



The cloak is the outside garment. This was worn for warmth and appearance. There were two kinds of cloaks - one that men who did active work wore and one that people who had riches or had high position wore.

The Simlah

The shepherds wore this. All the people who were very active in their work had a simlah. This was made of heavy wool or goat or sheep skin.

The simlah was very practical. It was used in several ways. It might be -

A rug to sit on

A blanket to keep you warm while sleeping

A prayer mat

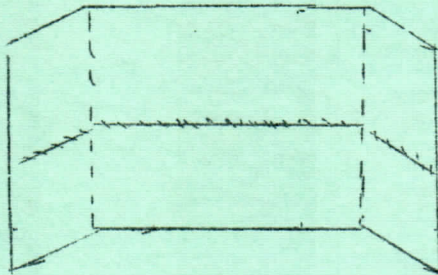
Shelter from the rain or wind or sand

TURN CARD OVER



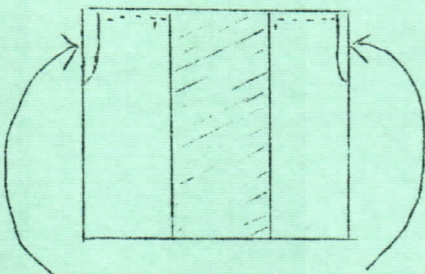
To make a simlah for a man you need two pieces of cloth, each about 30 inches wide and 7 feet long.

1. Sew these two pieces of cloth together - side to side.



(Sew together here)

2. Lay this cloth out flat. Now fold each end over toward the middle. You need to fold over about 18 inches at each end. Notice that now you have a piece that is square.



(Cut out here. This is an opening for hands and wrist)

3. Stitch across one end. This will be the shoulder of the coat and also the sleeve

4. Cut a hole for the hands in 2 corners.



When this garment is worn it looks very bulky.

If it is made of wool it usually has wide stripes. The stripes are brown on cream color or black on white.

See the other CLOAK Research Card for information about the cloak worn by the rich people or people in high position.