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Encounter is an experimental project which puts humans to the test of loneliness. It is a stimulus for people to think about loneliness and face it the way they want. The emotion that these days, despite the Coronavirus, is more sensitive. The hugging became weak in everyday life, from both physical and spiritual needs. This project provides a position to embrace. You can sit on a chair and hug the structure. A garment covers the back of the chair with pillows and magnets under the sleeves. You can experience the feeling of being hugged by bringing the sleeves closer.

## Do you like to make your own?

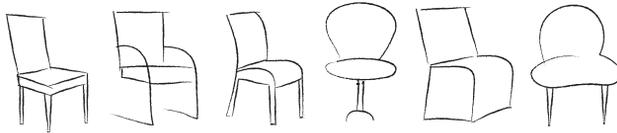
This Package gives anyone a choice to do this project by their-self. It could help you to use it whenever you want and make it with whatever you like. Imagine you use it when your home or put it in your office. You want to sit on it in the morning or late at night, in your good mood or bad mood.

You can choose your favorite clothes because they should make you feel safe and comfy. Pillows choose for flexibility, softness. Magnets were for their properties. They repel and attract like who feel lonely. On the one hand, they run away from others, and on the other hand, they want to be by their side. By closing the sleeves of clothes together, it embraces you.

# THE GUIDE TO MAKING YOUR OWN

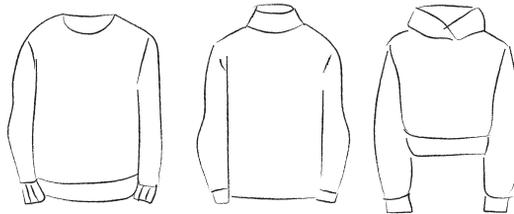
Materials:

Chair



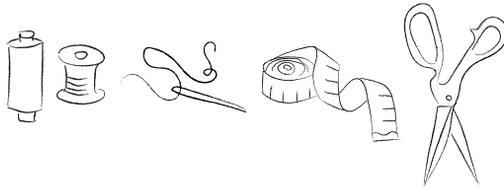
Choose any categories of chairs that you have comfortable sitting in.  
(Chair must have backs.)

Clothes



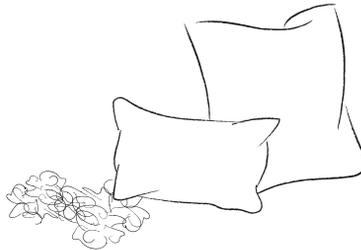
Choose clothes that have sleeves and make you feel good to hug them. (e.g., remind you of a memory, unique gift, you like the color, smells someone you've missed.)

## Basic sewing supplies



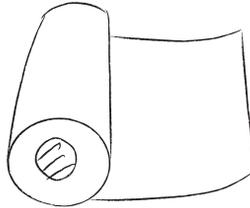
Thread, needle, scissors, meter.  
(sewing machine is optional).

## Pillows



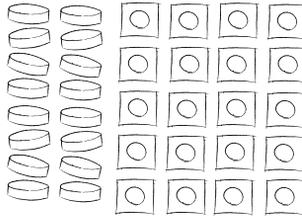
Pillows for making a soft structure and use their cotton and  
feather inner.

## Cotton Fabrics



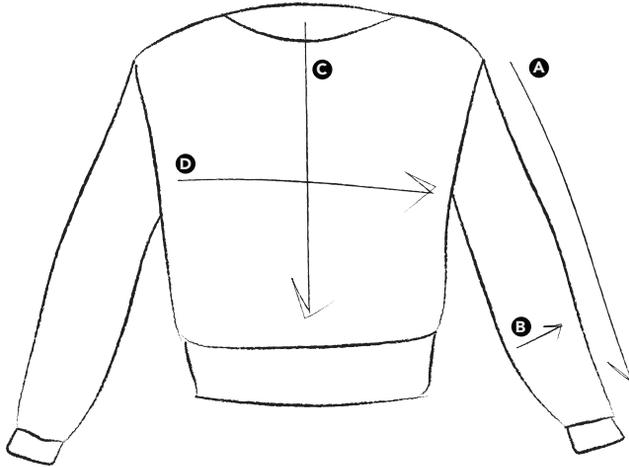
To create the main form for the body and sleeves.  
(The color is not important, it is used inside the clothes).

## Magnets



Some Neodym and Hidden sewing magnets.

## STEPS:



### 1 Measure the clothes with meter

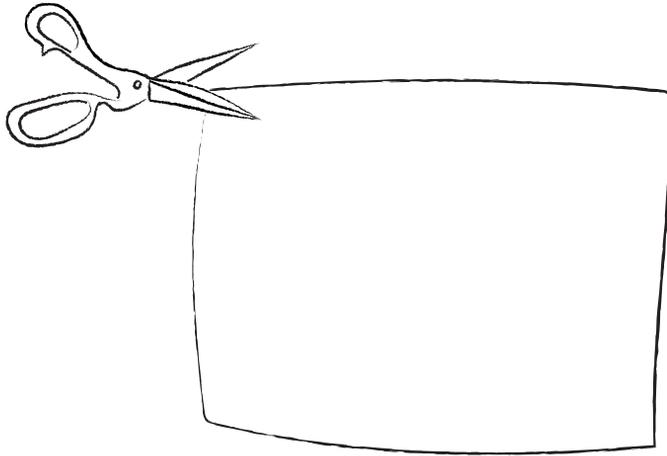
A: Length of sleeves

B: Width of sleeves

C: Center Back

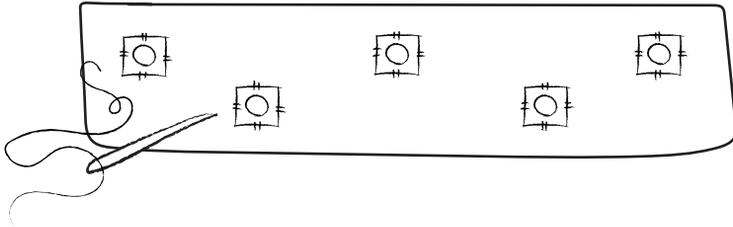
D: Chest

P.S. It is better to select clothes one size larger than yourself.



