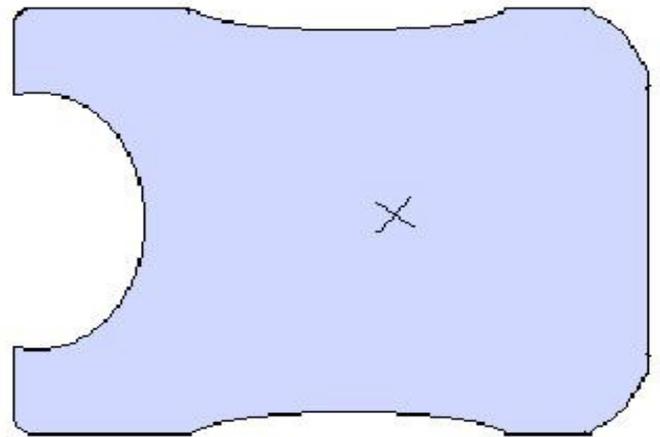
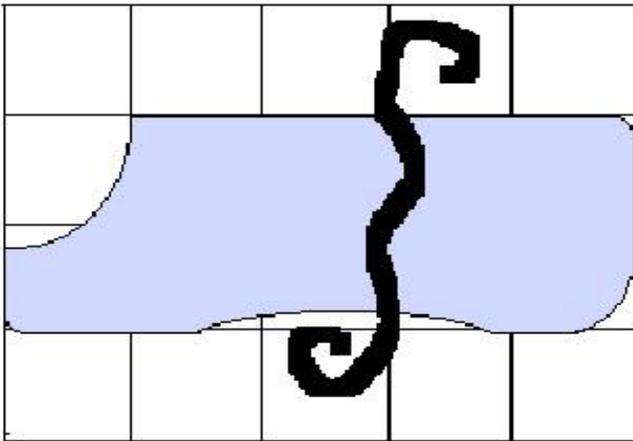
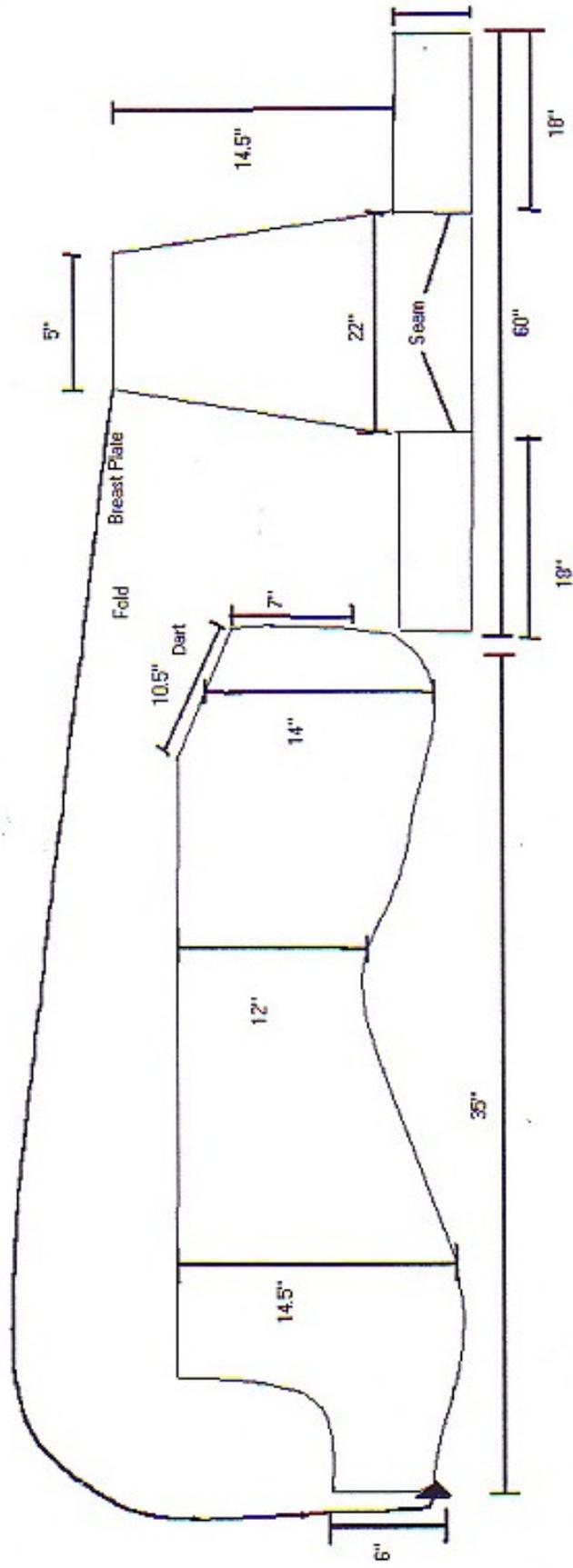


MAKING A COAT FOR A SHIVERING SKINNY!

Using the template below as a pattern (each square on the grid is 6" (15 cm) sq.), present the top edge of the template to a fold in your material and cut it out double. Do this twice, and with right sides together, sew all round the outside edges leaving a small gap to be able to turn the whole thing inside out. Sew a 180cm/ 6 foot band of soft material at least 6 cm / two inches wide onto the middle of the back for the belly band. Finally, oversew or bind the two thick edges which go over the breastbone, *very* firmly together. This can be a weak spot.

Standard blanket/coat material can be used double unless it is particularly thick and could do singly, perhaps with a flannelette/soft cotton lining. Another idea is to cut up and use material from second hand padded anoraks (which have the advantage of being waterproof,) or padded dressing gown material.





This is a pattern for a snuggler coat. It is experimental and works well in thermal fleece material which fits cosily and draws up over the dog. I'm not sure how it works with blanket material but if you have a dog at hand to experiment with, maybe you can adapt it to suit the material that you can get hold of cheaply. The advantage of it is that there is not the danger of narrow ties cutting the dog under the belly and also there is the added warmth of the breast plate over the tummy.

Good Luck and thanks!
 Anne

Knit a Greyhound Coat

Size 8 or 4mm needles

500g ball of Arran Wool or suitable thick wool

Cast on 100 stitches in garter stitch and knit for 24 inches.

Divide neck as follows:-

With right side facing knit 43 stitches then cast off 14 stitches which will be centre of the neck.

Knit the remaining 43 stitches from the left hand needle onto the right hand needle.

Shape neck as follows:-

Starting at beginning of row knit 43 stitches then slip remaining 43 stitches onto stitch holder.

Starting at neck edge decrease one stitch every alternate row (by knitting two stitches together) until 20 stitches remain, then cast off.

Return to remaining 43 stitches on stitch holder and repeat to match other side. Wrong side facing, sew neck ends together.

To make belly band

Cast on 15 stitches in garter stitch.

Knit for 66" and cast off.

Sew band onto dog coat half way down. (To tie under Belly)

