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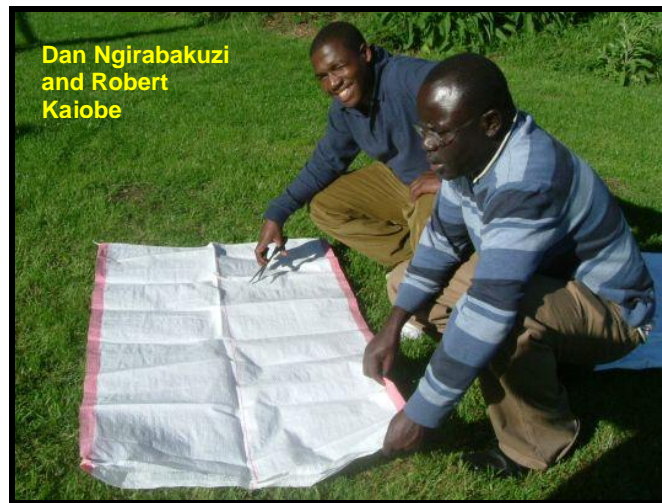
Beekeepers from Kisoro, Uganda, have made their own veils

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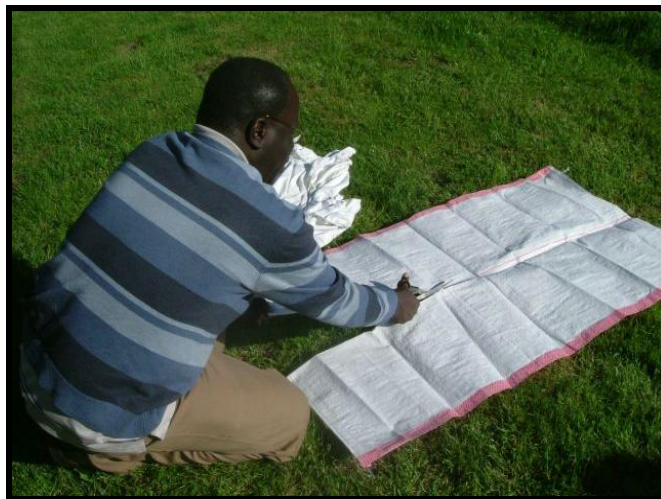
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It is easy to make a simple veil to protect the face and head from bee stings. Maize flour sack material is tough and cheap.



Cut the sack in half along its length. Then cut each half into three pieces. Each piece will make the hat part of one bee veil.



It is possible to make six bee veils from one flour sack if it is cut carefully.



This material frays (tears) easily so the edges must be turned over and stitched to protect them.

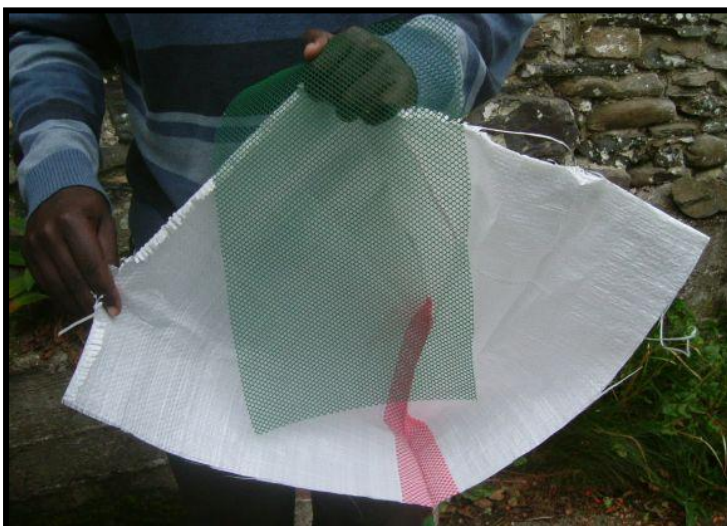
Notice frayed edges of material



Stitch each piece to make a corner.



Next a panel of mesh is put in. Mosquito netting is good.



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It should look like this.



Add a square of cheaper material and stitch to the front and back of the hat to give protection for the chest and back. Add some string to tie the sides together.



When you are getting dressed for beekeeping, the veil must be put on first, and then well secured inside thick clothing. If you do not have a bee suit, wear a coat over the top to complete the outfit.