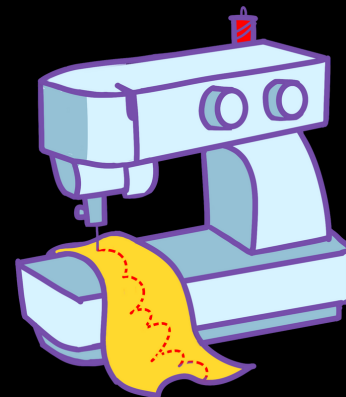




Sewing Quilt Blocks

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Getting Started

Creating a quilted coat from fabric shapes is a fun and rewarding project. This guide will walk you through the basic steps of sewing those blocks together to form the coat panels.

Step-by-Step Tips

1. **Accurate Cutting:** Ensure all your rectangle blocks are cut to the *exact* same size. Even a slight variation can cause issues when piecing.
2. **Seam Allowance:** Maintain a consistent seam allowance (usually 1/4 inch). Use a seam guide or the edge of your presser foot to help.
3. **Pinning:** Pin your blocks together carefully before sewing. Place pins perpendicular to the seam line about every 1-2 inches.
4. **Sewing:** Sew slowly and steadily. Let the feed dogs of your machine guide the fabric. Avoid pulling or stretching the fabric.
5. **Pressing:** Press seams *after* sewing each row. Pressing makes a huge difference in the final look of your project. Press seams to one side or open, depending on your preference. Generally, pressing seams open reduces bulk.
6. **Joining Rows:** When joining rows of blocks, be extra careful to match the seams where the blocks intersect. Pin securely at these points.

Basic Instructions

1. **Plan Your Layout:** Arrange your rectangle blocks in the desired layout for your coat panels. Consider the overall design and colour placement.
2. **Sew Blocks into Rows:** Take the first row of blocks and pin the first two blocks together, right sides facing. Sew along the edge with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Continue adding blocks to the row until the row is complete. Repeat for all rows.

3. **Press Seams:** Press all the seams in each row.
4. **Join the Rows:** Pin the first two rows together, right sides facing, carefully matching the seams where the blocks meet. Sew along the edge with a 1/4 inch seam allowance. Continue adding rows until all rows are joined.
5. **Press Final Seams:** Press all the final seams. Trim any uneven edges.
6. **Cut Coat Pattern Pieces:** Use the pieced panel as if it were fabric and cut out the pattern pieces for your coat. Add lining and assemble the coat as per the pattern instructions.

Helpful Online Resources

- **YouTube Tutorials:** Search for "quilt block piecing tutorial" for visual demonstrations.
- **Craftsy/Blueprint:** Offers paid classes with detailed instructions and personalized feedback.
- **Quilter's Cache:** Free patterns and tons of quilting information.
- **Local Quilt Shops:** Support your local quilt shop! They are a great resource for fabrics, tools, and advice.

Next Steps

Now that you have pieced your rectangle quilt blocks together, the next steps are to layer the quilt top with batting and backing, quilt the layers together, and then bind the edges. Refer to online resources and tutorials for detailed guidance on these techniques.



Getting Started Videos for Sewing Quilt Blocks into a Coat

1. [DIY Quilt Coat FREE PATTERN Easy Beginner Sewing ...](#)

This video walks you through the entire process of making a quilt coat from scratch — including how to sew quilt blocks together, cut panels, and assemble the coat. Perfect for beginners who want a clear visual guide.

2. [Sewing a DIY Quilt Coat | Thrift Flip](#)

A fun and approachable tutorial that shows how to upcycle thrifted quilts into a stylish coat. Great for learning how to piece together existing quilt blocks and adapt them to a wearable pattern.

3. [Quilted Jacket](#)

Includes tips on assembling quilt blocks with minimal fuss and how to make them fit into jacket panels. Ideal if you're working with pre-made blocks or want a relaxed, artistic approach.

4. [SEW WITH ME | PATCHWORK QUILTED COAT | MsRosieBea](#)

This video includes a full walkthrough of sewing quilt panels together, cutting out backing and wadding, and quilting the sleeves. It's a great visual reference for how blocks become wearable pieces.

5. [my turn to make a QUILT JACKET!! Thrift Flip with FREE ...](#)

Shows how to press seams, attach bias tape, and sew pockets — all using quilt blocks. Includes a matching dog jacket for extra charm!

6. [MY QUILT COAT JOURNEY-GETTING STARTED](#)

Focuses on planning your quilt layout and turning blocks into a cohesive quilt top before cutting your coat pattern. Ideal for visualizing the early stages.

7. [A CUTE new jacket! Coda \(Love Notions\). Normal fabric, pre ...](#)

This video shows how to sew the Coda jacket using regular fabric or quilted panels. It includes key steps like sewing shoulder seams, joining panels, and binding corners — ideal for visualizing how quilt blocks become garment pieces.

8. [The New Love Notions Coda Quilted Coat](#)

A full overview of the Coda pattern with tips on pre-quilting your fabric and applying bias binding. Great for understanding how to prep quilt blocks before assembling the coat.

9. [THIS is why you'll love Coda Quilted Coat Sewing Pattern ...](#)

Highlights the features of the Coda pattern and why it works beautifully with quilted fabric. A great intro before diving into construction.

10. [PRINTED PATTERNS are here! How to use one for a ...](#)

Shows how to use a printed pattern for the Coda coat — including layout tips and how to lengthen the coat. Perfect if you're piecing quilt blocks and need to adjust sizing.

11. [Genius Fabric Sources for a Quilted Coat \(ft. Coda\) + What to ...](#)

Offers smart fabric sourcing tips for quilt coats and discusses how to prep quilt blocks for garment construction. Great for planning your materials.

