



18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL FUNKY FUR JACKET

Make Your Outfit Instructions

1. Preview of Completed Outfit

Play this video and check out this great outfit that YOU will make!



2. Tools and Resources Required

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) 10 x 40 inches (25cm x 1m) Fleece, Polar Fleece or similar. Ensure that the maximum stretch is going across the widest part of the fabric.
- 3) 8 x 20 inches (20 x 50 cm) Craft Fur for the trim. Ensure that the stretch goes across the longest part.
- 4) Matching thread
- 5) 2 x Velcro strips $\frac{3}{4}$ inch x 1 inch (2cm x 2.5cm)
- 6) Decoration Optional – bead or fancy button
- 7) Paper scissors
- 8) Paper glue
- 9) Fabric scissors or Rotary Blade & Cutting Mat
- 10) Clippers/snips
- 11) Tape measure or ruler
- 12) Pins



3. Preparing Paper Pattern

- 1) Check the 'Tip' measurement is correct.
- 2) Cut out paper pattern pieces following the solid line. Note that the sleeve has two cutting lines at the hem i.e. one for the American Girl doll and a longer one for the Australian Girl doll as she has longer arms. Cut along the one that applies to your doll.
- 3) Glue pattern piece #1 part 1 on top of pattern piece #1 part 2 matching the solid line to the dashed line and placing glue in the overlap section.
- 4) Glue pattern piece #7 part 1 on top of pattern piece #7 part 2 matching the solid line to the dashed line and placing glue in the overlap section.

4. Cutting Out Fabric

Jacket

- 1) With fabric folded in half place pattern pieces #2 (front), #3 (sleeve) and #4 (hood) onto the fabric taking note that the maximum stretch is going in the direction of the arrow on the pattern. Pin in place.
- 2) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.
- 3) Open the fabric out to a single layer and place pattern piece #1 (back) onto the fabric taking note that the maximum stretch is going in the direction of the arrow on the pattern. Pin in place.
- 4) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.

Fur Trim

- 1) Open the craft fur out to a single layer with the fur facing down and the wrong side of the fabric facing you. It is easier to pin and cut the fur in a single layer.
- 2) Place pattern piece #5 (front opening trim) onto the fur at one end taking note of the direction of the fur pile. Pin in place.
- 3) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.
- 4) Repeat steps 2) and 3) to cut out a second piece of fur for the front opening trim.
- 5) Place pattern pieces #6 (sleeve trim) and #7 (hood and bottom trim) onto the fur taking note of the direction of the fur pile. Pin in place.
- 6) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.
- 7) Repeat steps 5) and 6) to cut out a second piece of fur for the sleeve trim and bottom trim.



5. Prepare Hood

- 1) With right sides together match and pin the large curved side of the hood.
- 2) Using a zigzag or knit stitch sew a ¼ inch (6mm) seam along this curved edge securing the beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 3) Sew a row of gathering stitch just inside ¼ inch (6m) in from the raw edge and along the straight edge (front opening) of the hood.
- 4) Pull on the bobbin thread at one end to gather the hood in 1 inch (2.5cm) ie. Until the side you are working on is 1 inch (2.5cm) shorter than the other side. Even the gathers out along that side and tie a knot with the threads to stop the gathers coming out.
- 5) Pull on the bobbin thread at the other end to gather the second side of the hood in 1 inch (2.5cm) until this side is the same length as the first side. Even out the gathers along this side and tie a knot with the treads.
- 6) Fold the fur for the hood trim in half lengthwise with the wrong sides of the fabric together and the raw edges on the top. Make sure that the direction of the fur pile on the side facing you is going down i.e. if you run your hand down the fur away from the raw edge, it will be smooth. Place on the table.
- 7) Place one end of the front opening of the hood onto the fur trim ½ inch (12mm) from the end of the fur making sure the right side of the fabric is against the fur and all three raw edges are even. Pin. Continue pinning the fur to the hood all the way along the front opening.
- 8) Using a zigzag or knit stitch, sew trim to hood with a ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches. Turn the hood to the right side. Trim off excess fur by cutting on an angle from the hood out to the fold of the fur so that the folded edge is slightly longer than the raw edge.

6. Prepare Sleeves

- 1) Fold the first piece of fur trim in half lengthwise with wrong sides together and have the raw edges on the top. Make sure that the direction of the fur pile on the side facing you is going down i.e. if you run your hand down the fur away from the raw edge, it will be smooth. Place on the table.
- 2) Working with one sleeve at a time, turn the sleeve upside-down so that the hem is on the top and the wrong side of the fabric is facing you. Place the hem onto the fur trim that you have folded in half and match all three raw edges. Pin in place.
- 3) Using a zigzag or knit stitch, sew trim to sleeve with a ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.



