

## **PART 2—Design the fit panels, decorations, sew side seams**

### **A-HA! Jacket 1 Photo Directions: Freeware Design by E.Kaino Hopper**

A Pattern for homesewers: Designed *Inclusively* for Diverse body types & Diverse Mobilities Levels

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**Design Plan:** Decide which color accent combos desired **BEFORE** stitching belts, side seams & center back.

*Remember, sleeve tops are fit and open/closure areas and are last step*



Be Creative!



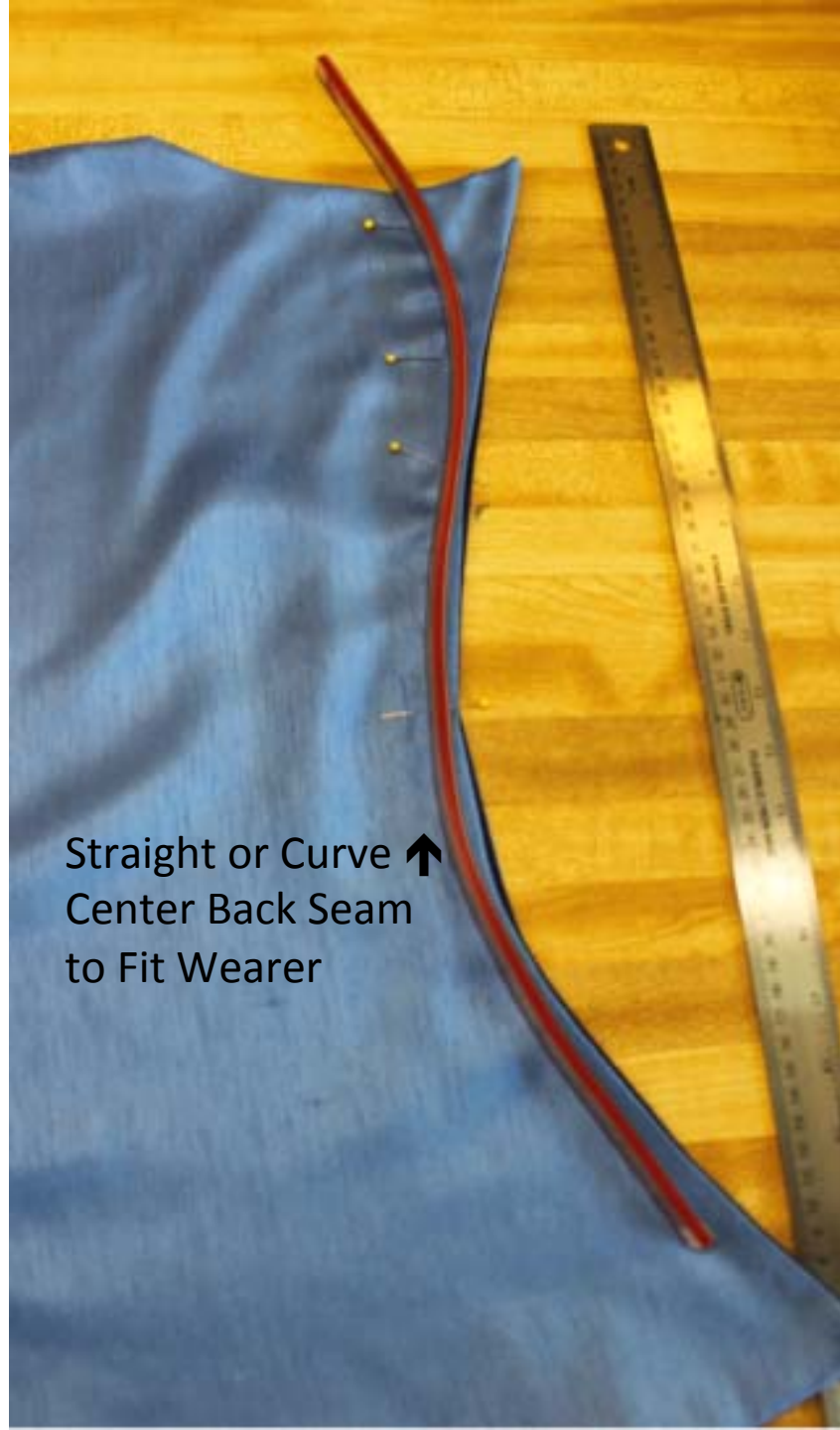
**Fit Center Back  
Seam to wearer.**

Allows for natural  
Curve of different  
Spine shapes

Pin seam

Ready to sew!

