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Custom Unisex Vest

**Do you currently have an old vest sitting in your closet that you'd love to give an updated look to?**

Here, you will learn just how I upcycled an old red vest using my Brother™ CE7070PRW Project Runway™ *Limited Edition* sewing machine.

**MATERIALS:** Vest, fabric, scissors, thread, binding and iron.

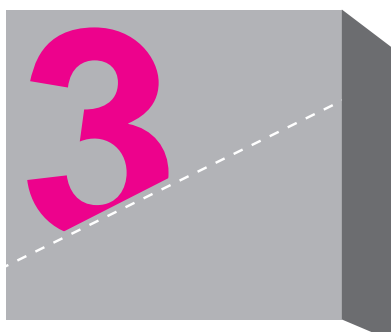


Find a vest you love that needs an updated look!





Deconstruct along your vest's existing seams in order to get your pattern pieces.



Choose your fabric and place your cut out pieces onto their appropriate fabrics. I have added 2½ inches to the hem of the front, back, and side pieces for length.

*(Note: I have chosen to stylize my new vest by using two different fabrics. You can get as creative as you wish, so let it roll and have a blast!)*



Begin by sewing your shoulder seams together.

*(Note: I have chosen to give a double top stitch after sewing my shoulder seams together to secure the bulk of the seam to lay flat on the shoulder.)*



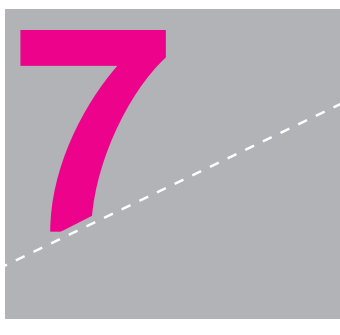
Sew your back piece together with your side panels and after giving it a good press, go back and also give it a top stitch to secure down the bulk.

*(Note: It will read on the outside of the fabric as a flat-felt seam which is very common in denim, but is used in many garments for its effect.)*

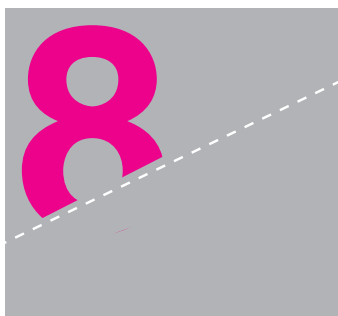


Pin your back piece to the back yolk piece and stitch at your 1/2 inch seam allowance. Press the seam allowance together towards the direction of your choice, and top stitch.

*(Note: Your fabrications will normally dictate to you naturally which way they would like to lay, so trust them!)*

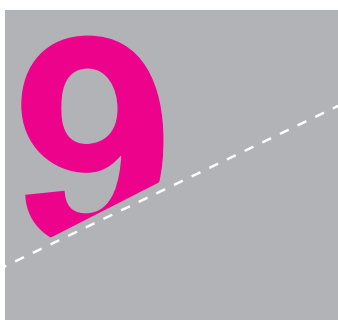


Pin your front pieces to the front yolk and stitch at your 1/2 inch seam allowance. Press the seam allowance together towards the direction of your choice and top stitch.



This is a visual photo of where your vest should be in the process thus far.

Congratulations! The main body is primarily complete. Now, onto the finishing work! Feel free to get creative with your closures and finishing touches! It's a great way to personalize your look!



Pin your armhole binding and stitch.

*(Note: I have chosen to use a braided V-fold binding and have top stitched twice.)*



Pin your front plackets to each side of the center front and stitch at 1/2 inch.





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Press and top stitch each seam adjoining your front plackets and front pieces.



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Pin your waistband piece to the bottom of your vest and stitch at 1/2 inch.

*(Note: I have chosen to stylize my pattern piece so that it dips lower in the back and shorter in the front!)*



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Pin your binding to the bottom edge of your waistband and stitch.





Attach your collar, sew at ½ inch, press, and then topstitch.



Mark the placement of your closure and secure!  
*(Note: I have chosen to use snaps, but feel free to use a zipper, hook and eyes, or really anything your glamorous heart desires!)*



Press, primp, and light up the town! You are going to be the envy of all your friends!



(This project was created from the designer's perspective.)

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