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6 Free Sewing Patterns**



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1826
The Clark mill was successful in Europe. The thread was brought from Britain by sailing captains and introduced to the women of America, who used it in the latest women's fashions in 1826.



1866
In 1866 George Clark developed a six-cord, soft finished thread, the first suitable for the sewing machine which revolutionized the thread industry. He called it "Our New Thread" which became known as O.N.T., the famous trademark for the Clark Thread company.



1939
Market conditions in the 1940's were reversed by textile requirements of World War II. American women began to sew again to have garments, as well as for the therapeutic value during the trying times of war.



2007
As home sewing machines became more advanced, Coats & Clark recognized the need for a thread in which all variables could be controlled to produce a consistently smooth thread and introduced Dual Duty XP.



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Fashion Zippers

Beyond the Seam!



Coats new line of fashion zippers is perfect for embellishments, accessories, garments & creating the hottest trends!



This cuff bracelet and other free projects available at coatsandclark.com

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Letter from the Editors

Greetings from Coats & Clark,

This is a special year for Coats & Clark! Our very first thread factory was built in Paisley, Scotland in 1812. That means this year is our 200th Anniversary. You can read more about it at www.CoatsandClark200years.com.

Anniversaries mean gifts, so we put together this eBook of gifts that are quick & easy to make. Most require scraps or a fat quarter of fabric- some no fabric at all!

Who can't use another Zippered bag or Organizer? Both of these are great projects to make ahead for those times when you suddenly need a gift for a friend. Making them is so much fun, it's addictive!

For the kids, sew up our Tic Tac Yo Yo Game board. It has a zipper compartment for storing the Yo Yo game pieces.

A bottle of wine for the hostess will be even more special when dressed in our Zippy Wine Bottle cover with our glitzy metallic zipper. We've included two crafty projects with zippers as well. Cover a headband with one of our new Fashion Zippers in Camouflage. Need a house-warming gift? This hanging votive is created with Coats All-purpose Zippers.

Don't procrastinate! Whip up a few gifts to have on hand this fall and throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

Coats & Clark

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Compact Zippered Cosmetic Bag

Follow this simple cosmetic bag sewing tutorial to create an adorable place to store small cosmetics and kick-knacks. With these cosmetic bag sewing instructions from Coats and Clark, you'll have a special bag perfect for everyday use.



Materials:

- Coats Fashion Closed End Zipper, 7" or Coats All-purpose Zipper, 7i"
- Dual Duty XP General Purpose thread, to match fabric
- Print Fabric- ½ yard or fat quarter
- Lining Fabric- ½ yard or fat quarter
- Fusible Interfacing- ½ yard

Directions:

1. Make a pattern by drawing a rectangle 18" (L) x 10"(W). Draw a line across the center of the rectangle. On each of the 10" ends, mark 1" from each side. Draw a line connecting these marks to the ends of the center line creating tapered sides. Each end will be 8" tapering to 10" at the center.

2. Cut the 1 each of the pattern from the print fabric and interfacing.

3. For the lining, fold the pattern in half and add ½" seam allowance to bottom (10") end. Cut 2 from lining fabric.

4. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the print fabric following manufacturer's instructions.

5. Place zipper right sides together on one of the 8" ends of the print fabric. Place lining over zipper, right side down. Pin. Using a zipper foot, stitch ¼" from raw edge. Press lining to inside. Repeat with other side of zipper.

6. Sew side seams together, being careful of zipper ends. Box the bottom corners of the bag by aligning the seam with the center of the bottom forming a point. Stitch across 1" from end of point. Repeat on other side seam.

7. Turn bag right side out. Pull lining out and align folds on bottom. Sew across bottom edges of lining to close. Tuck lining back into bag.

Fashion Zipper Headband

Once you know how to make a fabric headband, you'll love this special trendy twist. Just add a zipper and you have a fashionable Coats and Clark accessory little girls will love to wear. Here's an easy way to jazz up an otherwise ordinary hairdo.



