

# ***Enlist to Serve***

## **TAKE ONE**

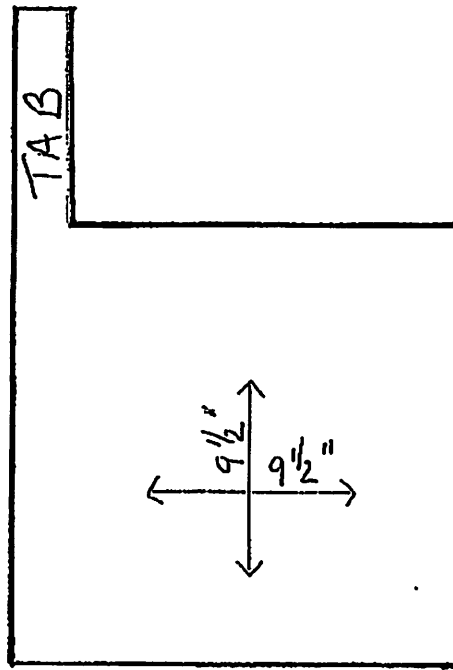
**Patterns and directions  
to sew items for  
VA hospital patients**

*Items need to be completed and  
dropped off  
by Sunday, September 9*

## **PATTERN #2 – OXYGEN TUBING BAG**

Make bags from strong type of washable material

Finished is approximately 9 ½" x 9 ½" and tab should be about 4" (double for the tab) so it will fit over the handle on a wheelchair. The tab can be sewn right into the seam or leave one end of the tab open and put a little piece of velcro on one end of the tab and one on the bag. The inside top seam can be finished off on the inside with bias tape for a more finished look and makes the bag a little sturdier.



## **PATTERN #5 - HEART PILLOW – MUST BE VERY FIRM**

**Material:** 1/2 yard of fabric will make one pillow (patriotic colors and designs preferred)

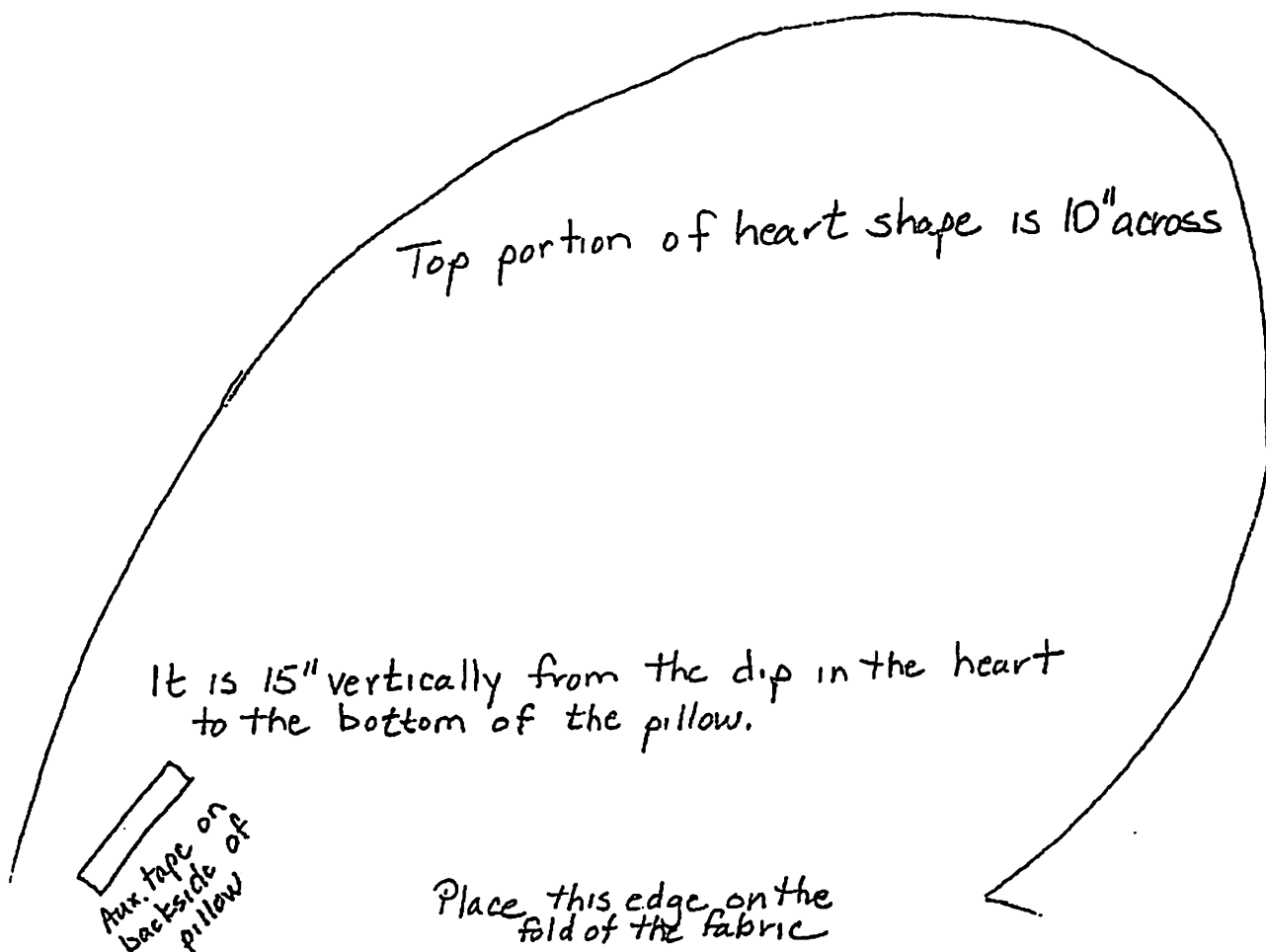
**Stuffing:** 5 pounds of batting will make 6 pillows

