PACKAGING CLOTHING IN PAPER LAYERS

In order to properly preserve evidence such as bloodstain patterns or gunshot residue, or to prevent cross contamination of evidence between layers of clothing, it is often necessary to use multiple sections of butcher paper to separate the layers.

****Always be aware of potential biohazards and cross contamination and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment****

Directions

1. Place a large piece of butcher paper onto a clean surface (such as an even larger piece of butcher paper) and lay the article flat on it.

2. Insert a smaller piece of butcher paper inside the body of the garment.

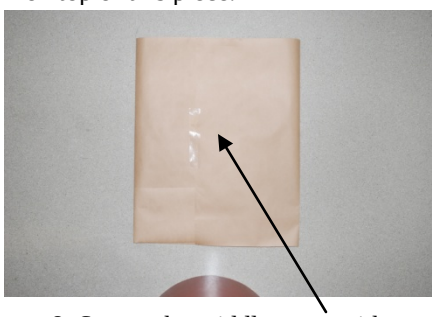
3. For sleeves or legs, insert a long strip inside. In order to give it the necessary rigidity, you will need to start with a larger piece and fold it over on itself 3 to 4 times.

4. Lay the garment flat again.

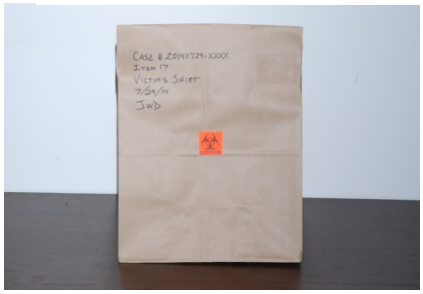
5. Lay a piece of butcher paper, sufficient enough in size to cover all surface area, on top of the garment. With sleeves, fold them on top of this piece.

6. Place a layer of butcher paper over one sleeve prior to beginning to fold the article over onto itself. With pants, this would have been done over one leg.

7. Fold the bottom most layer of paper over top of the article (or second bottom most layer if another piece of butcher paper is being used as the “clean surface” as described in step 1).



8. Secure the middle seam with a strip of tape then fold the open ends over and secure with tape.



9. Place the article into a suitable outer container (box or paper bag) and label that container with the case information. If it is necessary to mark on the inner packaging, avoid any puncturing or ink bleed through by affixing a label to the butcher paper.

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