



Instructions for Poekie Coat*

(Time to complete: about 45 minutes)

Materials needed:

- Paper for your printer
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Fabric
- Marker or pen for tracing
- Pin
- Needle
- Thread
- Two Buttons

How to make it:

For an experienced Poekie maker this is easy. After printing and cutting the pattern,^{*2} just follow the usual steps:

- Place the Back pattern on an edge on the wrong side of your fabric,^{*3} following the arrow for the stretchy direction.^{*4}
- Trace around the pattern.
- Cut ON the lines you traced.
- Place, trace and cut the Front pattern twice, one time with an X, and one time with an O.
- Trace and cut the Collar pattern.
- With the right sides together (pen-marks on the outside), place and pin one front piece to the back piece, making sure that shoulder-seam, armhole and side seam match up.
- Get a needle and thread^{*5} and tie a knot at the end.^{*7}
- Sew back-stitch^{*6} along one of the striped lines as marked on the pattern.
- Tie a knot when you get to the end of the line.
- Cut the thread and sew the other seam that is marked with the striped line in the same way.
- Repeat the placing, pinning and sewing with the second front piece (this piece is 'mirrored' from the first piece).
- Turn your Poekie's coat inside out.
- Lay the straight edge of the collar along the curved top edge of the coat around the neck. Collar is right side up. Whip-stitch^{*6} the collar along the neckline, as marked with the X's on the pattern. Tie a knot and cut the thread at the end.
- Fit the coat on your Poekie, if it looks good, take the coat off and sew two buttons^{*8} on one of the front pieces, as marked on the pattern.
- Put the coat on your Poekie again, so that it fits perfectly.
- The two front pieces will overlap a little bit. Pull them nice and snug with the button underneath. Take a marker and mark the spots where the buttons touch the top fabric. Cut tiny, eentsy weentsy holes.
- Button up the coat and you are done!
- Finally, take your Poekie out in the world to show off his or her new clothes.

I can't wait to see what you've made at home and let me know if any part of these instructions is confusing!

With love from the Poekies,

sophia

* For children age 8 and up, with parental guidance.

Warning: 1. Pins and needles' mission in life is to poke, and scissors only know how to cut. You must be careful and make sure that they poke and cut only the things that you want them to! 2. None of the materials used belong in a person's mouth, so be careful when you make this while little children are around you.

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