

## Program Meeting - September 28, 2023

### Sweatshirt Jacket

To make a sweatshirt jacket one needs to purchase a sweatshirt 2 sizes larger than what you wear. The sweatshirt can have a hood, side pockets, or front pouch.

#### **Step 1**

Turn the sweatshirt inside out. Cut away cuffs and the bottom ribbing. Keep the collar on to keep the material from stretching until you put fabric over it - or just keep it. Then cut along the outside seams. Trim away the bulk next to the seams.



If you want a zipper, this is the time to cut the front of the sweatshirt body in half. Fold the front of the sweatshirt in half and cut up the middle.



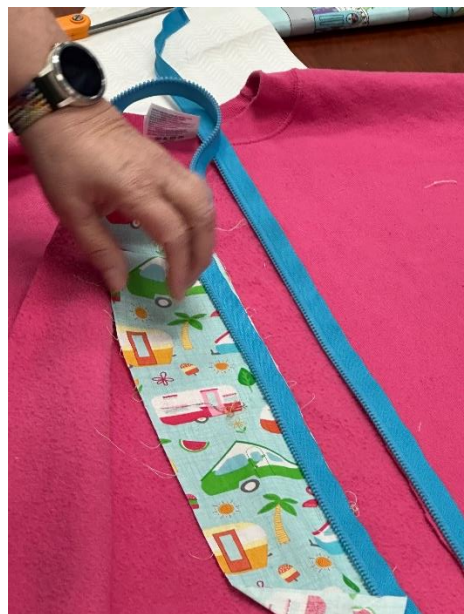
This is the time to add material to the bottom of the sweatshirt if you want the jacket to come down lower on your body. Have the good side of the trim fabric pinned to the fabric on the inside sweatshirt. After you sew the trim on, you flip the trim to the outside of the sweatshirt, and make sure that your pattern flips correctly. You don't want upside cars showing on your trim.



This is also the time to cut out a jacket liner if you want the jacket lined. You can cut out pieces of fabric or one entire piece of fabric. You need to add fringe, binding trim, cuffs, as well as the zipper.

## Step 2

After you sew on the added material to the bottom of the sweatshirt, you attach the zipper. Take the zipper apart. Have the zipper tag facing the outside of the jacket! Layout each side of the zipper flush to the end of the backside of the sweatshirt. Make sure the bottom end of the zipper is in line with the bottom binding/material. The top of the zipper can go up as high on the front of the sweatshirt as you want. Stitch zipper down. Turn over and top stitch.





### Step 3

Now you can put fabric down to create the outside design of your dreams. You can start with a focal point of fabric and work outward, or just layer fabric any way you wish.

## Raw Edge Placement of Fabric

You put down fabric by over layering fabric. You can use zigzag stitches to keep fabric from fraying and create a finished look - like crazy quilting.

## No Edges Showing Placement of Fabric

Lay down the first fabric right side out on top of sweatshirt back fabric. From the second piece of fabric on, lay fabric face down, sew along edges where both pieces meet. Fold the second fabric piece over onto right side facing outward. Continue on - like paper piecing.

Place your fabric pieces all the way to the edges of your sweatshirt. If you added trim to the sweatshirt - bottom, cuffs, or collar; tuck the ends of the fabric pieces under the trim and top stitch in place. If no trim, go to the edge of the sweatshirt and cut the fabric.

When you finish sewing your pieces on. Trim the ends even with the sweatshirt then sew back together along Arm and sides.

If you feel the sweatshirt will be too small, you can add a strip sew it in the seam.



## Supplies

Sweatshirt 2 sizes larger.

Fabric of your choice, strips, squares, orphan blocks, or yardage.

This is a creation you have total control of you may use a panel, a jelly roll, fat quarters, anything goes.

Any colors you would like or scrappy. You will need approximately 2 yards of total fabric for the outside

Options I will show you.

Lining (which you will need extra yardage for 2 yds.

Zipper (the length of the front of your shirt, make sure it comes apart.)