Materials:

- Coats Fashion separating zipper, color 972 Pink
- Camo, 24"
- Coats Dual Duty XP All Purpose thread, color 6170,
- Green Linen
- Fabric covered headband, 3/8" wide
- Hand sewing needle and scissors
- Optional: Glue gun and glue sticks

Directions:

1. Separate the zipper. Cut a 12" piece of the remaining zipper with the end and slider. Set 12" piece aside. Be careful not to let the slider slide off the cut end!
2. Using the zipper side without the slider, start at the left end of the headband and wrap the

zipper around the end to secure. Wrap in a spiral fashion to the other end of the headband. Depending on the size of the headband, it may be necessary to use the cut piece of zipper

without the slider to completely cover the band. Cut any excess zipper leaving enough to tuck under the last wrap. Thread a hand sewing needle and double the thread. Hand sew the zipper to the headband on the underside of the headband.

3. Sew a line of running stitches by hand along the edge of the 12" piece of zipper tape pulling up the stitches to gather as you sew. When the zipper gathers to make a full circle, tack the end behind the right side. Continue to sew running stitches and gather the remaining length. Secure the plasticized end behind the final ruffle with a few stitches.

4. Arrange the ruffled zipper to look like the photo and sew a few hand stitches to hold in places. Sew the rosette to the headband at a perky angle.

Hanging Zipper Votive Holder

Really brighten up the Christmas tree this year with these hanging votive holders. It's a simple way to deck the halls with color and light. Fun Christmas crafts, like this one from Coats and Clark, will help you celebrate the holiday season this year.



Directions:

1. Unzip the 3 zippers.
2. Glue the bottom ends of the zippers together at 120 degrees from each other (or equally spaced from each other) with the two ends slightly overlapping each other.
3. Glue the top ends together overlapping them and aligning each with the opposing zipper side.
4. Stitch a jump ring to the large wool ball and then hot glue it to the top of the zippers.
5. Link each jump ring to each of the zipper pulls and then stitch each of the small wool balls to each jump ring.

Materials:

- Coats All-purpose Zippers, 7", 3 zippers
- Dual Duty XP® general purpose, to match colors of wool balls
- Glass vase, 4" diameter round - 1
- Wool balls, 1/2", 3
- Wool ball, 1 1/2", 1
- Jump rings, 4
- Electric votive candle, 1
- Hand sewing needle
- Hot glue

Pocket Organizer With Zipper

For a perfect place to store small sewing tools or supplies, create this Pocket Organizer with Zipper from Coats and Clark. It's not only an easy sewing project, it's a handy accessory to have on hand. Make several to give away as gifts!



Materials:

- Coats Fashion Zipper, 7" Closed
- End, F24A
- Dual Duty XP general purpose
- Thread
- Solid Fabric- fat quarter
- Print Fabric- fat quarter

Directions:

1. Press $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the wrong side on one of the long sides of the pocket piece. Fold 1" to the wrong side. Press in place. Topstitch pocket 1" from top folded edge.

2. Draw a line with chalk down the middle of the pocket.



3. Place pocket right side up on the front lower piece of the fabric, aligning raw edges. Pin in place.

4. Machine-baste around the pocket $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge of the fabric. Return machine to a normal stitch length. Stitch the marked line on the pocket, backstitching at the beginning and end of line.



5. Press $\frac{1}{2}$ " to wrong side on one of the long sides of the top front and the long edge opposite the pocket on the lower front piece.



6. Place the folded edge of the top piece beside the zipper, $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the zipper teeth. Pin. Using the zipper foot, stitch along the folded edge. Repeat for the other side of the zipper with the lower front.

8. Turn to the right side through the zipper opening.



7. Unzip the zipper several inches. Pin the front and back wrong sides together. Stitch around all four sides using a $\frac{1}{2}$ seam allowance. Clip corners diagonally.

Tic Tac Toe Yo Yo Game Board

Sewing for kids is always rewarding. They'll love playing with this Tic Tac Toe Yo Yo Game Board from Coats and Clark. This easy sewing project is portable which makes entertaining the kids while traveling a breeze. It even includes a pocket to hold game pieces.



