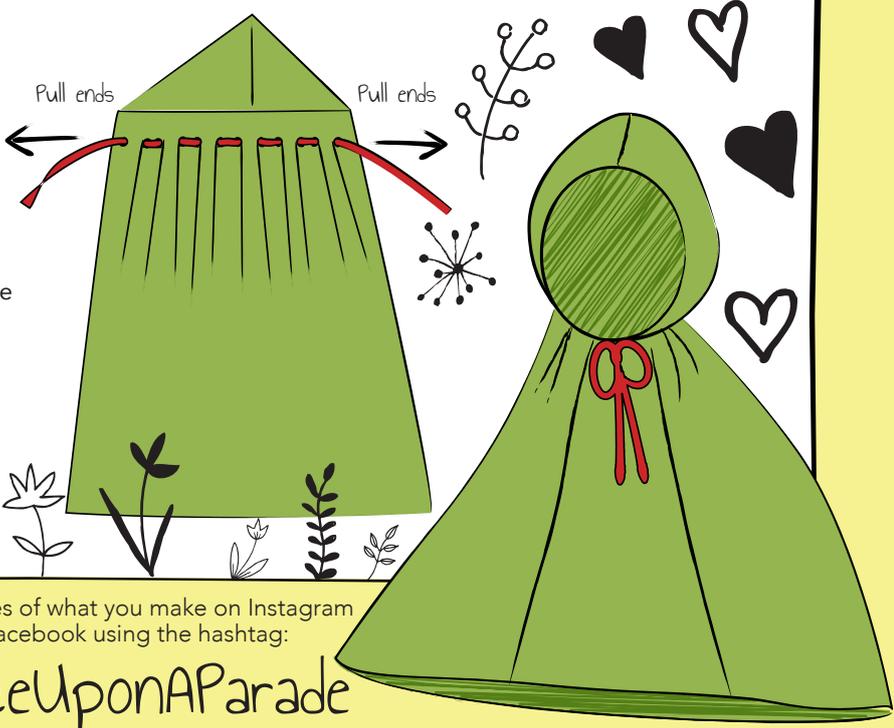
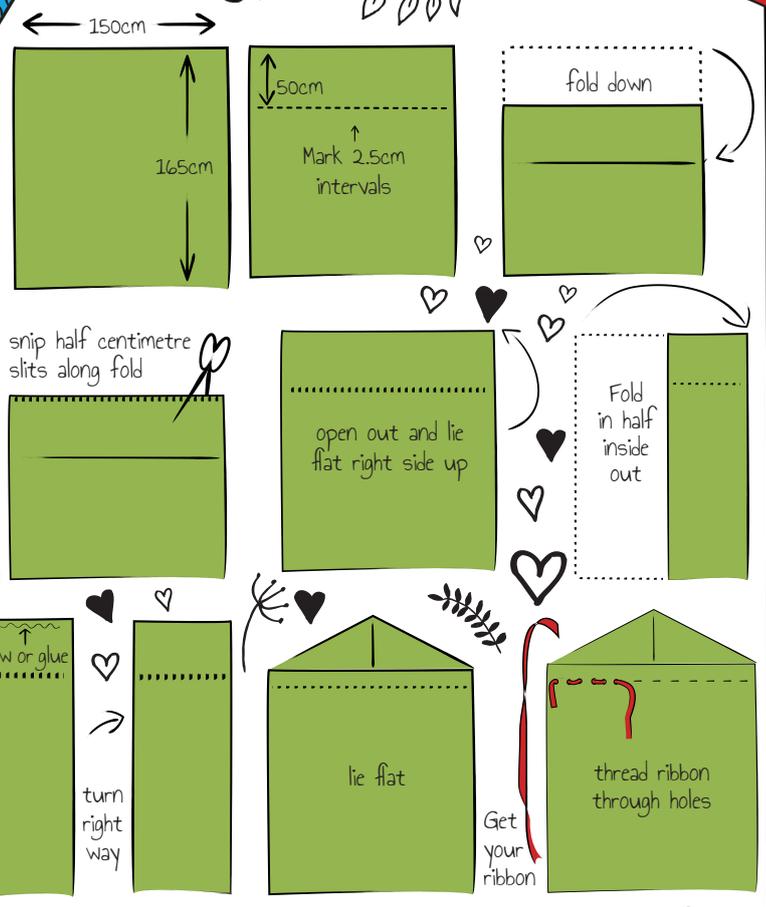


YOU WILL NEED:

- A big piece of fabric, old bedsheet or blanket!
- Scissors
- Sewing pins (optional)
- A meter ruler or measuring tape
- Chalk/pencil/pen
- A piece of ribbon or string 150cm long
- A needle & thread and/or fabric glue/hot glue gun
- Things for decorating; eg. sequins, beads, buttons, jewels, ribbons, fabric scraps, glitter, broken jewellery, old decorations, artificial or real flowers/foilage/twigs, shells, paint...

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Step 1:** Measure a piece of fabric 150cm wide. The length will depend on how long you want the cloak, but we suggest about 165cm long. You can calculate your measurement by measuring from the top of your head down to your desired length.
- Step 2:** Lie your material flat on the floor or on a big table, right side down. With chalk, draw a horizontal line across the fabric, 50cm down from the top edge. Now mark 2.5 cm intervals across the whole width of the fabric, along the line.
- Step 3:** Fold the fabric down along the line you've marked. With your scissors, snip half centimetre cuts at each 2.5cm mark.
- Step 4:** Open the fabric out and lay it flat, so the right side is facing upwards. Then fold the material in half length ways.
- Step 5:** Pin the meeting top edges, then sew them together to form your hood. Or you could use fabric glue or a hot glue gun, with help from an adult.
- Step 6:** Turn the pointed hood right way out and lay the fabric flat on the floor again, right side facing down.
- Step 7:** Take your ribbon and thread it through the holes you snipped, weaving it in and out till you reach the end. Then pull the ends to gather the fabric.
- Step 8:** Hold the ribbon ends and put the cloak on around your shoulders, tie a bow at the neck. Then put your hood up, you have made your very own cloak!
- Step 9:** Now you can be really creative and decorate it however you like by glueing and / or sewing on your gathered treasures and embellishments.



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