

# Camp Poncho Instructions - Adult

## Materials

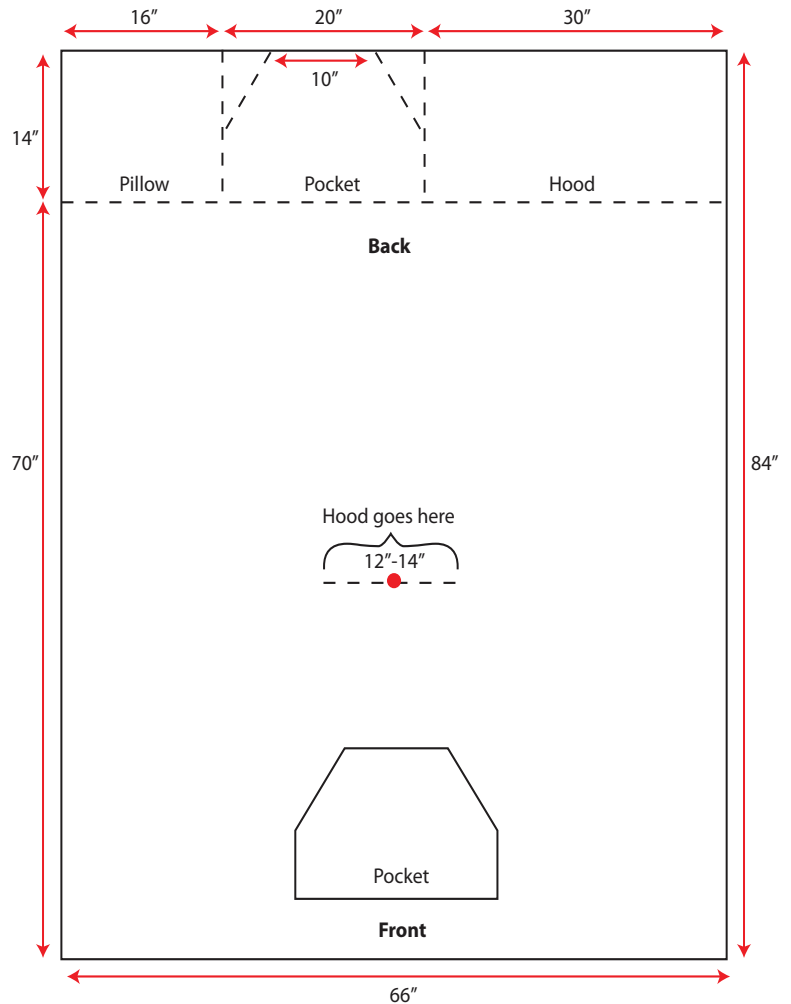
- one wool blanket 66" x 84"
- scissors
- thread
- pins
- sewing machine

## Make Your Poncho

1. Cut off a strip of material 14" wide from short side of the fabric. This will be used to make the pocket, hood and a small pillow or bed-time buddy. Cut according to diagram.
2. **HOOD:**
  - a. Cut a 30" x 14" piece from the piece created in step 1.
  - b. On one side of long edge fold and stitch 2" if you want to thread a string through.
  - c. Fold hood in half lengthwise, right sides together and stitch short side (back of hood) leaving the folded edge to the front.
3. **PONCHO:**
  - a. Fold blanket in half widthwise.
  - b. Locate centre of this fold.
  - c. Measure 2" down from the centre of the fold if you want the back longer than the front.
  - d. At this point, and **through one thickness of the blanket only**, cut a slit 6"-7" on either side of that point. (The slit ends up being 12"-14" wide.)
  - e. Fit the hood into slit in poncho, right sides together, and pin. Be sure to leave the opening at the front! The short side is the front.
  - f. Ease in fullness, being careful not to pull apart slit.
  - g. Stitch, then reinforce seam.
  - h. Top stitch seam to make hood more secure.
4. **POCKET:**

**If you want to sew crests onto the pocket, do so before you attach it to the poncho.**

- a. Cut pocket out of piece left over from making the hood. (20" x 14" at bottom and 10" on top cutting slant for opening—see diagram)
- b. Turn under 1/2" of the slanted sides and zigzag to secure.
- c. If desired, use contrasting yarn and blanket stitch along these two sides.
- d. Turn top, sides, and bottom edges of pocket under 1/2" and pin to front of poncho. (Try on the poncho and ensure the pocket is at a comfortable height.)



**5/8" seams**

**Turn under unfinished edges 1/2" and stitch**

- e. Stitch onto poncho. **NOTE: do NOT stitch slanted sides; they are the openings to the pocket.**

The remaining pieces of fabric can be used to make a "Bed-time buddy" like the pew or handkerchief dolls of old.

