



18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL FUR TRIMMED 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 inches (25 cm) pinwale cord, suiting, fleece, polar fleece or similar.
- 3) 5 inches (12 cm) Craft Fur for the trim.
- 4) Matching thread
- 5) 1 x Velcro strip ½ inch x 7 inches (1.2cm x 17.5cm)
- 6) Decoration Optional – bead/s or fancy button/s
- 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 #6 part 1 on top of pattern piece #6 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 piece #1 (back) on the fold, piece # 2 (front) and piece #3 (sleeve) onto the fabric taking note that the direction of the grain line 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.

Fur Trim & Collar

- 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 #4 (sleeve trim), piece #5 (collar), and piece #6 (bottom trim) onto the fur taking note that the direction of the fur pile is going in the direction of the arrow. Pin in place.
- 3) Cut around the paper pattern with fabric scissors or rotary cutter. Remove pins.
- 4) Cut out a second sleeve trim (piece #4) taking note of the direction of the fur pile.

5. Sew Shoulder Seam and Overcast Front Opening

- 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 straight stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing the beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 3) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.
- 4) Using a zigzag stitch, overcast the raw edges down the straight edge (centre front) on both front pieces.



6. Prepare Collar

- 1) With right sides of the fur together, fold the collar in half so that you have 2 short sides and one long side. Place pins in both short end.
- 2) Using a straight stitch, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance along both short ends, following the curve and leaving the long edges open.
- 3) At each curve clip a small 'v' away from the seam allowance, making sure not to clip the stitching.
- 4) Turn the collar to the right side and using your clippers, point turner or very large needle gently pull out the fur that has been caught into the stitching on both ends.

7. Attach Collar

- 1) Find the centre of the open section of the collar by folding in half matching the two short ends. Place a pin at the fold.
- 2) Find the centre of the neckline by folding the jacket in half matching the two shoulder seams. Place a pin at the fold of the neckline.
- 3) Place the jacket on the table with the right side of the fabric facing up, the back down the bottom and the front up the top.
- 4) Take the collar in your hands, make sure the open side (raw edges) are up the top and 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.
- 5) Match up the centre pin on the collar with the centre pin on the neckline of the jacket. With raw edges even pin collar to jacket starting from centre pin and working to one end and then repeat on the other side. The collar will finish about 1 inch (2.5cm) in from the overcast edge of the front of the jacket.
- 6) With right sides together, fold this overcast edge of the front of the jacket over to meet the end of the collar. Pin at neckline.
- 7) Using a straight stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 8) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 9) Turn front facing to right side and push the seam allowance of the collar down towards the jacket. Top stitch seam allowance to the jacket with a straight stitch.



8. 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 straight stitch, sew trim to sleeve with a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 4) Repeat steps 1) to 3) with the second sleeve.
- 5) On both sleeves, overcast the three raw edges together with a zigzag stitch.
- 6) 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.
- 7) 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.
- 8) Repeat steps 6) and 7) on the second sleeve.

9. Attach Sleeves

- 1) Working with one sleeve at a time, fold the sleeve in half and mark the centre of the top curve with a pin.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Using a straight stitch sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches. Remove gathering threads.
- 4) Repeat steps 1) to 3) with the other sleeve.
- 5) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.



10. 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 one seam allowance facing one way and the other seam allowance facing the opposite way. With the hem of the front and back level and raw edges even, pin the bottom of the side seam.
- 2) Using a straight stitch, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam allowance starting at the sleeve and finishing at the hem.
- 3) Repeat steps 1) and 2) with the second side.
- 4) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.

11. Attach Bottom Trim

- 1) Place the fur on the table in front of you with the fur on the top and the direction of the fur pile going down i.e. if you run your hand down the fur from the top edge to the bottom, it will be smooth.
- 2) On the left hand end of the fur, take the bottom edge and bring it up to the top edge so that the right sides of the fur are together. Place a pin in the short end.
- 5) Using a straight stitch, sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (6mm) seam. Turn to right side and using clippers, point turner or very large needle gently pull out the fur that has been caught into the stitching of the seam.
- 3) Fold the rest of the fur in half lengthwise with the wrong sides of the fabric together and the raw edges even. Run a row of tacking stitch (large straight stitch) along the raw edges to hold the fur together – this will make it easier to attach to the jacket.
- 4) Place the fur on the table in front of you with the finished end on the left and the raw edges on the top. The direction of the fur pile on the side facing you will be going down
- 5) Turn the jacket upside-down and have the wrong side of the fabric facing you. We will be working from the left to the right. Match the raw edges of the hem of the jacket with the raw edges of the fur trim starting $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (12mm) in from the front edge of the jacket. Fold this extra $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (6mm) over the fur trim so that right sides of the fabric are together. Pin.



- 6) Continue pinning the fur to the jacket along the hem matching raw edges. Cut the fur trim so that it finishes ½ inch (12mm) from the other front edge of the jacket.
- 7) Fold the front edge of the jacket over the end of the fur so that the right sides of the fabric are together. Pin.
- 8) Using a straight stitch, sew trim to jacket with a ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 9) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.
- 10) Fold fur down and turn front facing to right side.

12. Attach Velcro

- 1) With the jacket on the table and the front of the jacket facing you, place the hook side of the Velcro strip onto the top of the left front. Stitch in place by sewing 1/8 inch (3mm) in all around the edge of the Velcro using a straight stitch and securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 2) Place the loop side of the Velcro strip onto the wrong side (under side) of the other front opening. Stitch in place with a straight stitch.

13. Attach Decorative Beads or Buttons

- 1) Using a double thread, sew your bead, button or decoration close to the neckline on the side of the jacket that is on top when the Velcro is fastened together, being careful not to stitch through the Velcro.
- 2) If you are placing more than one bead or button onto the jacket, mark with a pin or chalk where the top and bottom buttons will be placed and then evenly space the remaining buttons between these marks. Mark with a pin or chalk where these remaining buttons will go. Using a double thread, sew buttons or beads in place.

14. Congratulations You Did It!

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