



MATERIALS

Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread

- Two sweaters (see notes below)
- Fusible stay tape
- ½" (1.27cm) wide
- Embellishments as desired—buttons, yarn, etc.

 SEWING, REPURPOSING | SKILL LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® Thread

Nothing's more fun than creating your own designs and merging two sweaters is an ideal venue for mixing and matching. Check your closet or visit a thrift store for likely knit candidates.

MEASUREMENTS

Custom

CUTTING

Note: Choose sweaters that are similar or at least compatible fiber content for easy care. Styling and size should be similar—for example, two crew necks or two turtlenecks. Both sweaters should fit you. Colors can be boldly contrasting, or similar as in the featured sweater.

These instructions are general; because each sweater is different, and design combos vary, specific measurements cannot be given.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Preparing the Sweaters

1. Lay out the sweaters side by side and make a design plan. Make sketches if desired to play with options. Decide

which neckline ribbing to use with the finished design—the bulkier of the two is the ideal candidate.

2. Once a plan is made, use a contrasting thread to trace the planned cutting line on the sweater fronts and backs, allowing for a ½" (1.27cm) seam allowance. Depending on the knit, following a rib may work well.
3. On the wrong side of both sweater fronts and back, fuse the stay tape on each side of the thread traced line. Sew along the tape on both pieces, about ¼" (.64cm) from the edge. Fuse tape just below the neckline ribbing. Stitch two rows ¼" (.64cm) apart below the ribbing on the portion of the sweaters that will be cut away.



- Carefully cut between the front/back stay tape, up to ¼" (.64cm) below the neckline stitching lines. Cut around the removable neckline area ¼" (.64cm) below the stitching line. Handle the cut knit pieces carefully.
- If you are altering sleeves or other portion of the sweaters, always fuse stay tape and stitch before cutting, as above.

Assembling the Sweater

- With right sides together, sew both portions of the front and back seams to join the sweater sections. Note that the lengths may not be the same, so allow any longer portion to extend at the lower edge as a design feature. Also, note that any differences in length may not be the same in the front and the back due to the neckline shaping.
 - Seams can be pressed open or to one side, depending on the bulk of the sweaters. Or, seam allowances can be zigzagged or serged together to flatten.
- Reposition and shape the neckline ribbing to fit the added sweater portion and sew it to that sweater section using a narrow zigzag stitch. Press the seam away from the ribbing and trim/zigzag the edges if needed.
 - If one portion of the sweater extends below the opposite portion at the hemline, turn under that vertical edge and stitch in place to finish.
 - Add any buttons, trims, decorative hand stitching, etc. to finish the "new" sweater.
 - If desired, make a second opposite-look sweater using the remaining parts, or save the knits for smaller projects.