



HEAVY DUTY™ 500 Classic Jacket Tips & Hints

Start Scrappy

To start, get your favorite jacket pattern and scraps of suitable fabric.

- We recommend using five or more different textiles. This way you will have a better chance of not having any pattern up against itself, for a scrappier look.
- Choose only woven fabrics so it moves the same throughout the jacket.
- If you don't have enough scraps or want to start with completely new fabric, get between one yard and half a yard (91-46 cm) of each fabric.
- When choosing a pattern, ones with less detail will show off your fabric better. Busier patterns tend to look even busier when done with patchwork fabric.
- Use a universal 90/14 size needle.

Stitch Before You Sew

Before you sew the pattern, you must assemble the pieces from which to cut.

- Cut each fabric into two to three different-sized squares or rectangles.
- Use an overlock machine to finish the edges of these pieces so they are easy to work with.
- Sew these into panels using 1/4" seam allowance.
- Use the pattern paper as a guide to know if you have sewn together enough fabric.
- If you want to plan the layout of your scraps, put the pattern paper piece on a flat surface and then cover the piece entirely.
- After you sew the pieces together, make sure they are still large enough to completely cover the pattern piece.

Add Thoughtful Details

Explore the decorative stitches on your machine to add special details.

- With more plain fabric, consider adding a few rows of decorative stitches.
- Use embroidery thread or thick thread of a contrasting color for a bold stitch result.
- Consider adding most stitching close to the face to draw attention up.