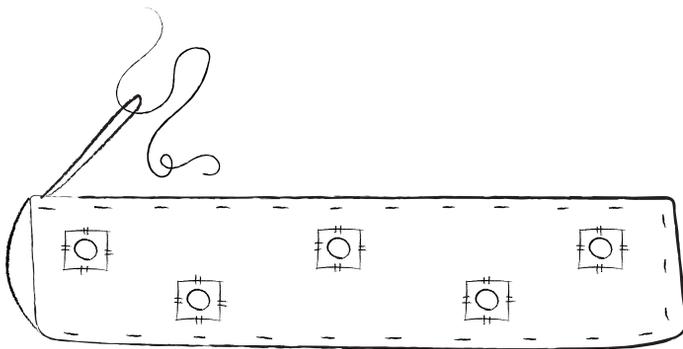
## **2** Prepare and cut out your fabric according to the size

- Sleeves: Press your fabric to remove all wrinkles. Double the height size. (we need to fold the fabric in half.) Then, cut your fabric based on the size that you measure. Do it the same for another sleeves pattern.
  - Body: Choose a pillow that is about the size of the Chest/Center back. (No need to measure or sewing.)
- NOW we have three patterns: Two sleeves, One body.



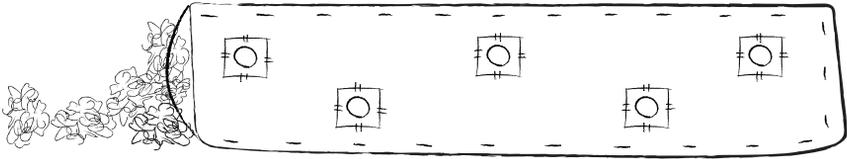
### 3 Mark and Sewing Hidden Magnets

Fold the pattern from the center, then mark the point you want to sewing the magnets. Please do it for both sides. Next sewing the hidden magnets on mark points (Only for the Sleeve pattern).



#### **4** Sewing the Pattern

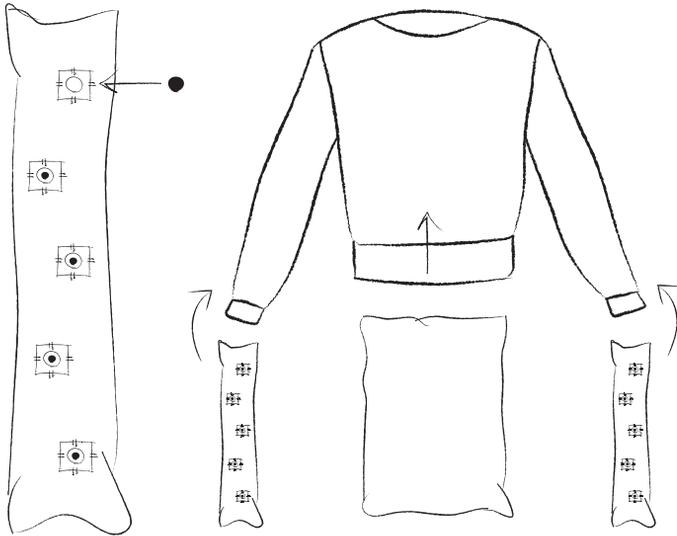
Sewing three parts of the fabric, keep one part open for the next step.  
Please do it for both sleeves pattern.



## 5 Fill and Sewing

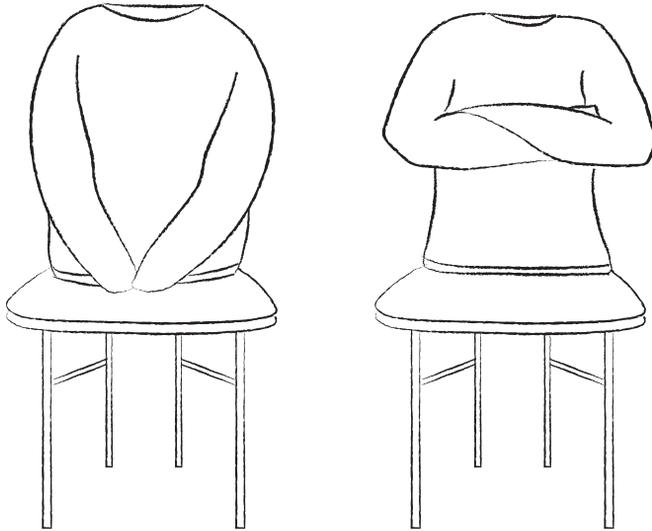
Use The pillow cotton or feather to fill the open part of the sleeves pattern. Then sew the open part.

P.S. To be more real, you can fill the arm part more and the forearm part less. Be careful not to overfill with feathers.



## 6 Attract magnets/Put into the clothes

Attract Neodym magnets to sleeves pattern magnets. Please do it for both sleeves. You have three pieces full of cotton or feather. Put them into your clothes.



## **7** Final step

The last step is to put the structure on the back of the chair.  
Sit on a chair. When you put your sleeves closer, the magnets stick together.

# CONGRATULATION

## You made your "Encounter"

Let's try, hug it.  
How does it feel?

Please share your experience when you hugged this  
handmade project with me.  
(write some sentences or send a picture.)



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