

## Pācittiya #91: Making an Oversized Rain-cloth

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 rain-cloth<sup>695</sup> had been allowed for monks by the Blessed One. [Some] group-of-six monks, [thinking] “A rain-cloth is allowed by the Blessed One,” wore oversized rain-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 rain-cloths?” ... “Is it true that you, monks, wore oversized rain-cloths?” “It is true, Blessed One.” The Buddha, the Blessed One, reprimanded... “How is it that you, foolish men, will wear oversized rain-cloths? This is not, foolish men, for the faith of the faithless... And thus, monks, you may recite this training-rule:

**“A rain-cloth being made by a monk is to be made the [right] size. Here the [right] size is this: Six spans long, two-and-a-half spans wide, using the Sugata-span. For one who exceeds that: a Pācittiya that requires cutting [it to the allowed size].”**

**Rain-cloth:** For the four months of the rainy season.

**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: Six spans long, two-and-a-half 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.  
Unfinished by another, completed by another: a Pācittiya offense.

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.

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<sup>695</sup> *Vassikasāṭikā*. This was allowed so that monks could bathe in the rain wearing a “rain-cloth” rather than nothing at all.