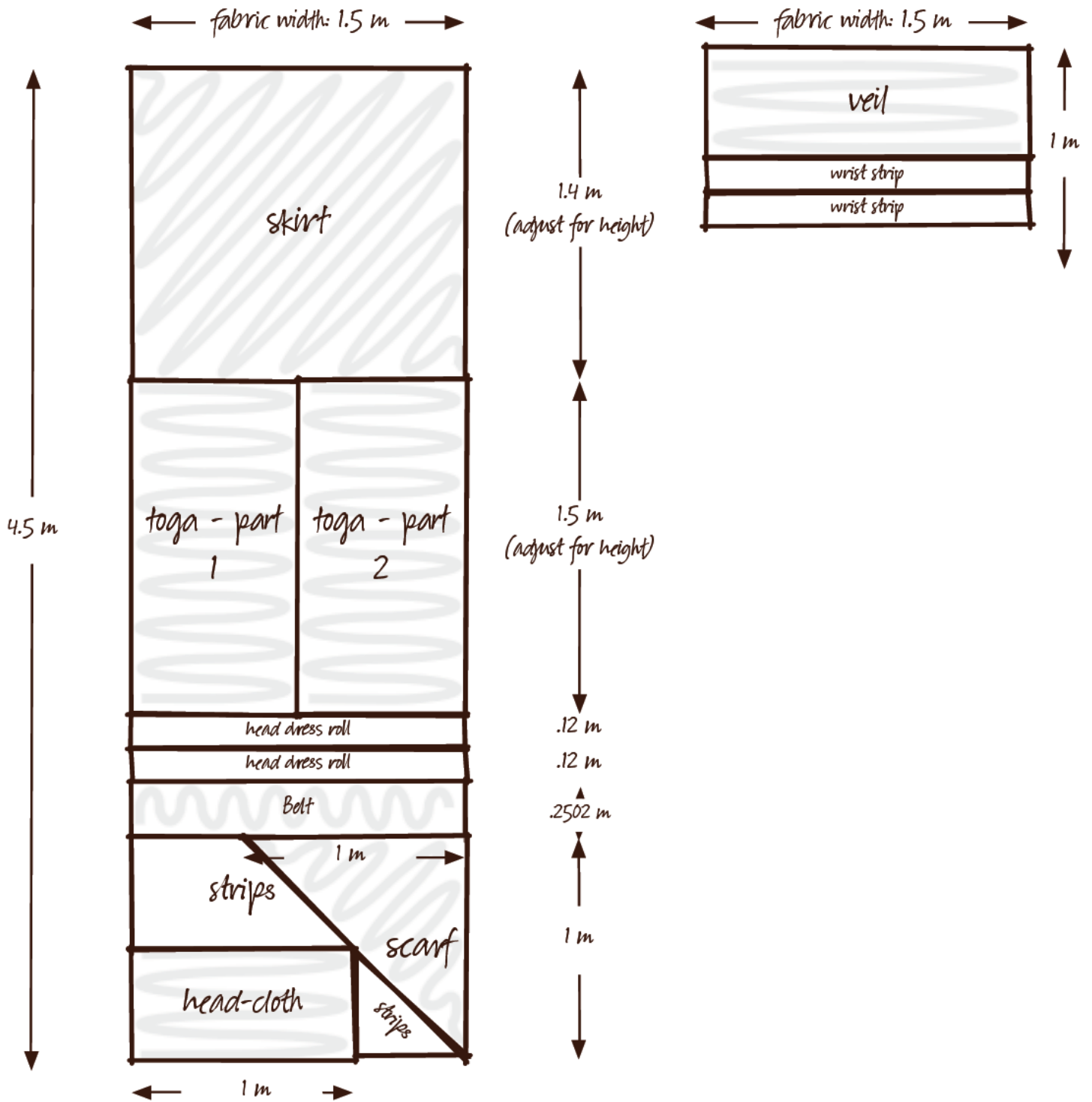


Red Rebel Brigade Costume

Look at YouTube videos and Google images to see many variations of the Red Rebel Brigade costume. All of the costume is in true red. No pink, wine, etc. No bling, glitter, etc. Hidden safety pins are necessary to keep pieces in place.

Costume Pattern



- The skirt is better if a seam and elastic waist are added, but it can certainly just be tied. Make sure safety pins are used to keep it from untying.
- To minimize toga slippage, I gather the toga at the shoulder with wide satin ribbon that is machine sewn on. (Of course, this is not mandatory.) Use safety pins to secure this center piece to the shoulder of your red shirt.



Costume and Headcloth Fabric (the left side of the cutting pattern above)

- 5 yards
- Joann Fabric Glitterbug Crushed Panne Velvet, in red (In spite of the name, it does not have glitter!)
<https://www.joann.com/lets-pretend-velvet/6677835.html>
 Washable. Zigzag edges to prevent shedding.
 Get the free Joann app so that you can use coupons. Depending on your timing, you can get this for 40-50% off.
 Sorry, but this is polyester. Cotton velvet is stiff and terribly expensive
- Thrift store fabrics

Headdress

- Here is Doug Francisco's instructional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlfSNP2nuo> Doug uses hot glue, and I use a combination of sewing and hot glue.
- You need a life-size mannequin head to make the head dress. Glass is preferred if you're going to use a glue gun.
- Although red netting works for the veil and wrist strips (right side of the cutting pattern above, 1 yard), it doesn't lay well and is difficult to move back and forth over your face when you lower and raise your veil. Red mesh stretch fabric is better. Joann no longer carries the stretch mesh fabric I prefer.
- You can make the head dress rolls with various materials. I've used foam (doesn't have to be tubular; will deform into a tube under the pressure of the fabric) or thick twisted cotton rope.
- Sadly, artificial flowers have plastic bits and are expensive. I prefer to get artificial flowers at thrift stores when I can.
- I prefer to machine sew the rolls, hand or machine sew the rolls together, and hand sew the veil and headcloth fabric to the roll. I use the glue gun to attach the flowers and to glue the ties at the back of the roll to each other and to the veil/headcloth fabric.

Gloves

I buy them from Amazon.

Red Umbrellas

I buy them from Amazon.

Red Shirt

I recommend long-sleeved red T-shirts from Joann Fabrics or Michael's. Get their free apps to get access to coupons for discounts.