- 4) Repeat steps 1) to 3) with the second sleeve.
- 5) Sew a row of gathering stitch along the curved edge (top) of the sleeve just inside $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) from the raw edge starting and finishing 1 inch (2.5cm) in from each end.
- 6) Sew a second row of gathering stitch along the curved edge of the sleeve just more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) from the raw edge starting and finishing 1 inch (2.5cm) in from each end.

7. Sew Shoulder Seams and Attach Sleeves

- 1) With right sides together match shoulder seams of the two front pieces to the back, making sure to also match the armholes. Pin shoulder seams.
- 2) Using a zigzag or knit stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing the beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 3) Working with one sleeve at a time, fold the sleeve in half and mark the centre of the top curve with a pin.
- 4) With right sides together and raw edges even, match the centre of the top of the sleeve with the shoulder seam on the first armhole. Pin. Match one end of the sleeve with one end of the armhole making sure raw edges are even. Pin. Match the other end of the sleeve with the other end of the armhole making sure raw edges are even. Pin. Pull gathering threads to gather sleeve in until same length as armhole, match raw edges and pin.
- 5) Using a zigzag or knit stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches. Remove gathering threads.
- 6) Repeat steps 3) to 5) with the other sleeve.

8. Attach Hood

- 1) Fold back of jacket in half to find the centre of the neckline and mark with a pin.
- 2) With right sides together and raw edges even, match the centre of the neckline with the seam at the bottom of the prepared hood. Pin. Take one end of the bottom of the hood (fur) and place it $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) in from the end of the neckline and with raw edges even. Pin. Stretch neckline slightly between the two pins until it is the same length as the hood and with raw edges even, pin.
- 3) Repeat to attach the other side of the bottom of the hood (fur) to the neckline.
- 4) Using a zigzag or knit stitch, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing the beginning and end with reverse stitches.



9. Sew Side Seams

- 1) With right sides together, fold one sleeve in half. Making sure that the hem of the sleeve (fold of the fur) is even, match the raw edges and pin through the fur trim. Match the underarm seam and with raw edges even, pin. With the hem of the front and back level and raw edges even, pin the bottom of the side seam.
- 2) Using a zigzag or knit stitch, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance.
- 3) Repeat steps 1) and 2) with the second side.

10. Attach Bottom and Front Trim

Bottom Trim

- 1) Fold the fur for the bottom of the jacket in half lengthwise with the wrong sides of the fabric together and the raw edges on the top. Make sure that the direction of the fur pile on the side facing you is going down i.e. if you run your hand down the fur away from the raw edge, it will be smooth. Place on the table.
- 2) Turn the jacket upside-down and have the wrong side of the fabric facing you. Place one end of the jacket hem onto the end of the fur trim making sure the right side of the fabric is against the fur and all three raw edges are even. Pin. Continue pinning the fur to the jacket all the way along the hem.
- 3) Using a zigzag or knit stitch, sew trim to jacket with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches. Trim off excess fur.

Front Trim

- 4) Holding the first piece of fur for the front trim in your hand, make sure that the fur pile is running down i.e. if you run your hand down the fur it will be smooth. Fold the fur in half lengthwise with the right sides together and pin across the short end. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam securing beginning and end with reverse stitches. Turn to right side.
- 5) Repeat with second front fur trim.
- 6) On one front opening of the jacket turn down to the wrong side the raw edge of the neckline $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm). This is the small part that does not have the hood attached.
- 7) On the right side of the fabric place the fur trim making sure that the top of the fur is level with the top of the neckline and all three raw edges are even. Pin. Continue pinning the fur trim to the front opening all the way down. There will be excess fur trim past the bottom of the jacket



- 8) Using a zigzag or knit stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance starting at the top of the jacket securing beginning and ends with reverse stitches.
- 9) Turn the jacket upside-down and on the part of the fur trim that extends past the hem of the jacket, brush the fur downwards i.e. against the fur pile. Trim off excess fur trim that is below the bottom of the jacket being careful to only cut the fabric of the fur so that when you brush the fur back the right way, fur will hang down past the fabric. This will keep a more natural look to the bottom of the fur and avoid a straight line.
- 10) Repeat steps 6) to 9) with the other front opening.

11. Attach Velcro and Decoration

- 1) Place the hook side of one Velcro tab onto the right side (top side) of one front fur trim close to the top (neckline). Stitch in place by sewing $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (3mm) in all around the edge of the Velcro using a straight stitch.
- 2) Place the loop side of the Velcro tab onto the wrong side (under side) of the other front fur trim close to the top (neckline). Stitch in place with a straight stitch.
- 3) Repeat steps 1) and 2) with the second Velcro tab but place it half way down the jacket opening.
- 4) On the right side of the top fur trim i.e. the other side of the trim that has the loop Velcro attached, use a pair of snips, larger needle or point turner to gently pull the fur out from under the stitching used to attach the Velcro tabs. This will hide the stitching.
- 5) Sew your bead, button or decoration to the top fur trim close to the neckline.

12. Congratulations You Did It!

Celebrate! YOU made this fantastic Funky Fur Jacket. Well done!