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BORO-INSPIRED LONDON JACKET

MATERIALS LIST

- London Shirt Pattern (printed or digital)
- Boro-Inspired London Jacket Kit (optional purchase)
 - Indigo Blue
 - Slate Grey
- Or use 100% Linen for Base Fabric, Crinkle Gauze Linen for Patches
 - Base Fabric - 45" wide
 - 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ yards XS-L
 - 3* yards XL-XXL
 - * Add center back seam allowance
 - Base Fabric - 60" wide
 - 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards XS-M
 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards L-XXL
 - Patches
 - Reduce above yardage by $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ yard
- 1/4 yard Fusible Interfacing (optional)
- 2 spools 100% Cotton Thread
- 7 - $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. Buttons
- 10 skeins 6-ply Embroidery Floss
- Hand Sewing Needle
- Embroidery Needle
- 75/11 Universal Machine Needle
- 3 spools Isacord Thread or other fine Overlock Thread
- Fusi-Web
- Needle Threader
- Buttonhole Cutter
- 1 Manila File Folder or piece of Tagboard
- Rotary Cutter – recommended but shears are fine
- Trimming Scissors or Snips
- Glasshead Silk Pins
- Pattern Weights
- 18" C-Thru Ruler
- 36" Ruler
- Chakoner or other Chalk Marker
- Walking Foot
- Edgestitch Foot
- Tailor's Ham
- Point Presser
- Sleeve Board
- Steam Iron

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You will need a sewing machine that has been cleaned and oiled and is in good condition. If your machine also embroiders and has a 9mm throat plate, you may want to invest in a 5mm-wide throat plate. If you have the even-feed feature on your machine, engage it. If not, add a walking foot, if possible.

An overlock machine (serger) is highly recommended but not required.

PREPARATION

Plan to have the following work done before the start of the video class on October 22.

Purchase the London Shirt digital or printed pattern.

Download the London Shirt Patches Placement PDF or view the end of this document of suggested patches placement design.

Using a manila file folder or a piece of tagboard, cut the following templates:

1" X 11 1/2"

2 3/4" X 11 1/2"

3 3/8" X 11 1/2"

Pattern Work

Determine your size for the jacket using your full bust measurement. Refer to the Size Measurement Chart on the back of the pattern envelope. Use this chart to find your full bust measurement and select that size. Then measure the bust circumference on the pattern. Compare the finished measurements to your bust size and you will know how much design ease is built into the pattern. This garment is oversized and meant to have a generous amount of ease. Consider going down one size.

In the sample garment, I eliminated the fold back cuff on the sleeves. If you choose to do that, determine your desired sleeve length and add a 3/4" hem allowance.

Trace or cut out your pattern pieces, lightly press, and make any fitting adjustments to the pattern.

Fabric Prep

If you are planning to launder your finished jacket, pre-wash and machine dry 4" square samples of both fabrics to see the results and then determine the care accordingly. Press the base fabric linen and lightly steam press the linen gauze keeping the crinkles in place.

Cutting Out

Before cutting out a single pattern piece, lay out your pattern pieces and make sure you have enough fabric!

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Base Fabric

Cut out each pattern piece using a single layer of fabric. Mark each piece using clipped notches and tailor's tacks (silk thread) before removing the cut pieces from the table.

Patches

Using a Chakoner and a ruler, block out a series of squares and rectangles on the linen gauze yardage. Draw horizontal lines from selvage to selvage approximately 3", 4", 6" and 9" apart. Then cut various widths within each horizontal strip. Cut these pieces on the straight of grain (pull a thread every once in awhile). You will need approximately 50-55 patches depending on your garment size.

Suggested sizes of patches:

3" X 6"
4" X 6"
6" X 6"
4" X 4"
4" X 9"
6" X 9"
9" X 12"

I will explain in the video how to place the patches, how to attach them to the individually cut sections of the base fabric and how to sashiko stitch them. I will also give suggestions for machine sewing options.

Clean and oil your sewing machine, wind a bobbin (remove any other thread that might be wound on your bobbin), thread your machine, and sit back and wait for the class video. You are all set!

Video Access

The class video will be available for viewing October 22, 2021. Details and links for accessing the class video and the follow-up Zoom Q&A sessions will be sent to you prior to the class in a separate email.

Thanks for joining me in this year of sewing.

Let's sew with confidence,
Linda

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PATCHES PLACEMENT DESIGN

