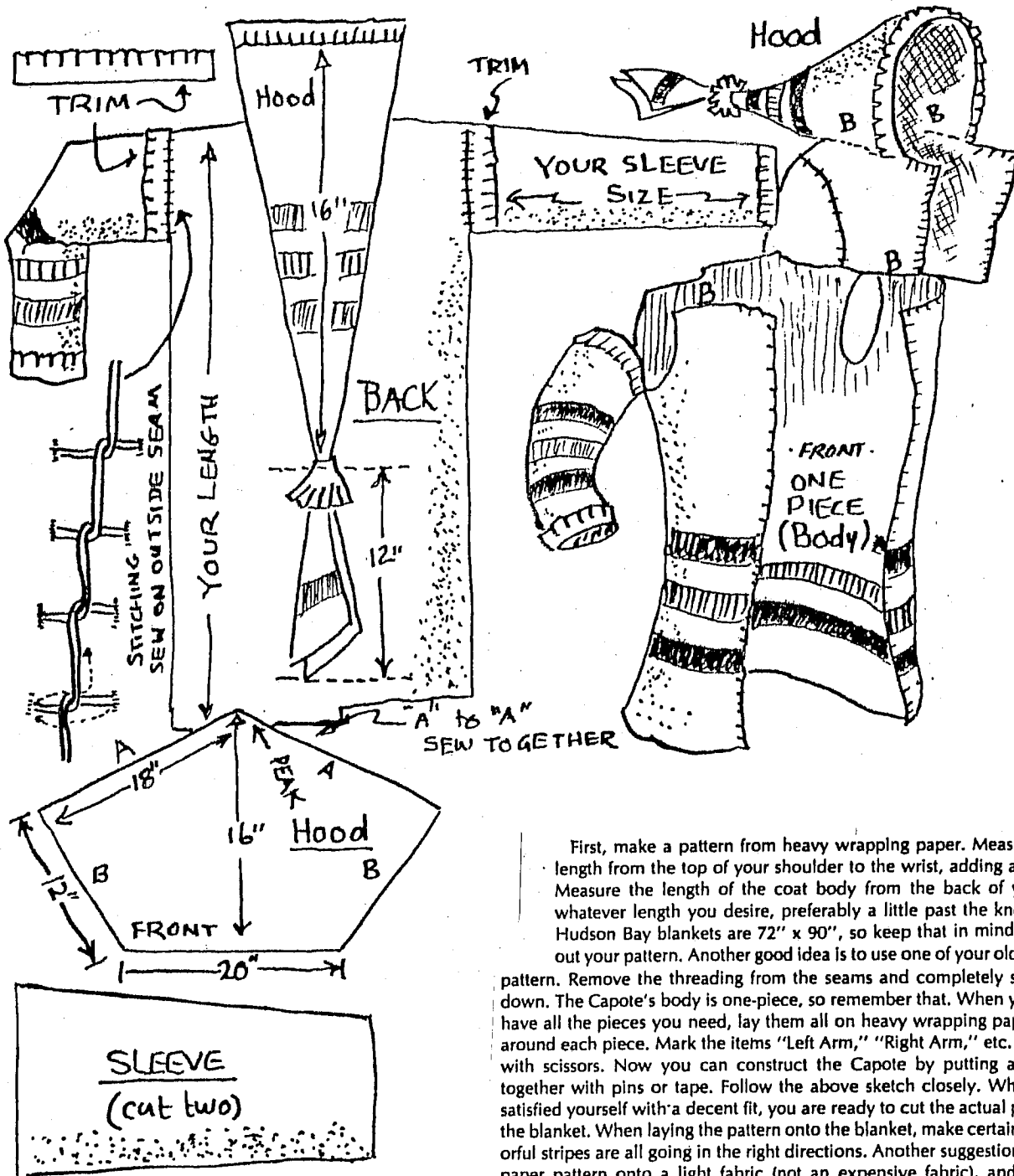


# Make A Capote



First, make a pattern from heavy wrapping paper. Measure your arm length from the top of your shoulder to the wrist, adding an extra inch. Measure the length of the coat body from the back of your neck to whatever length you desire, preferably a little past the knee cap. Most Hudson Bay blankets are 72" x 90", so keep that in mind when laying out your pattern. Another good idea is to use one of your older coats for a pattern. Remove the threading from the seams and completely strip the coat down. The Capote's body is one-piece, so remember that. When you think you have all the pieces you need, lay them all on heavy wrapping paper and trace around each piece. Mark the items "Left Arm," "Right Arm," etc. Then cut out with scissors. Now you can construct the Capote by putting all the pieces together with pins or tape. Follow the above sketch closely. When you have satisfied yourself with a decent fit, you are ready to cut the actual pattern out of the blanket. When laying the pattern onto the blanket, make certain that the colorful stripes are all going in the right directions. Another suggestion is to lay the paper pattern onto a light fabric (not an expensive fabric), and cut out the pieces. This fabric can be sewn together like a lining and later used as such, and you'll probably end up getting a better fit. By the way, a good seamstress can likely give you a few other suggestions. When hand sewing, follow the above sketch and use a red woolen yarn for sewing the pieces together and for the edging. The last piece is simple. Cut a belt to circle your waist with enough left to hang over. It should be about three inches in width. You now have a nice, warm Capote.