

Rail Covers

These instructions are to make a rail cover for the Harris Costume Collection. The rail (inner) measurements are - H:180cm W:148.5cm D:75cm

Need to know:

All seam allowances are 1.5cm unless otherwise stated.

Materials per rail cover:

9.5m Calico, 158cm wide

3.5m Cotton tape

To Cut:

Main body:

1 - 755cm of Calico, full width of fabric

Side panels:

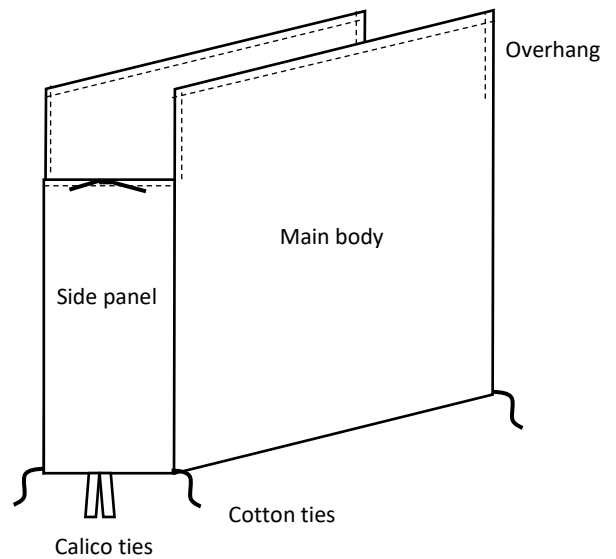
2 - 175.5cm (h) x 75cm (w) of Calico. *You can get two lots of 75cm out of the width of the fabric*

Ties

4 – 35cm (h) x 12cm (w) Calico for central bottom ties. *You can get four lots of 35cm out of the width of the fabric*

2 - 1m Cotton Tape for top ties

4 - 75cm Cotton Tape for bottom ties



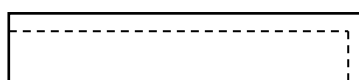
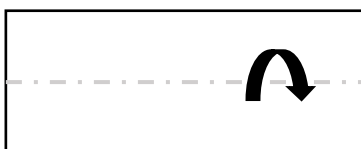
Construction

Step 1

On both side panels, hem one on the shorter edges – Fold the top over by 2cm, press and then fold over again by 2cm, press and stitch to secure along the lower edge of the fold.

Step 2

Create the central bottom calico ties by folding each 12cm piece in half lengthways. Stitch to secure using a 1cm seam allowance, stitching in an L-Shape leaving one of the short ends open. Turn right side out and press. Do this for all four pieces.

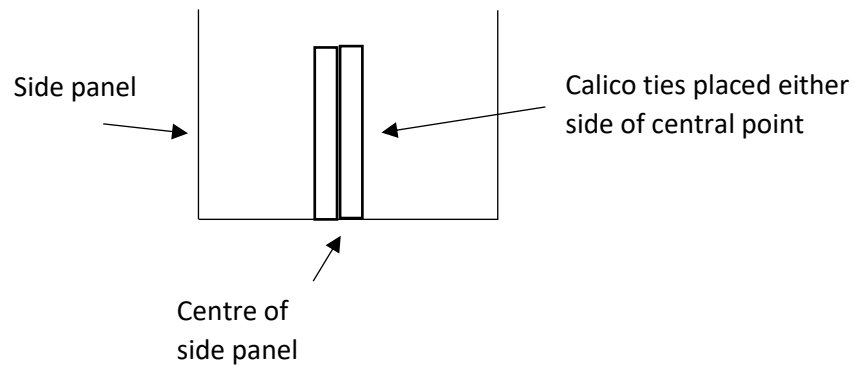


Step 3

Mark the vertical centre of the lower unhemmed edge of each side panel.

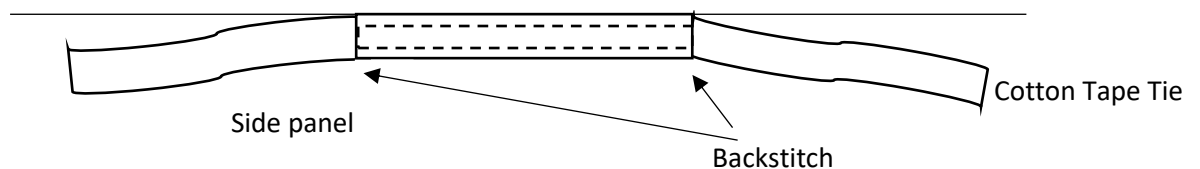
Step 4

Attach the calico ties. To do so line up the raw edges of the ties with the raw edge of the fabric placing one at either side of the centre side panel mark. Pin in place. Repeat for the remaining side panel.