**Finished pillows** need to be 18" to 20"

Attach "American Legion Auxiliary" tape to the back of the pillow **BEFORE** you sew it together. Snip curved areas to the seam line. Leave opening for stuffing. Stuff firmly and stitch opening shut. Stuffing must be very firm in these pillows. Please note that material scraps can be saved for lap robes.

**Pattern:** Heart shape with a width of 10" across the 1/2 of the top of the heart and 15" from the dip of the center of the pillow to the bottom of the pillow.

Measurements are given below along with location of Auxiliary tape but you will need to make your own paper pattern.



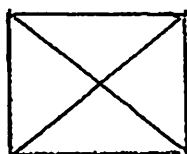
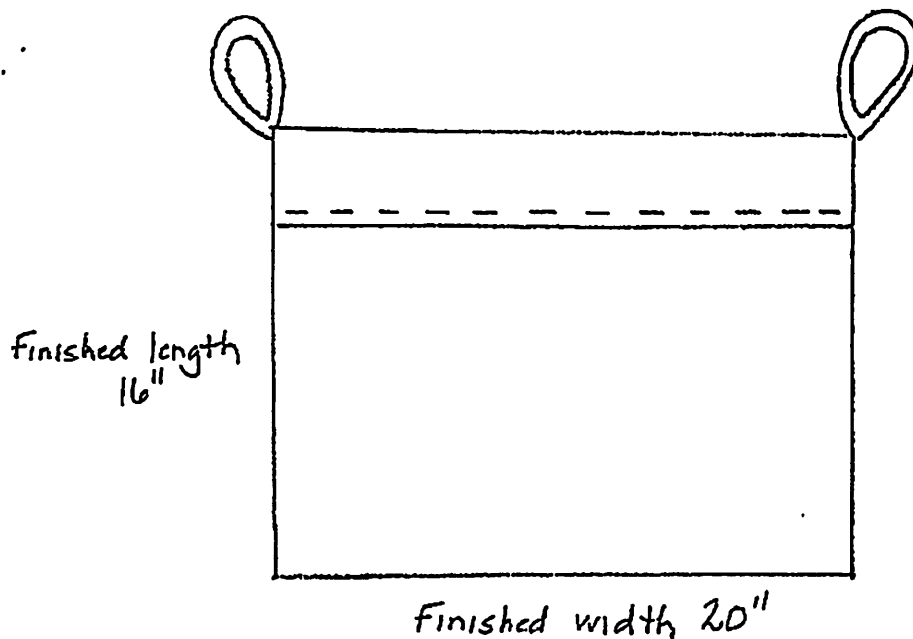
## **PATTERN #9a - WHEEL CHAIR BAG - FOR BACK**

Cut fabric piece 36" x 22"

**Bag:** Fold in half with right sides together (size now will be 18" x 21") and stitch the two side edges leaving the side opposite the fold open.

Hem open end with a 1" hem and double stitch folded edges.

**Straps:** Cut fabric 4" wide and 16-18" long and fold like bias tape. Stitch open folded edges together. Cut strip in half so that you have two pieces of strapping each 8-9" long and about 1" wide. Fold each strap piece in half and position one of the strap pieces on the inside hem of the bags side seams. Stitch through all layers on each side to securely fasten straps. (example: stitch a square the size of your hem and then stitch an X in it)



