Modern Quilted Jacket

"A quilt will warm your body and comfort your soul" and so will this quilted jacket! Whether you take and rescue an old quilt, re-purpose a new one, or create something from scratch, you can create a fun, unique pieced project that you will be proud to wear! Piecing and quilting this project is so easy with the help of the Baby Lock Chorus or Ballad!

Skill Level: Beginner
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## Supplies:

- Baby Lock ${ }^{\circledR}$ sewing and quilting machine
- Baby Lock ${ }^{\circledR}$ serger (optional)
- Baby Lock $1 / 4$ " piecing foot (some options that work with most Baby Lock machines include BLSO-QF (shown), BLSO-QGF, ESG-QGF, ESG-QF)
- Compact or Digital Dual Feed foot. Optional Stitch in the Ditch Sole BLSO-SDF
- Baby Lock Binding Foot BLSA-QBF
- Tamarack Jacket Pattern from Grainline Studio - visit https://grainlinestudio.com/collections/jackets-coats/products/tamarackjacket?variant=22533585502290 for more information.
- Note: A size 10 jacket was made for the pieced jacket. Number of blocks and layout may vary based on the overall pattern size. Please reference the pattern for the appropriate yardage needed based on the jacket. Pockets were not added to the completed jacket.
- 8-10 $1 / 2$ yard pieces of fabric for the block construction. For this project, the Bella Solids were used in a variety of complimentary colors.
- 4-5 yards for the background fabric
- $\quad 1 / 2$ yard for the binding (bias cut binding is needed)
- 4-5 yards for the lining.
- 2-3 yards of Pellon Fusible Fleece Batting
- Additional fabric, backing and binding fabric measurements included in the pattern.
- Madeira ${ }^{\circledR}$ Cotona thread to match fabric
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
- Temporary adhesive spray (optional)
- Marking Pen
- Optional-if using pre-quilted fabric, follow the pattern instructions in the Tamarack pattern. Purchase the $1 / 2$ yard of coordinating fabric or 5 yards of purchased bias binding as you will need bias binding to finish your jacket.


## Instructions:

The fabric requirements, cutting instructions and pattern instructions are all included with the Tamarack Jacket pattern. Follow those instructions to create the quilted jacket.

For this jacket quilt pattern, two types of blocks were made. Theses were then pieced together to create quilt sections large enough for the various pattern pieces.

The quilt pattern includes a cute star block along with flying geese blocks. The star blocks were a $121 / 2$ " block and the stacked flying geese were $61 / 2$ " blocks. These allowed for layouts to accommodate the pattern pieces without a ton of excess.

## Cutting Instructions:

For the Star Blocks: (to create one $121 / 2 "$ block)

- 1-6 $1 / 2$ " square of color (A)
- $8-3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares of color (B)
- $4-31 / 2$ "X $6 \frac{1}{2}$ " rectangles of background (C)
- $8-31 / 2$ " square of background (D)


For the Flying Geese Blocks: (to create one 6 $1 / 2$ " block)

- 2 - $31 / 2$ "X $61 / 2$ " rectangles of Color(E)
- $4-31 / 2$ " square of background (F)


## Prepping the Pattern Pieces:

1. For the Quilt Pattern, you can trace the standard pattern pieces onto pattern tracing fabric. This allows you to keep the pattern in its original state and use for multiple sizes in the future.

- Do this for the jacket front, back and sleeves. Make sure to transfer any markings or alignment points from the pattern.
- On this jacket, no welt pocket was created.


## At the Sewing Machine:


2. Set up the machine for sewing:

- Thread the machine.
- Attach a $1 / 4$ " piecing foot to the machine.
- Wind the bobbin with the same thread as used for the upper thread.
- Set to machine to a center needle stitch to create a $1 / 4$ " seam. (Q-01)