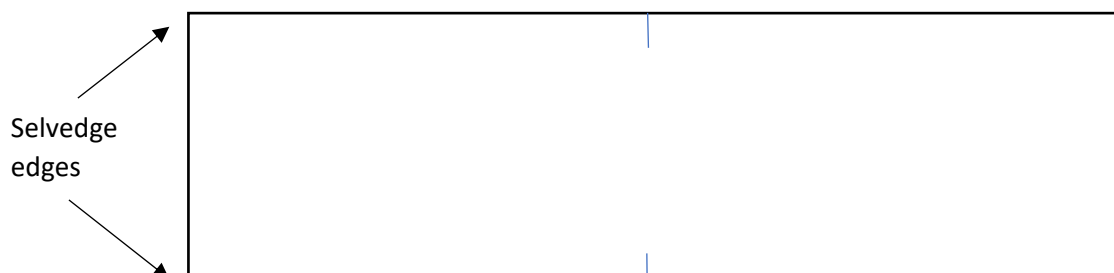
Step 5

Attach the top ties. Find the vertical centre of the side panel and mark. Fold the 100cm cotton tape length in half and mark the centre. With right sides facing out match the two centres together, ensuring the top of cotton tape lines up with the top of the side panel. Pin in place, then place pins 2.5cm along either of the central point – we want to have 5cm in total of the tape stitched to the panel. Use the pins as a guide for stitching. To secure stitch a 5cm box on the tape, to give more strength back stitch at the shorter ends.



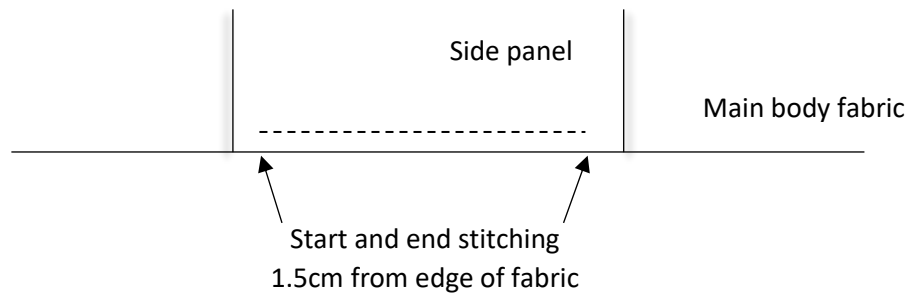
Step 6

Mark the horizontal centre of the main body fabric; ensure you mark each side.

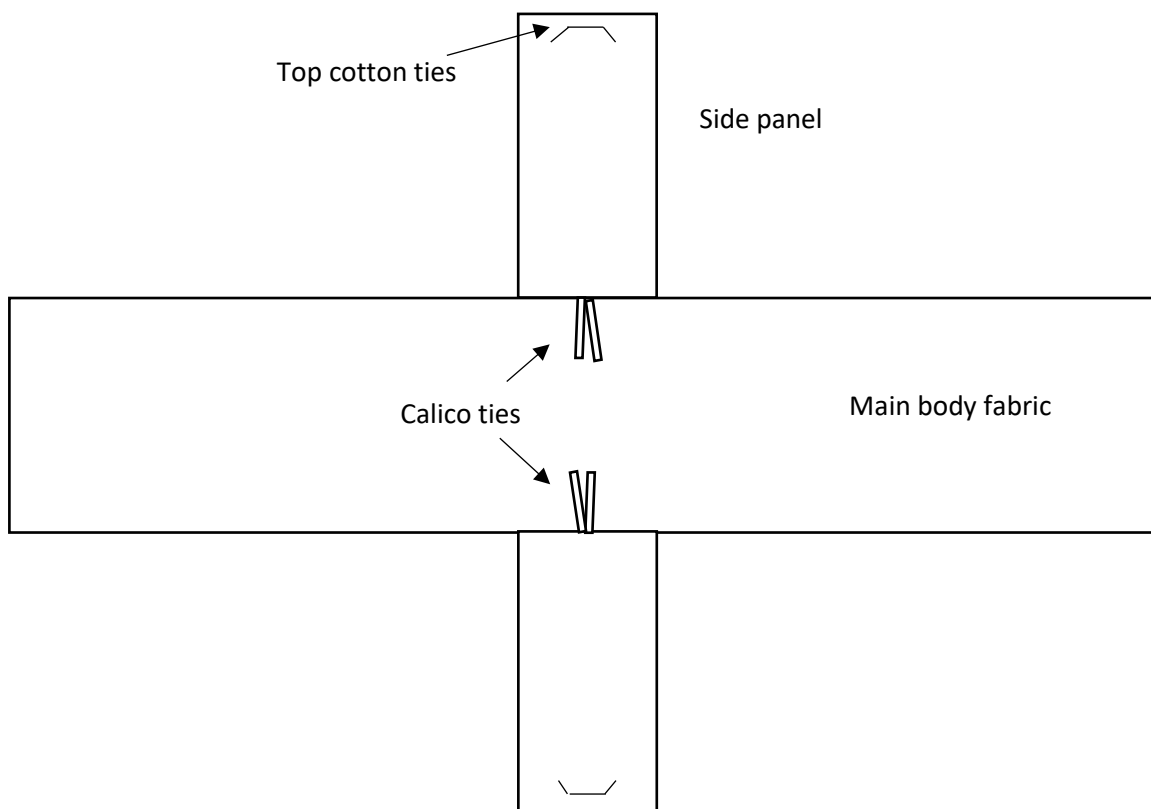


Step 7

With right sides together, lay one of the side panels on top of the main body fabric, matching the centre marks. The ties should be sandwiched in between the two layers. Pin in place. Stith to secure leaving 1.5cm at the start and finish of the side panels unstitched. Repeat for the second side.