Materials:

- 1 Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP® All Purpose
- Thread to match
- 1 Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP® All Purpose
- Thread for decorative stitches
- 1 12" Coats and Clark zipper
- ½ yard print fabric
- ½ yard of plain fabric or contrasting print
- 12 coordinating buttons

- ⅛ yd quilt batting or scraps for yo-yo game pieces

Cut:

For game board:

- 4 3 ½" squares of plain fabric
- 5 3 ½" squares of print fabric
- 2 1" x 9 ½" strips plain fabric
- 2 1" x 10 ½" strips plain fabric
- 2 1 ¾" x 10 ½" strips print fabric
- 2 1 ¾" x 13" strips print fabric
- 1 13" square plain fabric for lining
- 2 13" x 7" print fabric for back

For game pieces:

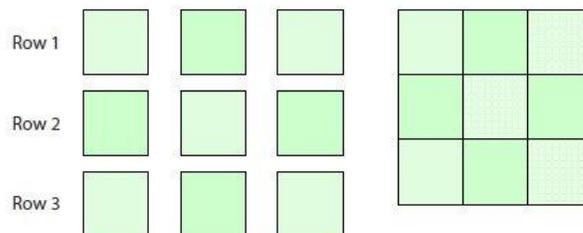
- 6 4" circles of plain fabric
- 6 4" circles of print fabric
- 12 1 ½" circles from quilt batting for yo-yos

Directions:

Note: Use ¼" seam allowance unless otherwise instructed.

Game board:

1. Use 3 ½" squares to make 3 rows with 3 squares in each row alternating print with plain fabrics to make a 9 patch.

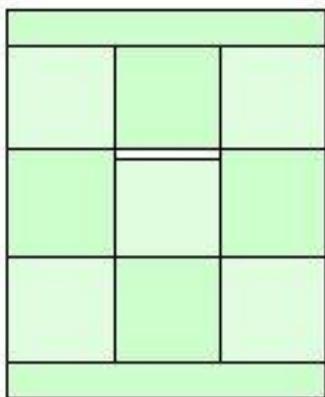


2. With right sides together sew each square in Row 1 together. Repeat with Rows 2 and 3. Press seams to one side alternating directions with each row. (Press Row 1 to the left, Row 2 to the right and Row 3 to the left. This will make it easier to match the seams and sew the rows together.

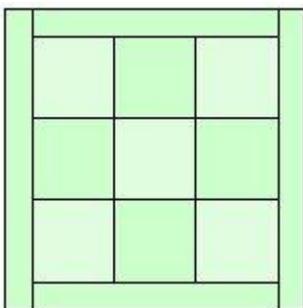
3. Sew Row 1 to Row 2 matching seams. Press.

4. Sew Row 3 to Row 2 matching seams. Press.

5. Sew one 1" x 9 1/2" strip to top of squares. Sew the other strip to the bottom, Press.

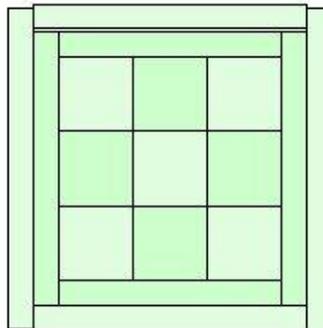


6. Sew one 1" x 10 1/2" fabric strip to left side of squares. Sew the other strip to the right. Press.



7. Sew the 1 3/4" x 10 1/2" strips to the top and bottom. Press.

8. Sew the 1 3/4" x 13" strips to the left and right sides. Press.



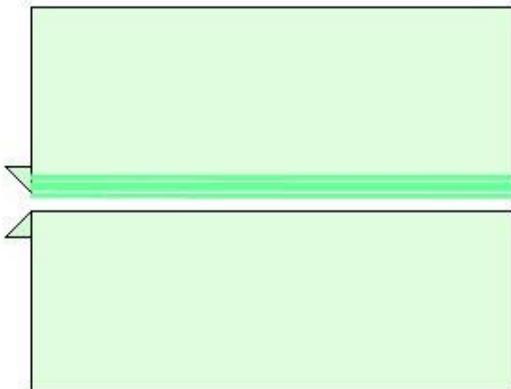
9. Embellish the game board with decorative stitches in the center of the plain fabric strips using a contrasting shade of Dual Duty XP™ All Purpose or Embroidery Thread.

10. With wrong sides together baste the 13" square lining to the back of the game board with a scant 1/4" seam. Trim excess fabric if necessary.

