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QUILTED JACKETS

Ideas

- Embellish an existing garment
- Use an existing garment as a foundation (eg [Laundry Basket Quilts](#) & [here](#))
- Make a new garment from scratch – for you or someone else (eg dog coat from [Patchwork and Poodles](#))

Making a Jacket From Scratch

Patchwork Choices

- Use an existing quilt or prequilted fabric
- Start with an existing quilt top, or a single piece of fabric, and add backing and backing
- Piece together orphan blocks or UFOs
- Custom patchwork for this project

Jacket Features

- Shape: boxy, oversized, straight, cocoon
- Shaping: eg bust darts or flared over hips
- Length
- Hood: will it have a hood?
- Collar: will it have a collar? If yes, what sort of collar?
- Fastenings: buttons, snaps, ties, zip
- Belt: with a matching belt? Belt loops? Drawstring and toggles?
- Front opening: single or double breasted? Does it wrap? Does it close at centre front?
- Sleeves: sleeveless? Short or long, set in, dolman, dropped, raglan, one or two piece, cuffed
- Reversible?
- Lined or unlined?
- Pockets? Patch, welt, inseam
- How will seams be finished? Binding, Hong Kong seams, overlapped

Sizing and Fit

- Making a test garment is highly recommended, and possibly more than one.
- Thickness of the pieces will be affected by type of batting, density of quilting, number of seams
- Thicker pieces will create bulkier seams and a warmer and stiffer garment
- The pieces will shrink a little during quilting
- The jacket may shrink after washing

Jacket Patterns

- Commercial designers:
 - ❖ Eg Vogue
 - ❖ from Spotlight
 - ❖ on tissue paper
 - ❖ generally limited size range and limited instructions and support
- Independent designers
 - ❖ Paper patterns from independent stores
 - ❖ PDF patterns from designer's website (print at home or A0 or projector files)
 - ❖ Huge range of styles, sizes and features
 - ❖ Some specialise in segments of the market eg plus sized, large busted, gender neutral, zero waste
 - ❖ Generally have good instructions and lots of support
- Self drafted
 - ❖ ie design your own, perhaps based on an existing garment
 - ❖ lots of videos on You Tube

Alex's recommendations for quilted jacket patterns

[Tamarack Jacket by Grainline Studios \(with extra pieces for hood, collar and pockets\)](#)



[Grainger Coat by Muna and Broad](#)



[Hovea Jacket by Megan Nielsen](#)



[Patchwork Chore Jacket by Patchwork and Poodles](#)



[Felix Jacket by Pattern Union](#)



Tips for PDF Patterns

- choose the correct size range (eg Tamarack comes in 0-18 for smaller bust and 14-30 for larger bust)
- you may need to pay extra for more features (eg Tamarack has an add-on pack)
- tips for printing and putting them together from the [Megan Nielsen](#) blog, and a video from [Grainline Studios](#)
- places to have PDF patterns printed in A0 size:
 - Officeworks
 - [Kwaint Threads](#) (Perth)
 - [Maai Designs](#) (Victoria)

Links

Blogs

Shannon Fraser Designs: [Top 10 tips from a modern quilter's first journey into me-made clothing](#)

Megan Nielsen: [Hovea Sewalong](#)

Grainline Studios: [Tamarack Sewalong](#)

Suzy Quilts: [How to Sew a Quilted Coat](#)

Patchwork and Poodles: [Quilt Coat Pattern Roundup](#)

We All Sew: [How to make a quilted jacket with scraps](#)

Pinterest:

@quietlyquirky2 – Quilted Jacket Resources and Patchworked Clothing

Instagram

#quiltcoatchowshow

#freespiritcoatstory

#mnhovea

#felixjacket

#tamarackjacket

#patchworkjacket

YouTube

Grainline Studios: [Tamarack Sewalong](#)

Tamara's Joy: [How to Make a Patchwork Jacket](#)

Free Spirit Fabrics: [Inspired by #freespiritcoatstory](#)

The Confident Stitch: [DIY Quilted Jacket](#)

Just Get it Done Quilts: [My Quilt Coat Journey](#)