

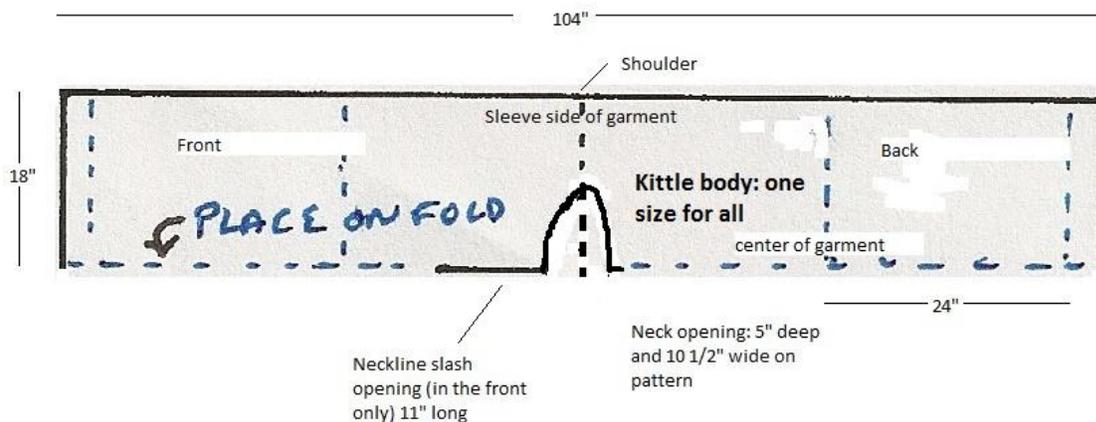
## Creating the Tachrichim Patterns

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Have at hand: About 25 sheets of 18" x 24" poster board or heavy tag board, heavyweight clear package or book tape, a permanent marker (Sharpie), yardstick, measuring tape, scissors. The pattern is made from multiples of the poster board taped together to form a hinged master pattern.

**Tip for storing the patterns:** The plastic zipper "suitcase" such as "Bed-in-a-Bag" comforter sets are packed in make terrific holders for pattern storage.

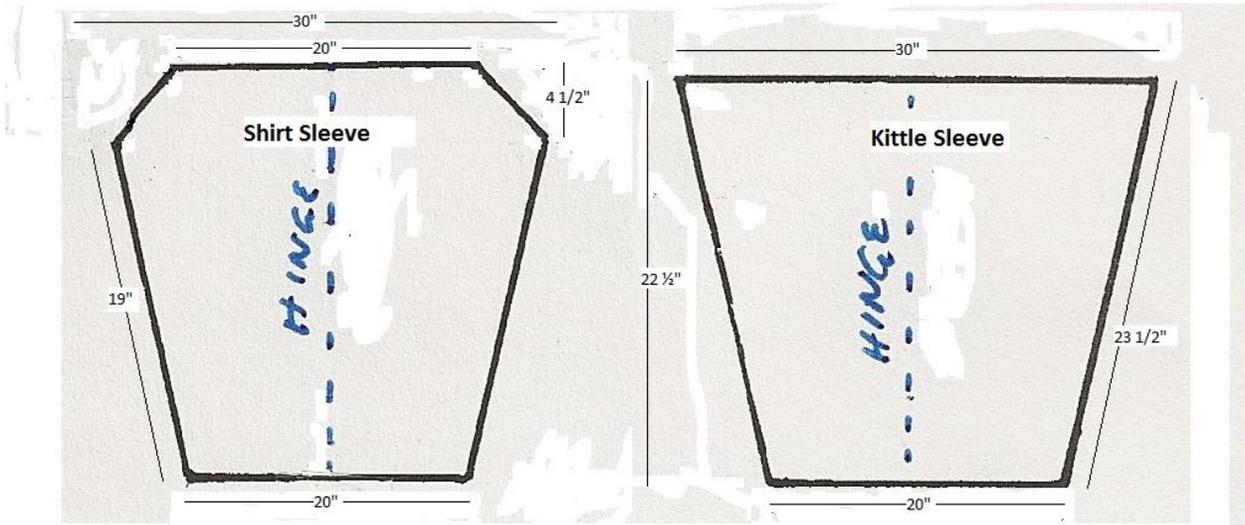
**Kittle body front and back:** Hinge 4 sheets of 18" x 24" poster board along the narrow edge. Put tape on both sides of the poster board for the best durability. At each of the opposite long ends, hinge an 18" x 4" strip to make the shirt body pattern a total of 104" long. Center the neck opening at the shoulder seam. The total depth of the flattened half-oval is 5" - The back neck should be 1½" lower than the shoulder line and the front should be about 3½" below the shoulder line and the pattern cut out should be about 10½" wide from the fold, . The front opening should be Mark neck opening and cut away poster board. *This pattern will be placed on a fold.*



