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FUR BRAID WRAPS

Braid wraps made of several kinds of furs have been popular for all the styles of women's dress at powwow's for a number of years. Usually they are mink, ermine, and in some cases otter. These instructions allow you to fabricate wraps from dyed rabbit which will look very much like otter and other dark furs.

SHOPPING LIST

- 2 Dyed Rabbit hides
- 3 Soft leather thong 48" long.
- 1 Tube Grabber Fix-all Adhesive
- 2 Eskatuff Medicine Wheels
- 8 Tin cones
- 1 Size 3 Glovers needle
- 1 Size F Bobbin Mono nylon thread

You will need a sharp scissors for this project. When using a scissors to cut these furs try to only cut just through the skin and not the fur.

Lay out the rabbit furs with skin up and cut in half as in Figure 1. Trim some of the irregular edges, but you won't need to make it a perfect rectangle. Select one piece to be the top piece and the other the bottom. Cut a straight line on the bottom of the top piece, and on the top of the bottom piece. Cut these pieces so both together total 24 inches in length (or less if you do not want them that long). See Figure 2

Match the two pieces together as in Figure 3, and sew them together using the glovers needle strung with the Mono nylon thread doubled.

Lay the full sewn fur out with the skin side up. Apply the Grabbers Fix-all Adhesive in a thin ribbon of glue along the entire edge. Carefully fold the entire length of rabbit about half way over and press together to glue it as in Figure 4. Carefully apply the glue to the other edge, and fold over along the length so the fur wrap looks about 2 1/2 inches wide. Press down the glued edge into the fur. Let dry.

Cut the soft leather thongs into about 24" lengths. Tie one of these thongs around each of the fur wraps about 2 inches down from the top. Position the knot in the back side of the fur wrap. This is used to tie the wrap into your braids.

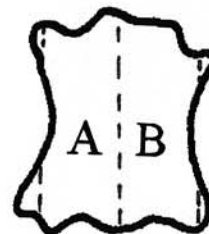


Figure 1



Figure 2

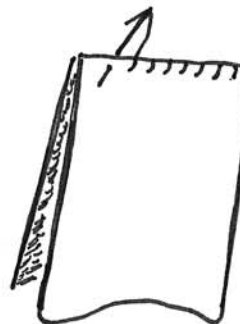


Figure 3



Figure 4

You may finish decorating the wraps to fit the design of your dance clothing by using beadwork, shell discs, or the Eskatuff wheels provided in our kit. Attach these items near the top of each wrap with thongs, letting the ends hang forward as fringe. Tie the last of the thongs around the bottom of the wraps at least 2" up from the bottom. Also have the ends of the thongs hang forward as fringe.

Decorate all these thong fringe by adding crow beads that match your other clothing. Finish the thongs by putting the ends through the top of a tin cone and pinching the top edge of the cone to hold it in place.

The Eskatuff wheels can be wrapped with ribbon to match other colors in your shawl or dress.

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