## Star Block Piecing Instructions:

3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric squares $B$.
4. With right sides facing, layer a Fabric B square on one end of a Fabric C rectangle.
5. Stitch on the drawn line and trim1/4" away from the seam. Press the seam.
6. Note: Use the Guideline marker to help align the stitches. As you get comfortable using the Guideline marker, try skipping the marking step to save time when piecing multiple blocks.
Pro-Tip: Stitch another $1 / 4$ " seam away from the first seam. Trim in between. This will create a bonus $1 / 2$ square triangle and save you from wasting the excess fabrics! Save these for another project or trim and use these to add to your quilted jacket design.
7. Once pressed open, repeat the same process on the opposite end of the rectangle.
8. This will create a flying geese block. You will create 4 of these blocks for each star block. The flying geese block should measure $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.
9. For the center block, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of 4 of the Fabric squares D . The remaining for will created the corners of the block.
10. With rights sides facing, layer Fabric block D squares on opposite corners of the Fabric A square.
11. Stith on the drawn lines and trim $1 / 4$ " away from the seam.

12. Press the seam toward the darker fabric. Note: pressing is very important and should always be performed after each seam has been stitched. The quilt top will have a neater and more professional look.
13. Repeat on the remaining corners.
14. Again, use the no-waste method on each seam to create additional $1 / 2$ square triangles.
15. Partial inner star unit should measure $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$.

16. You will need one of these blocks for each star block.
17. Assemble the block per the diagram. Mix and match colors to create unique blocks

18. The finished block should be $121 / 2^{\prime \prime \prime}$. For the size 10 pattern, 14 blocks were constructed. Some were cut in half to allow for minimum waste.

## Flying Geese Instructions:

1. These instructions are the same as steps $3-9$ for the star block.
2. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the Fabric squares $F$.
3. With right sides facing, layer a Fabric $F$ square on one end of a Fabric E rectangle.
4. Stitch on the drawn line and trim1/4" away from the seam. Press the seam.
5. Once pressed open, repeat the same process on the opposite end of the rectangle.
6. This will create a flying geese block. You will create 2 of these blocks that measure $31 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 6$ $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. These will be stacked together to create a 6 $1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 61 /{ }^{\prime \prime}$ block.

7. For the size 10 pattern, 18 blocks were constructed.

## Construction of the Jacket:

1. Once you have the star and flying geese blocks assembled, you can begin to layout blocks to the size of your pattern pieces. Keep in mind the placement of these blocks in relation to the jacket construction.
2. As you complete a section for the front, back and arms, sew the sections together in pressing seams along the way. Using the $1 / 4$ " piecing foot ensures all the seams are consistent throughout the quilt. Again, this foot will require a center needle position. Turn on the built-in Guideline maker to aid in piecing perfect seams for quilting.
3. Press your pieces.

4. Once you have each of the quilt sections completed form the various pattern pieces, gather the backing fabric and the fusible fleece.
5. Place the quilted section on top of the fusible fleece and press together.
6. Allow excess batting and backing on these sections until they are quilted.
7. Place the fused quilt top to the wrong side of the batting, creating a quilt sandwich.
8. Spray temporary adhesive spray to help secure the backing in place.

9. Using the Compact Digital Dual Feed foot and the Stitch in the ditch foot, quilt along the seam lines to quilt all three layers together.

10. Once quilted, place the coordinating pattern piece onto the quilting section and cut out your pattern pieces.

11. Once the pieces are cut. Add additional quilting inside the solid blocks. Use the compact Digital Dual Feed and the standard foot. Turn on the GLM and adjust it to be $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ away from the needle. This will add to the quilted look of the jacket.

12. . Overcast or serger around the edges of the cut and quilted pattern pieces. This will help to finish the inside edges of the project.

13. Once your quilted pieces are together, stitch the quilted jacket together following the steps in the Tamarack Jacket pattern.

14. Attach the binding to the back of the quilt using a $1 / 4$ " seam allowance and your favorite binding technique.

15. Press and fold to the front and a straight or decorative stitch to secure the binding. Try using the Baby Lock Binding foot which is amazing when working with uneven edges of a quilt.
16. Now you can be stylish while staying warm on those cold fall days!!

## Alternative Option:

If making quilt blocks is not your thing, but you like the look of a quilted jacket, try looking at rescuing or purchasing a quilted top. That an inexpensive quilt and turn it into a cute jacket.


This is a quick and easy way to get the same look with less time and potentially money. It is a great upcycle project as well! Follow the pattern instructions to take something pre-made into something custom.


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