11. Back: Press under 5/8" along the length of each 13" x 7" piece of fabric.



12. Pin zipper in place along the folded edge. Top stitch close to the edge of the fold. Repeat with the other side.



13. With right sides together put the patchwork piece on top of the zippered back. Pin. Open the zipper at least 2 inches to allow for turning. Stitch front to back with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Trim excess fabric if necessary. Trim corners and turn right side out. Press. Topstitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge is option.

Game pieces:

Make 12 fabric yo-yos using 4" circles from plain and print fabric. See instructions below. Sew a button to the center of each yo-yo for decoration.

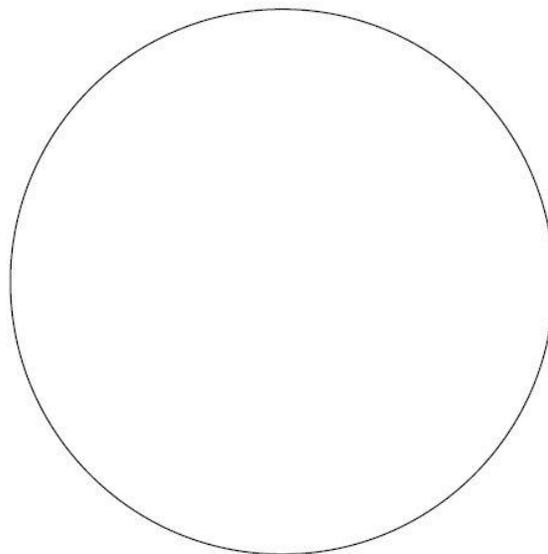
How to make a yo-yo:

1. Thread needle with Coats and Clark Dual Duty XP™ All Purpose thread. Double thread and knot.
2. Turn back $\frac{1}{8}$ " of fabric edge to the wrong side of the fabric turning back enough fabric for two or three stitches at a time. Do a running stitch

close to the folded edge. Stitches should be

approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " long and evenly spaced. Continue around the circle. Place a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " circle of quilt batting in the center of the circle.

3. Draw up thread as tight as possible to form a tight circle. Make sure the right side of the fabric is showing! Backstitch to secure yo-yo. Smooth and flatten yo-yo so the hole is in the center.



Zippy Wine Bottle Cover

When it comes to free wine sack sewing projects, you won't find one more festive than this glitzy Coats and Clark pattern. Featuring a metallic fashion zipper and red velvet material, this free wine tote pattern makes a perfect holiday gift.



Materials:

- Coats Fashion Zipper, Closed Bottom Metallic, 9" Gold (9440)
- Dual Duty XP general purpose thread, match to fabric
- Coats Metallic Thread, Gold (9440)
- Red Velveteen, ½ yard or fat quarter

Directions:

1. Cutting: Trace around the bottom of the bottle. Add ½" seam allowance. Cut 1 from fabric. Measure around the bottle and add 1" (Width). Measure the height of the bottle and

add 2" (Height). Cut a rectangle the Width x Height of bottle.

2. Measure the neck of the bottle. Mark a line across the width of the rectangle the length of the neck from the top edge. Set machine for a gathering stitch and sew across rectangle on marked line. Secure one end of stitching by tying threads. Pull to gather. Secure other end.

3. On one long side of the rectangle, mark the length of the zipper. Fold the rectangle right sides together and sew from mark to lower edge. At the mark, clip the seam allowance. Below the mark press the seam allowance open. Above the mark, press the seam allowance not sewn open to the fabric right side.

4. Right sides together, pin the bottom circle to the bottom of the cover. Stitch. Clip seam and turn to right side.

TIP: Make a small clip at the half and quarter points on the circle by folding the circle in half and then in quarters. Do this on the cover as well, with the seam being one of the points. Align these marks when pinning in place.

5. Lay the zipper over the seam allowances that are pressed to the right side of the cover. Unzip the zipper and pin in place on one side of cover. Thread top of machine with metallic thread. Place zipper foot on machine.

6. Stitch from the top of zipper ¼" from zipper teeth as far as possible to the bottom of the zipper being careful not to catch the other side.

Zipper should be open. Repeat on the other side.

7. Thread machine with general purpose thread. Turn cover to wrong side. Leave zipper open. Pin top edges together and stitch. Turn to right side.

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