Straight or Curve ↑  
Center Back Seam  
to Fit Wearer



**Sew Center Back Seam:**

Open it up for lapels



Top Stitch  
Center Back  
Seam here →



Open seam  
for lapels →

**Insert Belts:** Find opening at sides of jackets--insert!



Be creative: add several belts for fun wraps & colors



**Belt Close-up:** belts are inserted & top stitched!



**Pin & Stitch Underarm Seam** to WRONG side of garment (hidden)

\*Leave a space open for the belt to give style changes and for access to option pockets inside.

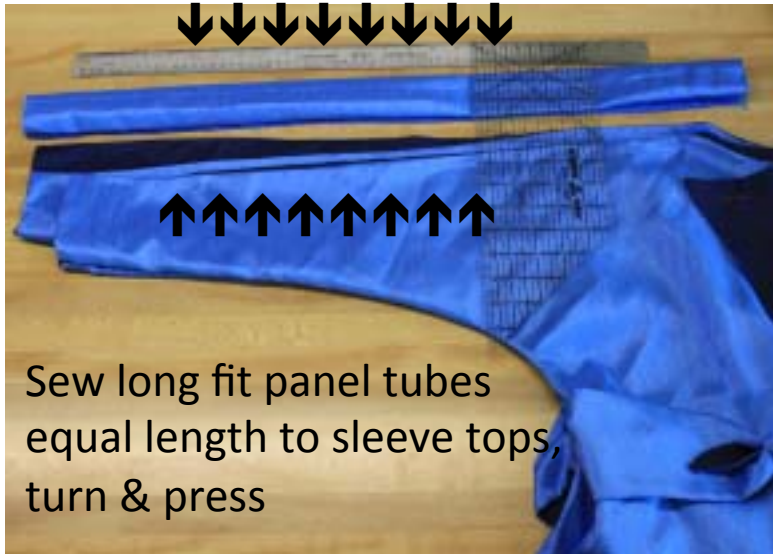


**Make cuffs even before  
stitch underarm seam:**

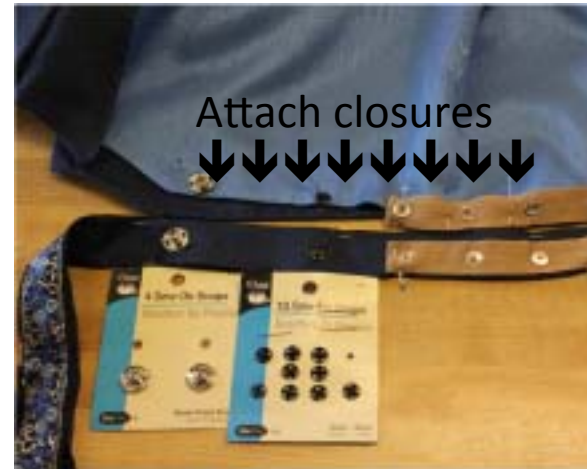
- Measure arm length
- Match front and back  
sleeve length



## Fit Panel Details



- MEASURE** fit panels to width of wearer's arm x double or place on fold
- CUT** 4 fit panels as long as sleeve tops
- SEW** 4 rectangular fit panels in a long tubes
- TURN** right side out
- IRON** as flat as possible
- \*Check Fit*—pin in place, check on wearer
- ATTACH** openings/closures—*Choose: buttons & holes (or loops); snaps or Snap-Tape; zippers, etc.*





