AUSSEW Along

Couture Cardigan Jacket - Part 8

Quilting the Sleeves

In Part 7 of this sew-along you stitched the front and back sleeve lining to the underarm lining panel. The lining now needs to be quilted to the fashion fabric.

1. First stay-stitch the vent corner of the lining (red lines in illustration).

2. Place the lining and fashion fabric **wrong** sides together and carefully match the seam lines. Pin along the seam lines to prevent any shifting while you quilt.

3. Quilt the front and back sleeve in the same manner as you quilted the body of the jacket. (Refer to instructions in Part 3).

If you are using the recommended Vogue pattern, the quilting lines are marked on the pattern pieces. If you are using another pattern, you should be marking two quilting lines on the front sleeve and one on the back sleeve, as illustrated here. Note there is no quilting on the underarm panel. The quilting lines should run parallel to the seam that will join the front and back sleeves.

Remember, set stitch length to 4 and do not back-stitch at beginning and end of each quilting line.

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4. Turn under the lining at the hem and vent edges. Mitre the corners as you did for the fashion fabric. Pin to the sleeve and then baste 1/4 inch (6 mm) from the edge.

5. Sew the lining in place with fell stitches. Stop stitching about 3/4 inch (2 cm) from the top of the underlap vent and the same amount from the circle on the front sleeve.

Buttonholes

Your buttonholes should have been marked with thread-tracing at the beginning of the sew-along. If you did not do so, or your thread-tracing has 'disappeared', re-mark the buttonhole positions now.

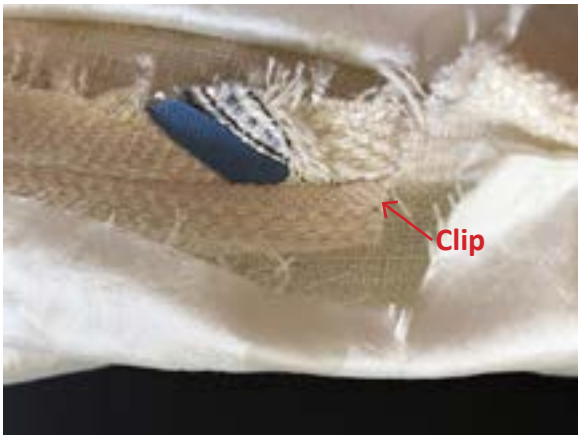
Stitch your buttonholes by hand or by machine. You will be stitching through both the fashion fabric and the lining. Since the sleeve vent remains closed when the jacket is worn, there is no need to create the faux bound buttonhole on the inside.

Stitching the final seam

1. With right sides together, pin the front and back sleeve together. Keep the lining pinned out of the way. Baste this seam, stopping at the circle for the beginning of the vent opening.

Before you stitch by machine, check to make sure the bottom hem is even. If necessary, make adjustments until the hem is perfectly even. You DO NOT want the underlap of the vent to peek out below the upper (front) sleeve. Stitch by machine.

2. Clip into the seam allowance of the **back** sleeve and then press the seam flat. Insert a sleeve roll (or rolled up towel) inside the sleeve before pressing



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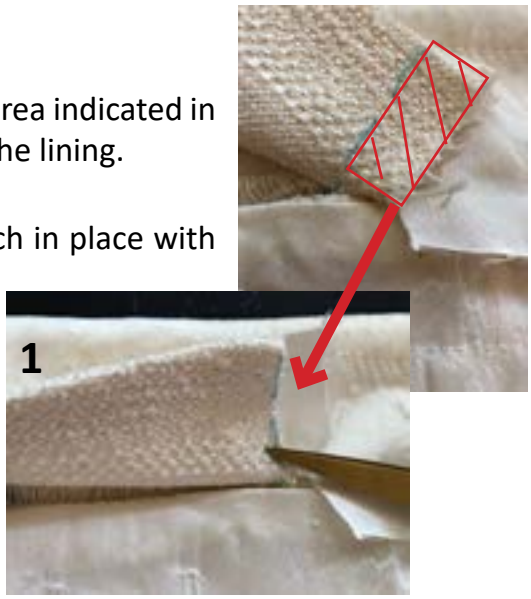
3. Clip into the stay-stitched corner of the sleeve vent lining.

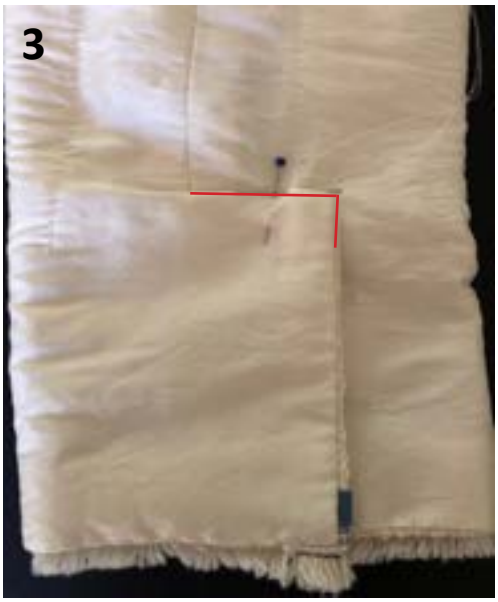
4. Stitch the lining seam closed, using one of the methods described in Part 6. Be careful to avoid stitching the lining to the fabric, as this could affect how the sleeve hangs when the jacket is worn.

Finishing the vent



1. Trim away the seam allowance at the top of the vent (the area indicated in the illustration). Trim ONLY the fashion fabric - DO NOT trim the lining.

2. Fold the lining over the trimmed edge of the fabric. Stitch in place with short running stitches.



3. Fold the top of the vent over the sleeve front. Use fell stitches to sew it to the lining at the top and for about 1/2 inch (12 mm) along the edge (red lines).

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