



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Coats & Clark™ Jeans Thread

Two coordinating long sleeve men's shirts
One denim jacket, in your size
One batting square, 8" (20.5cm)
1/8 yd (11.5cm) background fabric for quilt block
One button, 1/2" (1.5cm)
Topstitching needle

 SEWING | SKILL LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

Featuring Coats & Clark™ Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

Mix-and-match denim and shirts for this fun jacket look. Head to your closet (or the local thrift store) for the components and start the playtime.

MEASUREMENTS

Custom

CUTTING

Note: The directions for this project are generic—the exact measurements will depend on the jacket style and shirt sizes. Measurements given for the featured jacket are for a women's size medium.

Seam allowances are 1/2" (1.5cm).

1. Cut off the denim jacket evenly below any upper pockets and above the waist—we cut 6" (15.5cm). If pockets extend into this area, fuse or stitch them closed before cutting.
2. Cut off the jacket sleeves around elbow length.
3. Cut a straight strip off the lower edge of both shirt fronts about 2" (5cm) longer than the amount you cut off from the jacket. We cut ours 8" (20cm) tall. If your shirt has a shaped hem, either use it that way, or cut off the curve before cutting the accent strip. Note that one shirt will be for the left side and the other for the right side of the jacket, so position the openings, buttonholes, etc. accordingly. Try not to have a button or buttonhole in the upper seam allowance.
4. Cut off the shirt sleeves the amount you cut off in step 2, plus 1" (2.5cm). Measure from above the cuff. Note that one shirt sleeve is for the right sleeve and the other shirt's sleeve is for the left, so choose accordingly.

Assembling the Jacket

1. Measure the lower jacket circumference and cut the shirt strips half that width, plus 2" (5cm).
2. Press under a double ¼" (.64cm) hem along the bottom of each shirt strip and stitch. Repeat to finish the back straight edges (the edge with no placket, buttons or buttonholes).
3. Press under 1½" (4cm) on one back shirt strip edge. Matching the center front of the jacket and the shirt strips, sew around the lower edge. Note that they will overlap in the center back to form a vent, and that the side seams may not align with the jacket, depending on the shirt and jacket sizes. Zigzag or serge the seam allowance edges together. Press the seam allowances toward the shirt addition.
4. Compare the sleeve shirt circumference to that of the jacket. If needed, taper the underarm seam of the shirt sleeve to match the size. Trim off any excess seam allowance.

5. Mark the center point of the jacket sleeve by folding it at the underarm seam. Repeat for the shirt sleeves.
6. Noting the direction of the shirt sleeve opening, pair up the left and right sleeve openings with the jacket sleeve lower edge, matching centers. With right sides together, sew around the sleeve openings. Zigzag or serge the seam allowance edges together. Press the seam allowances up.
7. Insert Topstitching needle in the machine and thread with Coats & Clark™ Jeans Thread. Topstitch the sleeve seam and the lower joining seam.

FINISHING

1. Trace the small star pattern onto one upper shoulder area of the jacket front. Sew along the lines using Jeans Thread.
2. Cut two 2 ½" (6.5cm) squares of leftover shirting fabric. With right sides together, sew around the edges, leaving a small space for turning.
3. Turn the square right side out and press to shape. Hand-stitch the opening closed.

4. Fold the corners of the square to the center diagonally. Whipstitch the points together. Place the square inside the stitched star square. Using Jeans Thread, sew the button at the square center, tying a knot on the right side and leaving the thread ends about ½" (1.5cm).