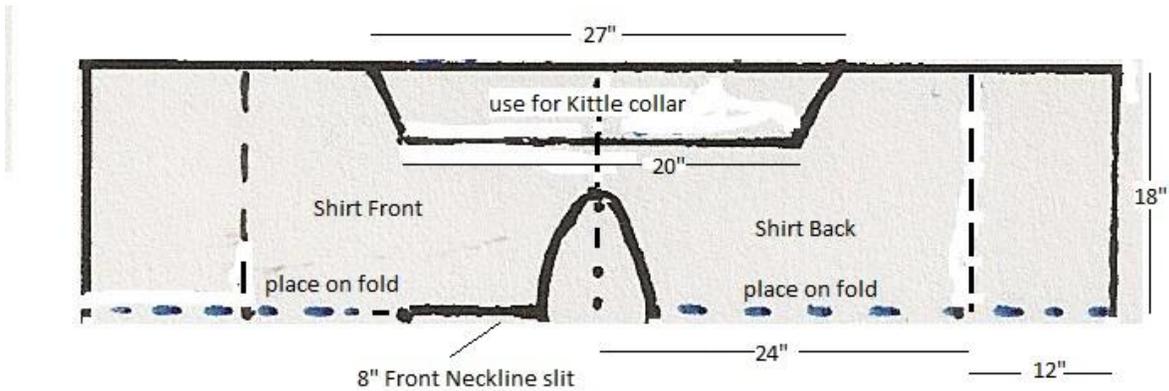
**Kittle collar:** Use the sleeve notch from the shirt to create the kittle's collar. See Shirt instructions for details.

**Sleeve Patterns for Kittle and Shirt:** The patterns for the kittle sleeve and shirt sleeve are nearly identical. They are the same size, but the shirt sleeve has an angle cut into it. To create each sleeve pattern, make a tape hinge connecting 2 sheets of poster board along the 24" sides. Measure 22 1/2" inches for the sleeve length top to bottom and cut away the excess 1 ½" in length. Fold and mark 10" from sleeve center for the wrist width (20" total wrist width when unfolded). Measure 15" on each side of the hinge for the shoulder seam (total of 30" wide). Draw a straight line between the shoulder width and the wrist width. Cut away excess poster board. Create two of these sleeve patterns. For kittle sleeve, you are finished. Mark that sleeve pattern "Kittle sleeve". For the shirt sleeve, take the remaining sleeve pattern and measure 10" from the center hinge at the shoulder top on each side. Mark

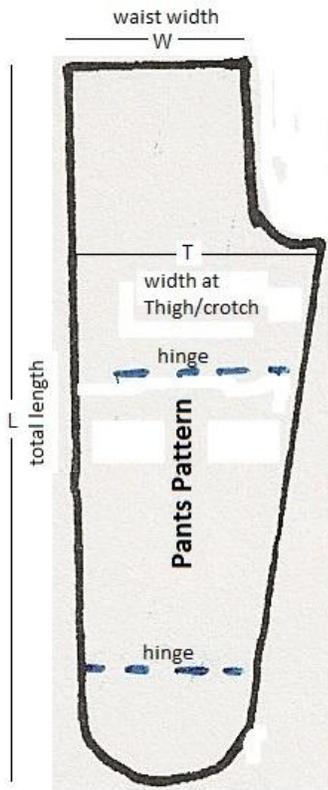
that measurement. Measure 19" along the angled seamed side from the wrist. Mark that measurement. With a straight edge, mark the angle between the two marks and cut away the excess pattern.