Strap stitching  
example

## **PATTERN #9b - WHEEL CHAIR BAG - FOR BACK – with tie straps**

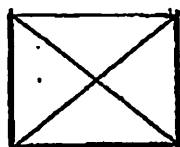
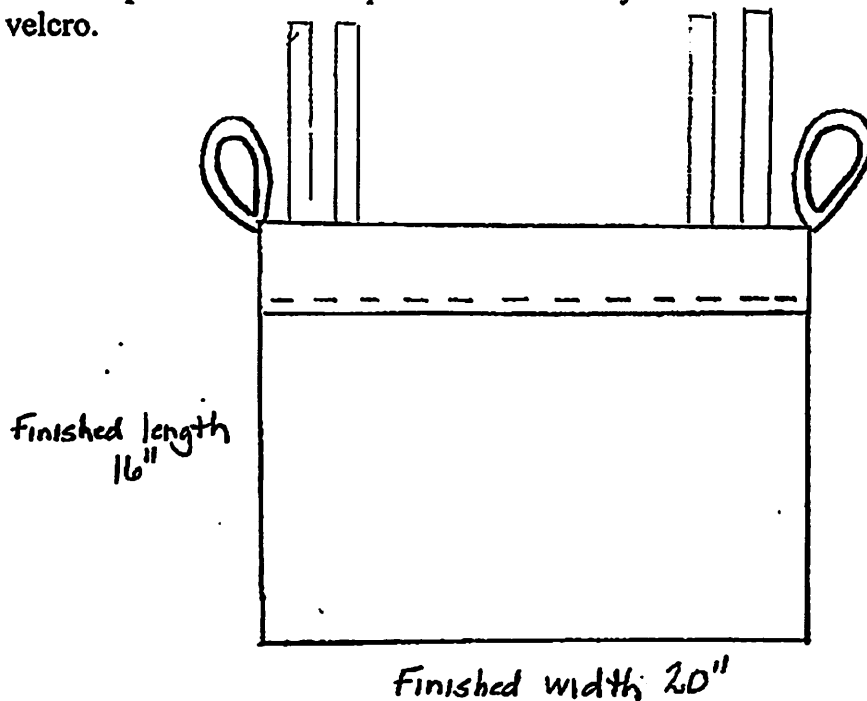
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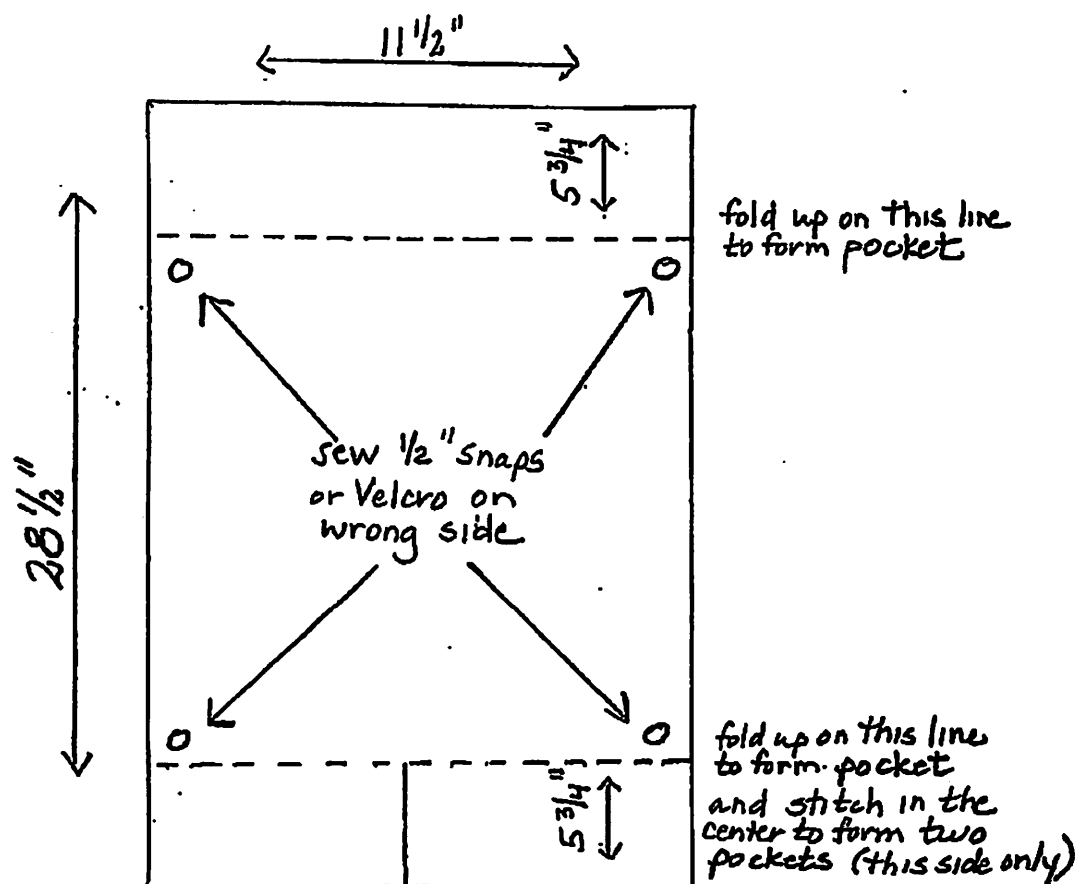
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**Tie Straps:** Sew two straps on each side so you can tie the two straps together or velcro.

