

Pācittiya #90: Making an Oversized Bandage

On this occasion the Buddha, the Blessed One, was dwelling at Sāvatti, at Jeta's grove, in Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Furthermore, on this occasion, a rash-covering cloth⁶⁹⁴ had been allowed for monks by the Blessed One. [Some] group-of-six monks, [thinking] "A rash-covering cloth is allowed by the Blessed One," wore oversized rash-covering cloths. They wandered about with the cloths dragging [on the ground] in front and behind them. Those monks who were of few wishes... denounced, criticized, and castigated: "How is it that group-of-six monks will wear oversized rash-covering cloths?" ... "Is it true that you, monks, wore oversized rash-covering cloths?" "It is true, Blessed One." The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... "How is it that you, foolish men, will wear oversized rash-covering cloths? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

"A rash-covering cloth being made by a monk is to be made the [right] size. Here the [right] size is this: Four spans long, two spans wide, using the Sugata-span. For one who exceeds that: a Pācittiya that requires cutting [it to the allowed size]."

Rash-covering cloth: For the purpose of covering an affliction below the navel and above the knees, [such as a] rash, boil, discharge, or large scab.

Being made: One making it or causing it to be made is to have it made the [right] size. Here the [right] size is this: Four spans long, two spans wide, using the Sugata-span. After exceeding that, for the act of making or causing to make: a Dukkaṭa. When it has been obtained: after cutting it, a Pācittiya is to be acknowledged.

Unfinished by oneself, completed by oneself: a Pācittiya offense.
Unfinished by oneself, completed by another: a Pācittiya offense.
Unfinished by another, completed by oneself: a Pācittiya offense.
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One makes it or causes it to be made for the sake of another: a Dukkaṭa offense.
After obtaining [an item] made by another, one uses it: a Dukkaṭa offense.

Non-offense[s]: One makes it the [allowed] size; one makes it smaller; after obtaining [an item] made by another in excess of the [allowed] size, one uses it after cutting it [to the allowed size]; one makes a canopy, ground-sheet, screen, mattress, or pillow; for one who is crazy; for the first offender.

⁶⁹⁴ *Kaṇḍuppaṭicchādim*. Lit. "itch-cover."