



It's a **DOG'S LIFE**

Treat your canine BFF with
a luxury dog coat

Project DEBBIE VON GRABLER-CROZIER
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MATERIALS:

- 70cm-square brushed cotton for the outer
- 70cm-square co-ordinating cotton print for lining
- 70cm-square Vlieseline #279 80/20 cotton mix wadding
- 60cm fur trim
- 30cm-square tan leather
- 2x 2.5cm antique bronze buckles
- variegated purple thread
- walking foot for quilting
- leather hole punch
- templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

NOTES:

Seam allowance for all projects is 0.5cm (¼") unless otherwise stated. This coat is designed for a medium-sized dog, such as an English Cocker Spaniel. You can reduce or enlarge it using your dog's measurements from the back of the neck to the tip of the rump as a guide.

HOW TO MAKE:

- 1 To make the buckles, cut the components from the leather using the

template. You need two long straps, two short straps and two loops. If needed, extend the length of the strap to fit.

- 2 Punch all of the holes as shown on the template using the leather hole punch and then stitch the loops together with strong thread. Pre-stitch the strap ends, to make the buckle look more substantial and stitch the remaining section later. (See pics A & B.)
- 3 Slide a loop onto the short strap component. Place the short strap end over the buckle and put the buckle post through the hole. (See Pic C.)
- 4 Glue the longer strap and tuck it under. The buckles will be fitted in the last step. (See Pic D.)
- 5 Cut the outer from the tartan fabric on the fold. Place the outer onto the wadding. Pin and quilt with a diamond quilting pattern with lines about 4cm apart. Use a variegated purple thread to allow it to blend in without taking anything away from the fabric. (See Pic E.)
- 6 Add a label. Mine is simply a leather offcut stamped with a papercraft stamp and permanent Archival Ink. (See Pic F.)

- 7 Cut the outer fabric and add the neck darts. (See Pic G.)
- 8 Cut the lining out and add in your chosen darts. Pin the outer to the lining with the RS and sew all the way around the outside, leaving a gap for turning on the neck seam.
- 9 Clip and notch the curves, clip across the corners and turn out through the gap. Close the gap and then top-stitch all the way around. (See Pic H.)
- 10 Attach a buckle set to the front of the jacket and also to the middle bottom by continuing the stitching you started before. (See Pic I.)
- 11 To get the fitting just right on the lower buckle, fit the jacket onto your dog. The buckle goes where your pet's natural waist is. Use some clear-drying fabric glue to hold the buckles in place as you sew.
- 12 Don't pin the leather because you will mark it. Finally, trim the collar with faux fur, which is best stitched on by hand, so that it can be removed when the coat is washed.