

Patchwork Jacket Improv

SUPPLY LIST

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Dates: Friday, July 19 & 26th | 10A-4P



Project description: This class is for sewists who know how to make a quilt and are familiar with their machine. Let your creativity flow! Use an old quilt, use up your scraps or create your own quilt pattern for this loose fitting, kimono style jacket with pockets. Bring your finished quilt pieces to class and we will cut the pattern, sew pieces together, add the pockets and apply binding to finish the sleeves and body of your new, cool, one- of-a-kind jacket.

Fabric Requirements:

There is homework before Class One!

1. You will be making the rectangles (think small quilts) that will be used for the front, back, sleeves and pockets before Class One. Refer to the Size Requirements on attached sheet. Piece your quilt pieces, add batting and backing and quilt. Leave edges unfinished. Do not Bind.
2. 1/2 yd fabric for Binding or 7 yds of pre-made binding tape in color you prefer.

Sewing supplies:

1. Sewing machine, cord, foot control, extension table, basic sewing foot (not a 1/4" foot), cording foot or zipper foot. Do not use single hole throat plate on this project.
2. Pins, clips, thread snips, fabric marker or chalk.
3. Coordinating thread. Wind one bobbin matching top thread
4. Ruler, cutting mat, rotary cutter (we do have some to share in class)
5. Fresh regular needle in your machine
6. Take-home directions will be supplied in class. Bring a pen to take notes.

Preparations prior to class: Homework. See attached sheet to find out what size rectangles (think small quilts) to make. Create and piece your pattern, add batting, backing (it will be the lining of your jacket) and quilt each piece. Do not bind as we are cutting pieces and will be applying binding to finished edges.

Patchwork Improv Jacket Sizing Chart		
Size	Front/Back - make 2 rectangles	Sleeves- make 2 rectangles
XS	24" x 26"	21" x 18"
S	26" x 26"	22" x 18"
M	28" x 27"	23" x 19"
L	30" x 28"	24" x 20"
XL	32" x 29"	25" x 21"
2X	34" x 30"	27" x 22"

Patchwork Jacket Improv-Requirements and Tips

Pockets for ALL sizes- Make 2 squares 8" x 8"

Helpful Tips:

- If you are uncertain, quilt patterns like Yellow Brick Road are perfect, and very forgiving. This is where you can get your Improv juices going. Use an old quilt. Go scrap crazy! Layer cakes, fat quarters, charm packs, jelly rolls all work. You get to decide!
- Go up a size if uncertain. We can adjust in class.
- Do not wash fabric. Best to wash after the jacket is made. Another reason to go up a size.
- Remember the backing IS the lining so keep that in mind if you plan on rolling up your sleeves.
- Binding can match front or lining or not! The decision is yours!
- Customize with embroidery, appliqué, sashiko are things to consider for the jacket.
- We will be making an open jacket in class but will discuss different closures.
- Week ONE: Fitting, cutting and sewing the jacket together. Make and sew on pockets.
- Week TWO: Finishing up - making and apply binding to jacket.