



## Sweatshirt Jacket, Coat or Vest

**Get Started:** Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 4:00pm

*Continue working with my help at Open Sews, Mon & Tues, Nov 14 and 15*

**Fitting and Finishing:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Create a snugly warm vest, jacket or longer coat with fabric scraps. Use a sweatshirt as a foundation. Collage the fabric pieces and stitch a tight grid over the surface to hold it all in place. Learn better finishing and fitting techniques for assembly. You will love it.

I have used an old sweatshirt and an old velour shirt with good results. The project is washed after the surface stitching to remove the glue. This is when everything shrinks up and texturizes. It is the thread that causes the majority of the shrinkage.

- ❖ If you are using a used garment that fits you for the foundation, pre-wash your fabrics to minimize shrinkage and use polyester thread
- ❖ If you are using an unwashed sweatshirt, I recommend using a new unwashed fabric. The sweatshirt, fabric and thread will all shrink
- ❖ If using cotton thread, make sure you have enough room to allow for shrinkage OR use polyester thread that does not shrink – just note that the poly thread is not as soft feeling over time

### Supplies needed:

- No pattern needed but feel free to use a jacket pattern if you have one that fits you
- Super large sweatshirt, there is huge shrinkage
- Longer coat will require two sweatshirts
- ¼ yard of 10 to 12 different fabrics
- OR a layer cake (10" squares or (2) charm packs (5" packs)
- ¾ to 1 yard for facing at neck and cuff
- ½ yard for binding
- Black Oval elastic or hair elastics for button holes
- OR open ended jacket zipper – wait until jacket is completed for sizing
- Construction thread for bobbins
- Extra bobbins, I fill 4 at a time so I don't have to stop
- 2 spools @500 yds YLI or Blendables variegated thread for surface stitching
- OR (1) large, 1500 yd spool Aurifil for both
- Aleene's Tacky glue or water soluble Quilter's Basting glue
- Basic sewing gear
- Sewing machine with power cord and foot control
- Schmetz universal or quilting needle #14