

Let's try to make Spray skirt.

From now until summer, if you wear tuilik on the sea in Japan, you are sure to suffer from heat stroke.

Don't worry about that if you don't wear a tuilik and use a spray skirt. Well, Let's order it on Amazon...

Yes, that's fine. The cheapest ones start at several thousand yen (\$20~30).

But why you not try to make a spray skirt that's perfect fit for you and your qajaq?

Recently John Pedersen provided us photo of him making a spray skirt for his qajaq from Greenland.

He uses seal skins for his skirt, but I don't think we can get them in town, so let's try various ways, such as canvas, neoprene (wetsuit fabric), or nylon.

However, canvas shrinks considerably when it got wet, so it is recommended to soak it well in water to remove the glue before work (you can also use washer without detergent).



This is the pattern.

The height (straight line at both ends of the pattern) is 35 cm. The top of the pattern is around your stomach, so you can adjust to your own stomach size. The bottom part length is almost the same as the outer circumference of the coaming. You should also consider the seam allowance.

First, sew the straight sections together to make a cylindrical shape.



Please be creative in how you sew. It would be easier to use a sewing machine if it was regular cloth (canvas, nylon). Have to think fray the edges of the cloth.

Both the top and the bottom are folded over or sewn with other cloth to form a tube so that the string or bungie can fit.

You can put a bungie cord (about 5mm diameter) or string in here.



In Greenland, basically a suspender style. Put toggle (made with bone or wood) in the middle of strap to keep strap on the shoulder. In the front side, attached tabs as shown in the photo, to adjust the length suspender straps through the tabs hole.

I'll report back to you when I've actually made it.

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