

Attach Jacket Shoulder Foundations

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Today, we demystify the jacket's structural shoulder guts. Using the proper foundations in a jacket gives your garment punch and professionalism; without proper shoulder structure, a jacket may just look like a shirt. Here, we show you how to apply a shoulder heading and shoulder. The heading smoothens the seam allowance, preventing a ridge at the top of the sleeve. Shoulder pads give shape and body.

Step 1



Here we have our prepared and ready armhole of the garment, and the sleeve heading. The heading gets sewn to the sleeve side of the armhole (the edges with the white dots align to each other).

Step 2



Center the shoulder heading to the top of the armhole seam allowance, and pin the heading to seam allowance. The outside curve edge of the heading aligns with the curve of the sleeve seam allowance.

Step 3



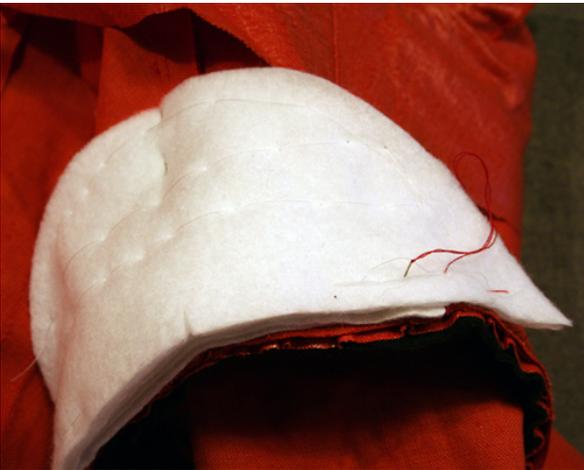
Baste heading onto armhole seam allowance, very close to the stitch line. When you are done, push the sleeve into the jacket a bit, hiding the heading. Next, we are going to be attaching the shoulder pad to the seam allowance from the bodice side.

Step 4



Choose shoulder pads that fit the look you want for your garment. Some jackets may only need a small soft pad, or you may want a robust, firm shoulder pad. You could buy a few to test the difference, or make a few different ones. Some store-bought pads can be resized. We'll have a How To on that next week.

Step 5



Pin pad in place. The thicker edge aligns with the seam allowance, and with the thinner edge going towards the neck. Baste pad to seam allowance, very close to the stitch line.

Step 6



Here's another view of the basting stitches, showing the relationship between the heading, pad, and armhole.

Step 7



Now, attach the other side of the shoulder pad, the thin side going toward the neck. Give a few stitches, joining the shoulder pad to the shoulder seam allowance.

Step 8



Now, you are ready to sew the lining into your jacket. Have fun!

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