**Shirt body front and back:** Hinge 2 sheets of 18" x 24" poster board along the narrow edge. Put tape on both sides of the poster board for the best durability. At each of the opposite long ends, hinge an 18" x 12" strip to make the pattern a total of 72" long. Center the neck opening at the shoulder seam. The total depth of the flattened half-oval is 5"- The back neck should be 1 1/2" lower than the shoulder line and the front should be about 3 1/2" below the shoulder line and the pattern cut out should be about 7 1/2" wide from the center fold. Mark neck opening and cut away poster board. *This pattern will be placed on a fold.* There will be an 8" neckline slit in the front center. **Use the sleeve notch for the kittle collar.**



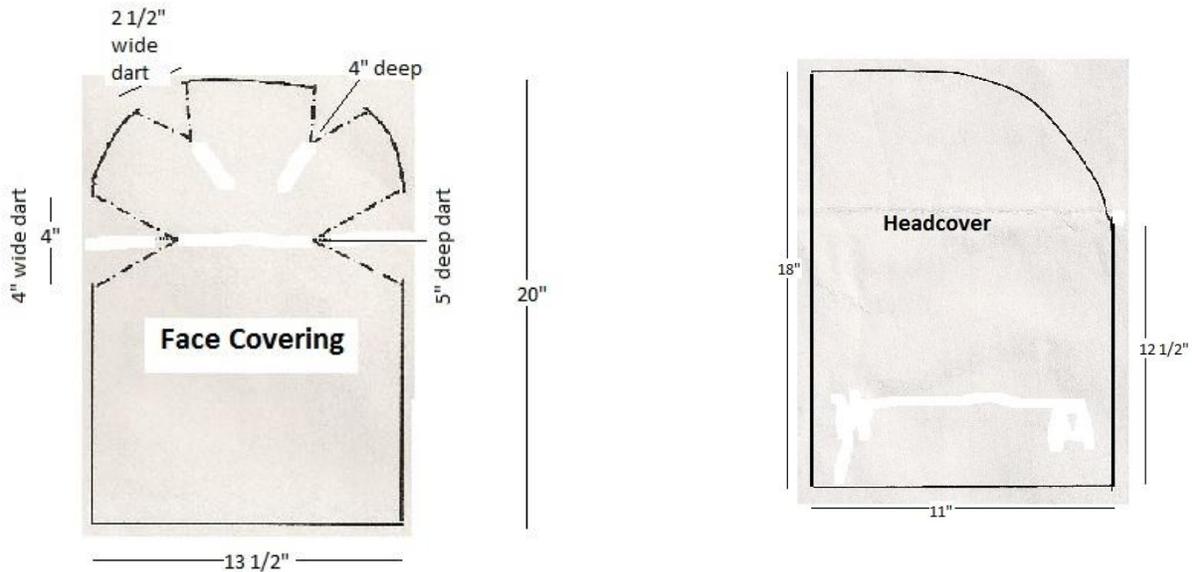
**Pants Pattern:** The pants are made in three sizes: 1/A (small) 2/B (medium/large) and 3/C.



Pants Size	Measurement "L" Length	Measurement "W" Waist Width	Measurement "T" Width at Thigh/Crotch
Size 1/A (Small)	59 ½" long	11 ½" wide	16" wide
Size 2/B (Medium/Large)	62" long	12 ¾" wide	17 ½" wide
Size 3/C (Very Large)	62" long	14 ½" wide	18 ¾" wide

For each pattern size, hinge-tape two 22" x 18" sheets of poster board together at the 18" side. Make a tape-hinge to attach an additional piece of poster board to accommodate the "Measurement L" length to each pattern. You will need an 18" x 12" piece for Size 1, an 18" x 14 ½" piece for Size 2, and 18 x 14 ½" piece for Size 3/C. You will also need to add a 1" scrap of poster board to the curve of the crotch for size 3/C pants. These pants all have "bootie-style" bottoms and cover the foot, like a sock.

**Head and Face Covering:** Use a single sheet or scrap poster board for these pieces.



**Tie measurements for garments:** These are cut from scraps of the remaining garment cloth, so no pattern is required. The pieces can be created from joined strips of fabric, they do not have to be seamless.

Tie type	Length
Kittle neck	24" to 30" each (in pairs)
Avenet (Kittel waist)	90" to 100"
Leg ties	40" each (in pairs)
Pants waistband	Size 1/A: 84" Size 2/B: 84" Size 3/C: 100"
Shirt neck	60"
Head covering neck	45" to 50"

**Sovev (Shroud)** No pattern needed. Use a queen-sized sheet or for better fabric cost/economy, cut a length of 90" wide bleached cotton muslin to a 90" length. Use pinking shears to avoid raveling.