- a. Using a square of fabric, turn down about 1/3 of the fabric. This will be the top.
- b. Make hands from the right and left hand top corners using small elastic bands.
- c. Take a round fluff of fiberfill, or a couple of cotton balls, and place beneath the fold in the centre for her head. Secure with another elastic band.
- d. The leftover triangle can be used to make her a head scarf. You can sew a face on your bed-time buddy and take her to camp with you.



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# Camp Poncho Instructions - Child

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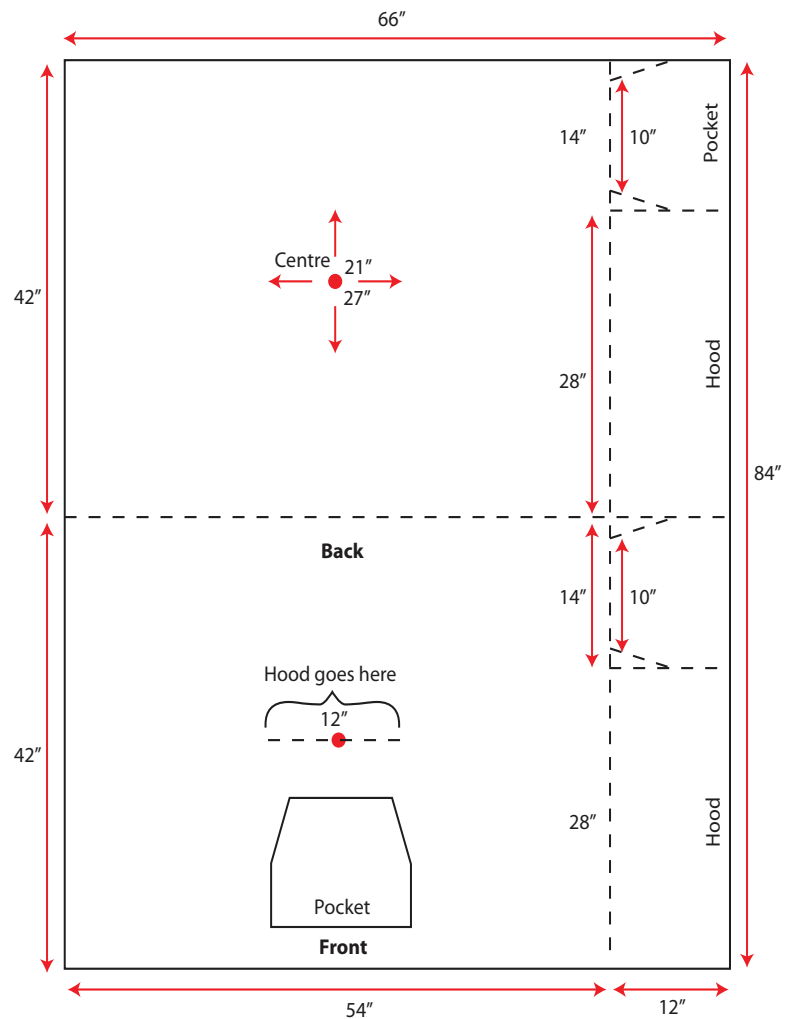
- one wool blanket 66" x 84"
- scissors
- thread
- pins
- sewing machine

## Make Your Poncho

1. Divide blanket in half, each half will measure 66" wide x 42" high.
2. On 42" side, cut off a 12" strip which will be used for the hood and pocket.
3. **HOOD:**
  - a. Cut a 28" x 12" piece from the piece created in step 1.
  - b. On one side of long edge fold and stitch 2" if you want to thread a string through.
  - c. Fold hood in half lengthwise, right sides together and stitch short side (back of hood) leaving the folded edge to the front.
4. **PONCHO:**
  - a. Fold blanket in half widthwise.
  - b. Locate centre of this fold.
  - c. Measure 2" down from the centre of the fold if you want the back longer than the front.
  - d. At this point, and **through one thickness of the blanket only**, cut a slit 6" on either side of that point. (The slit ends up being 12" wide.)
  - e. Fit the hood into slit in poncho, right sides together, and pin. Be sure to leave the opening at the front! The short side is the front.
  - f. Ease in fullness, being careful not to pull apart slit.
  - g. Stitch, then reinforce seam.
  - h. Top stitch seam to make hood more secure.
5. **POCKET:**

**If you want to sew crests onto the pocket, do so before you attach it to the poncho.**

  - a. Cut pocket out of piece left over from making the hood. (14" x 12" at bottom and 10" on top cutting slant for opening—see diagram)
  - b. Turn under 1/2" of the slanted sides and zigzag to secure.



**5/8" seams**

**Turn under unfinished edges 1/2" and stitch**

- c. If desired, use contrasting yarn and blanket stitch along these two sides.
- d. Turn top, sides, and bottom edges of pocket under 1/2" and pin to front of poncho. (Try on the poncho and ensure the pocket is at a comfortable height.)
- e. Stitch onto poncho. **NOTE: do NOT stitch slanted sides; they are the openings to the pocket.**



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