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Casual Jacket

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This jacket is simple and quick to make. It fits the 14" Hearts for Hearts doll. The instructions were written as part of the Stitchin' for Kids project to give dolls with outfits to young patients in hospitals.

It is best made in fabrics such as fleece, denim, corduroy or other sturdy fabric.

Important

Print pattern full size and check that the one inch square equals one inch before beginning to sew. If it does not, please adjust accordingly.

Requirements:

Pattern for the Casual Jacket

Fabric: 1/8 yard of denim, corduroy, fleece or other substantial fabric

Bias tape or scrap of fabric to be used to create bias tape/binding

Scissors, Thread, Pins, Needle, Sewing machine in good working order, etc.

Adornments such as buttons are optional

Hook and loop (Velcro®)

Options:

The sleeve length can be altered by folding the sleeve prior to cutting. Choose the sleeve length and add ½" to make hem. If folding pattern to vary the length, be careful not to cut the pattern while cutting the fabric. The pattern attached is for along sleeve jacket as in the photo.

Assumptions:

All seams are ¼ inch unless specified.

Use a press cloth, such as silk organza and steam press from wrong side when using fleece.

Preparation:

- Back - Cut one piece using the back pattern placing the pattern on the fold.
- Front - Cut two pieces using the front pattern ensuring one is cut in reverse.
- If you want jacket to close, cut Velcro® strip 2" long and 3/8" wide

Construction:**1. Shoulders, Neck Opening and Sleeve Hem**

- Sew left back to front by placing right sides together.
- Press seam open.
- Top stitch along both sides of seam or use a decorative stitch that covers seam.
- Repeat to attach right back to front.
- Neck opening options
 - If using bias tape or binding – stitch to neckline. Clip and turn. Top stitch.
 - If not – Clip and turn neckline. Stitch turned edge.
- Turn sleeve hem ¼" and stitch. Repeat on other sleeve.

2. Side Seams

- With right sides together, pin sleeve sides and front to back. Stitch. Clip generously. Press seam open.
- Repeat for other side.

3. Hem and Front Opening

- Turn up jacket hem edge ½". Top stitch (straight or decorative).
- Turn front opening in ½". Top stitch (straight or decorative stitch).

4. Finishing

- If a closure is desired, stitch Velcro® along front opening - hook side on outside left, smoother loop side on inside right. Optionally, add hook and eye.