## Decide Design Details For:

1. top of sleeve closure
2. front of jacket closure

### Suggestions:

1. Mismatched buttons for interest
2. Decorative trim to cover snaps/zippers
3. Decorative frogs (store or homemade)
4. Covered Buttons & loops  
or:
5. Fabric Ties: No added cost--made from fabric scraps—also fun / sexy



## Straight tie option details:

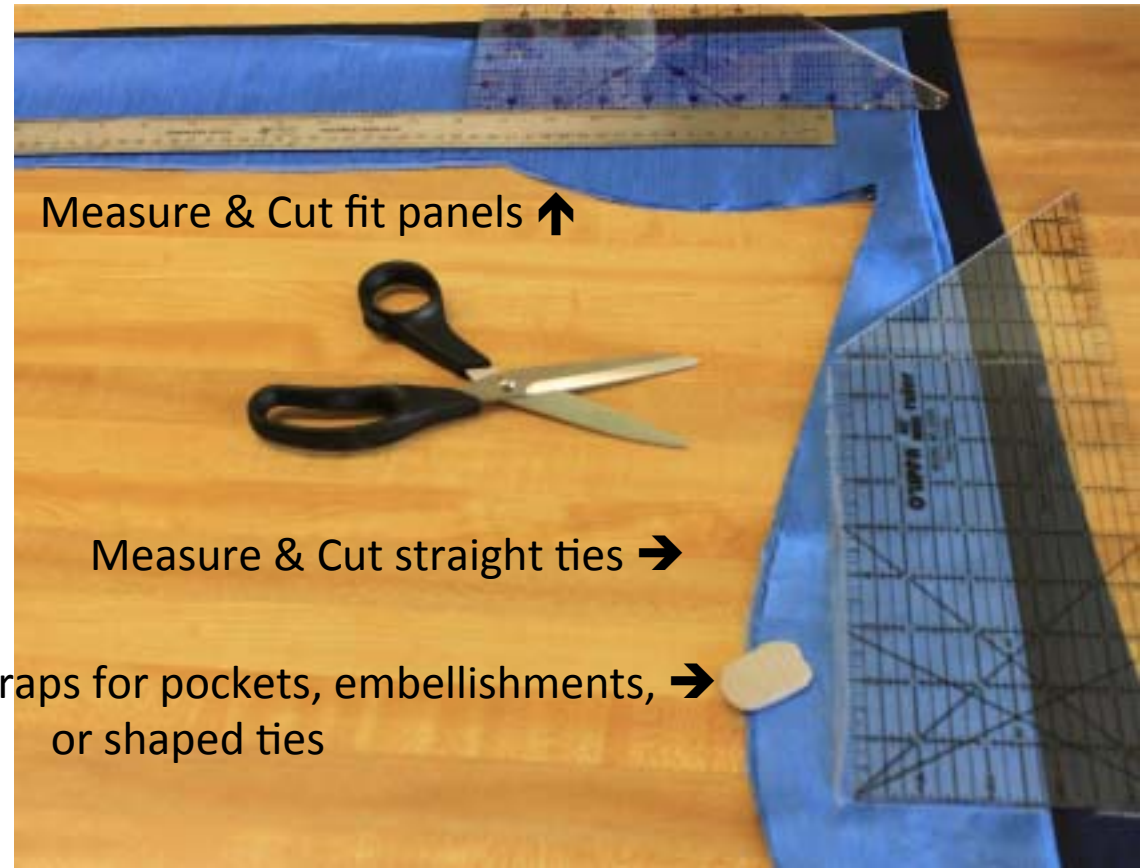


Sew & Turn: Turn ties with safety pin



Straight ties pinned between jacket and fit panels--ready to sew with row of top stitches

\*tuck raw ends of ties inside themselves to hide before stitch



Measure & Cut fit panels ↑

Measure & Cut straight ties →

← Use scraps for pockets, embellishments, →  
or shaped ties

# A-HA Jacket 1 Finished!

Share your creative results! Send images for posting on this website!

Best images will show the person and garment in real life setting!

72 resolution  
Approx. 5x7 inches



## **Design Challenge:**

Dress the world accessibly— send images of your handy-work worn by yourself, your family and friends!