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Requirements

- Janome Sewing Machine
- Janome Piping Foot
- Janome Standard Sewing Foot (A)
- Narrow zipper or Adjustable zipper foot
- Fabric for the outside of the coat
- Fabric for the lining of the coat
- Fabric to cut bias strips for the piping
- Piping cord
- Construction thread
- Wide Velcro -
- Size 14 Janome needles
- Create your pattern using instruction on the last page
- Ruler
- Rotary cutter
- Mat
- Scissors and snips
- Tape measure
- Pins
- Marking Pen
- Seam Ripper
- Point turner
- Iron and ironing board
- Empty bobbins

Note: Requirements will change for fabric and cord depending on the size of the dog.

Instructions:

1. Fold your fabric for the piping diagonally, matching the side edge with the bottom edge and press like so. This will give you a 45-degree line to cut your strip. Using a rotary cutter and ruler cut as many strips as your coat requires, parallel with the 45-degree crease you made **and at 1.5" wide.** | Figure A
2. Join the strips of fabric together for the piping by pinning two strips right sides together at a 90-degree angle.
3. Sew a straight line from the top left corner of where the two strips overlap, to the bottom right corner. Trim the seam allowance. Repeat to sew all the strips together to form one long strip of bias tape. | Figure B
4. Attach the piping foot to the sewing machine. Select the straight stitch. Adjust the length to 4.0mm.
5. Take the bias strip and the piping cord and place the cord in the middle of the bias strip on the wrong side of the fabric.
6. Fold the strip in half and place under the right groove piping foot. Work your way along the bias tape, folding & sewing the cording inside. **At this point the piping doesn't need to be tight in the casing as when we sew it into the coat we will adjust it to fit.** | Figure C

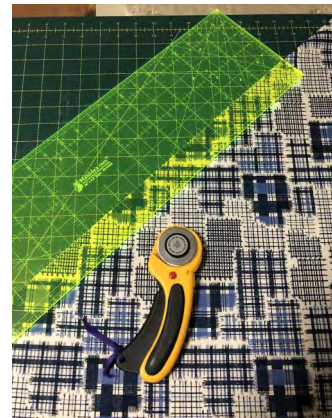


Figure A



Figure B



Figure C

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Instructions:

7. Starting in the bottom center of the coat front and leaving about 1" of piping hanging off the piece, match raw edges of piping to raw edges of main panel and pin. If you have trouble getting the piping to turn easily around the curves, you may clip the piping about 1/4" in from the raw edge without cutting into the cord. | Figure D
8. Sew right along the same stitching created when you made the piping to baste the piping to the coat front. When you reach the "overlap", stitch straight across (and through) the piping cord. | Figure E & F
9. Pin your coat pieces right sides together with the wrong side of the front coat that you basted the piping to facing up.
10. Set the machine straight stitch back to default or 2.2mm, and sew right inside the line of stitching you can see. This will get the piping nice and tight. Leave a small opening (approximately 2 – 3") enough to turn the coat through. | Figure G
11. Using small sharp scissors snip all the way around the edges of the coat to allow the seams to sit flat. Be careful not to snip the sewn line.
12. Turn the coat inside out, making sure all the flaps and corners are pushed through.
13. Press the layers flat as well as the opening section.
14. Topstitch to close the opening, and continue to stitch all the way around the coat about 1/4" from the edge of the fabric to finish. | Figure H
15. Place the hook-and-loop velcro on the chest strap by pinning the rough side of a 2" piece to the outside coat fabric in the middle of one of the sides of the chest strap.
16. Pin the soft side of the velcro to the middle of the lining side of the other chest strap.
17. Repeat with the belly band straps, depending on the dog you will want the velcro to be as long as the belly band for best closure. | Figure I
18. Sew hook-and-loop velcro pieces down using coordinating thread.
19. You have now completed your dog coat ready for the cooler seasons.



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F



Figure G



Figure H



Figure I

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The measurements of the dog that the coat will be for will need to be taken in order to create your custom pattern. Using pattern paper create a custom size coat for your dog from your measurements.

- Back Length - length require to cover the dog from neck to tail: _____
 - Body Circumference - Distance around the dog at the widest part: _____
 - Neck Circumference - Distance around the neck at the widest part: _____
 - Belly Band - Widest point between front leg to Back leg: _____
1. Following the outline below use the above measurements to draft your pattern.
 2. Start with marking a line the length of the back of the dog on the paper. On this line mark it as the top of the coat.
 3. On one side of the line measure down a third of the body circumference.
 4. Working along the bottom mark a line to create the rectangle that measures the length of the dog, add to this the measurement of half the neck circumference plus 1.5".
 5. Measure up from the bottom edge of the rectangle the 3". (This may change if you have a smaller dog or a dog with a little neck. You may choose to change this to 2" or so.)
 6. Close the rectangle by curving from the neck area to the top of the back. Continue to curve all th corners.
 7. Position the belly band at the widest point on your dogs belly working to fit the best position between the front and back legs.
 8. Curve the sharp corners to create gradual curves.
 9. Cut the pattern out.

