



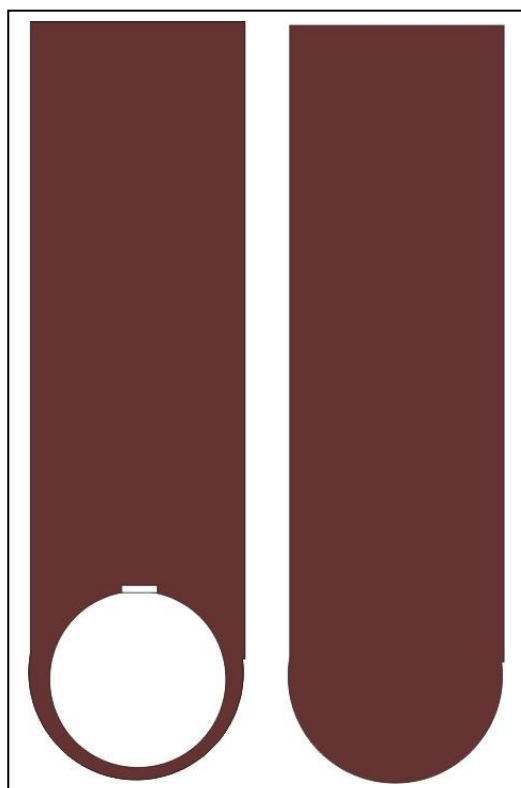
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Hooping Template Pattern for Hooping Items Such as Cap Backs and Sleeves

When you are first getting started, you may be short on funds to be able to purchase all of the hooping device templates that you need. When I first started, we did not have all of the devices that are available today, so I had to figure out how to come up with my own.

This is a pattern that I made for creating a template for hooping cap backs and narrow items such as sleeve tops. It also works inside of bag pockets. I called it my Cap Back Hooping Board. I used this board for hooping all of my cap backs. This particular template was made to fit my 12 cm hoop. It is very inexpensive and will work very nicely.



It is simply 2 pieces of 3/8th inch plywood. Each piece is about 14 inches long and 6.25 inches wide. The end of each board is cut the same shape as the hoop or hooping frame. It is cut 1/2 inch wider than the hoop at the narrowest part. You can see the shape in the picture to the left.

Lay the bottom part of your hoop onto one of the boards with the outside edge 1/2 inch from the edge of the board and draw a circle around the outside edge of the hoop, including the end that has the tightening screw in it. Make sure that the hoop is square on the board with the tightening screw at the top part as in the picture. Also make sure that it is open as far as it will go so that you have some room in case you want to add layers of backing or have a heavier object

before you draw around it.

Cut out this circle with a router. Sand it so that it is smooth after you have it cut. Lay the second board under it and glue the 2 pieces together. Clamp it tight until it is dry. You will then have a template that the bottom part of your hoop will sit into.

You can now clamp your template to a table so that it hangs out over the edge of the table. Make sure that you clamp it on both sides to make it very sturdy.

I used this type of hooping board for many years before I purchased a hooping device. I also made several other hooping boards to fit all of my different garment shapes and hooping needs.