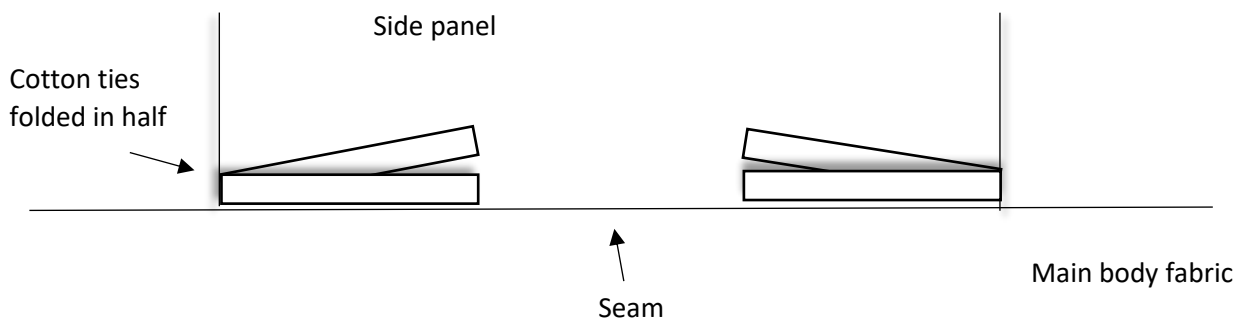


You will end up with something that looks like this:



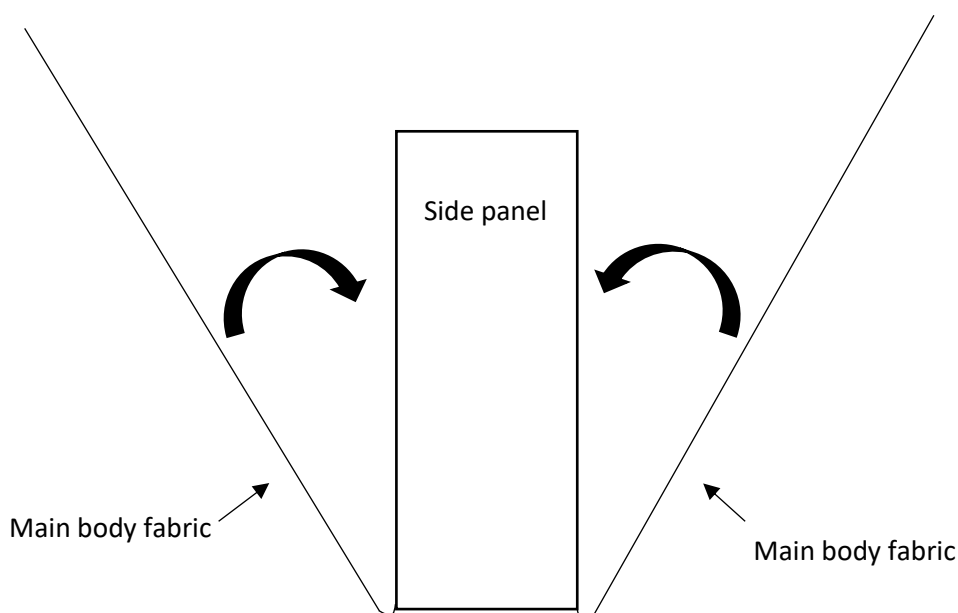
Step 8

Attach the bottom cotton ties. Fold two of the 75cm cotton tape length in half. On the right side of the fabric, position each tie horizontally above the previous seam with the folded edge lined up with the raw edge of the fabric and the end of the ties facing inward. Pin in place.



Step 9

To create the side seams, you will need to fold the main body of the fabric up to match the side panel. With right sides together, begin to match the selvedge edge of the main body fabric with the raw edges of the side panel. The corners can be tricky so leave a little extra fabric here to allow you to create more precise corners, there will be a slight fold.



Pin in place, ensuring the bottom ties are sandwiched in between the two fabric layers. Stitch together, there will be extra fabric at the top for the overhang so you will only need to stitch up to the hemmed edge of the side panel. Do this for each edge. Repeat steps 8 & 9 for the remaining side panel.

Step 10

Finish the edges of the overhang. Following the side seam, fold the raw edge of the overhang over to the wrong side by 1.5cm, press and stitch in place. Then fold the top edge over by 2cm, press and then fold over again by 2cm, press and stitch to secure along the lower folded edge.

The cover is now complete.