

Sewing Coated Fabric

Cutting & Layout

CUTTING

- Always cut single layer.
- Use a rotary cutter for a clean edge.

PINNING

Use pattern weights or Wonder Clips to avoid pinholes in the fabric.

GRAINLINES

Some coated fabrics won't have grainlines to follow.



Marking

MARKING TOOLS

- Clip Notches
- Soap Sliver
- Water-soluble felt tip pen (try Frixion)
- Smooth (not pokey!) tracing wheel and paper
- Tailor's chalk pencil

Seams

WORKING WITH COATED SEAMS

- Good news: coated fabric tends not to ravel.
- You will need to test needle types and sizes – be sure to try stretch, jeans, and leather needle options.
- If you are having trouble with skipped stitches, change the needle type and size. Or try changing your thread.
- Use Polyester thread.

FINISHING COATED SEAMS

- Sew a plain seam and topstitch.
- Some fabrics may be serged. Test first!

Pressing

HOW TO PRESS

- You may be able to press the backing of the coated fabric. Test on a small piece before you start project.
- If you can't press, use a wallpaper roller, or mallet to "press" the seams open.
- Sewing & Craft tape helps to hold seams together or to keep them flat before topstitching.
- Scotch tape holds elements such as pockets in place while stitching. Remove the tape after stitching.



Hem Options

FINISHING HEMS

- Leave the hems raw.
- Glue the hems – use rubber cement
- Topstitch – mark first with chalk, tape, or a water-soluble felt-tip pen. Use tissue paper backing.
- Blindstitch hems by hand.