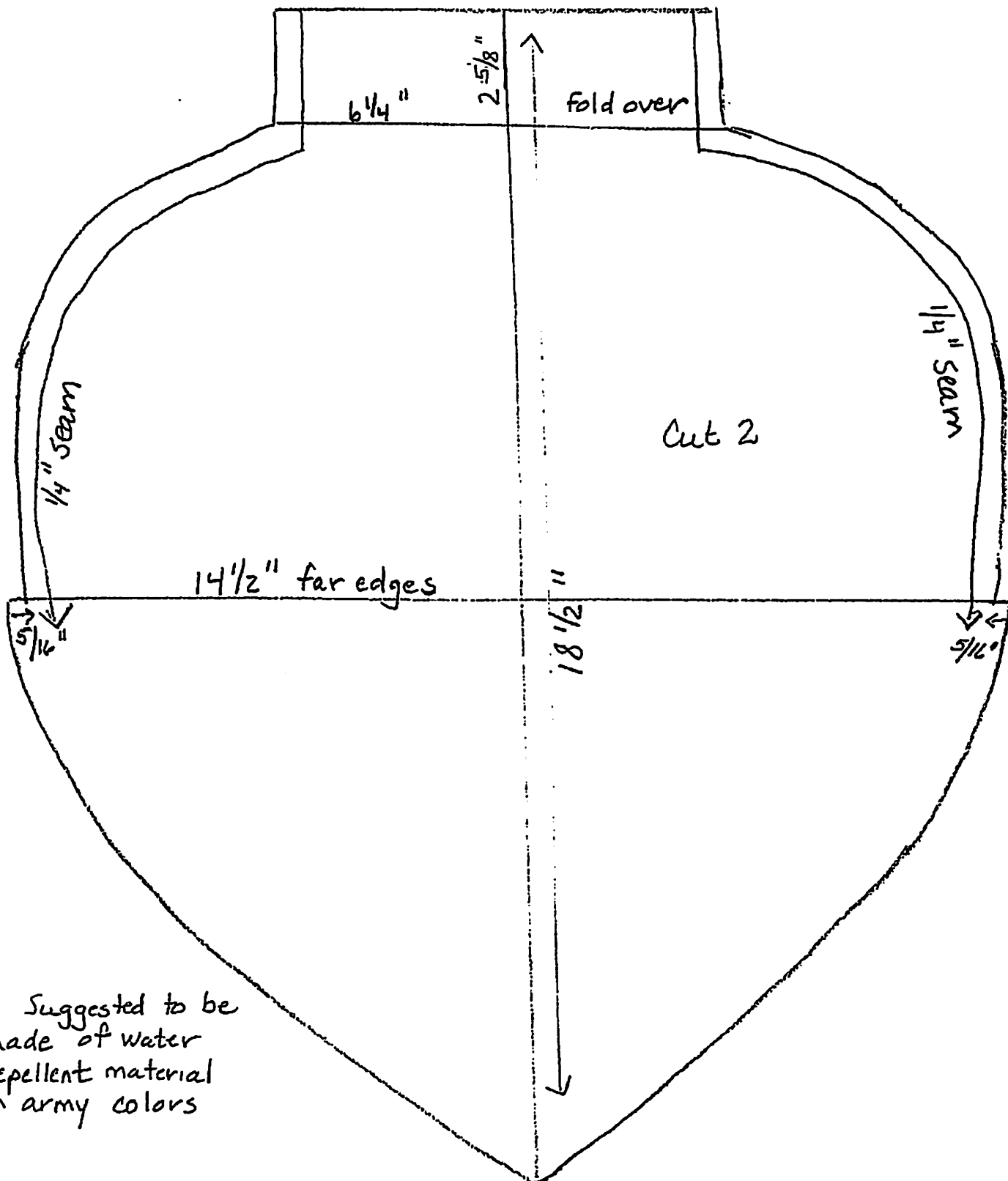


Strap stitching  
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**PATTERN #10 - WHEEL CHAIR BAG - SNAP TYPE**



# PATTERN #11 - URINE BAG COVER



Suggested to be  
made of water  
repellent material  
in army colors

**PATTERN #12 - NECK PILLOW (MUST BE VERY FIRM)**

**FINISHED SIZE-PLEASE ADD  
SEAM ALLOWANCE**

Cut 2

Stitch together  
leaving hole for  
stuffing. Hand  
stitch close.

Place on fold