

**Workshop Name: 'Just Leaf It To Me' Sweatshirt Jacket
(One Full Day Class)**

Workshop Description:

Is this jacket really made from a sweatshirt? This is the most commonly asked question at the Moonlight Design booth. The answer is: Yes! This beautiful jacket uses the sweatshirt for the jacket base and the pattern pieces. If you have never made a jacket this is the perfect beginner class and if you are an expert Jerri will find something a little more challenging for you to add to your jacket. Two of the many things you will learn in this class are to make very skinny strip sets perfectly straight for the wonderful checkerboard design and learn how to make pieced blocks into cool applique.

**Supplies: Fabric Kits are available for purchase at \$50.00, Lining \$22.00
Pattern available at ½ price of \$5.50. At least 4 color choices available.**

Just Leaf It To Me Jacket Pattern
One Sweatshirt with Set-In Sleeves

-should be your regular size or one size larger but not too thick.

50/50 cheap sweatshirts work well – also old sweatshirts from home.

Please have your sweatshirt cut apart per the instructions on 2nd page of this supply sheet!

Tip for choosing fabric:

Choose One Print or focus fabric for the main part of the jacket – then choose the 6-10 fabrics to coordinate with the print. Then choose a dark or bright for the shadowing effect behind the leaves and use this fabric for the binding. This is a great time to show off some fabric that you really hated to cut up.

(10) – fat 1/8th yards (or fat quarters) for Patchwork (1 ½“strips will work too)

2 ½ yards of Main Fabric

2 ½ yards of Lining Fabric

¾ yard of Binding (and shadow) Fabric

Neutral Thread for sewing Patchwork and Decorative Thread to Quilt the jacket

505 Basting Spray

Chalk Pencil

½ yard of fusible web and a glue stick

¼ - ½ Yard of cotton batting (optional) for making the jacket longer.

Sewing Machine in good working order with ¼” foot, open toe foot, and walking foot. Please put in a new needle to start this project!

Please don't forget your power cord and foot control!

Rotary Cutter & Mat

6 X 24 Ruler

A small square ruler such as a 5 or 6 inch square

Good Sharp Scissors (small preferably)

Seam Ripper

Straight Pins

Irons and Ironing Boards will be provided.

Prewash sweatshirt.

Preparing Your Sweatshirt:

Using scissors or rotary cutter—cut off ribbing at the bottom edge of the sweatshirt.

Hold sweatshirt up by the shoulder seams allowing it to hang perfectly straight.

Lay it carefully down onto a flat ironing surface. Iron across the body and put good creases in what would normally be side seams. Carefully fold shirt in half matching the shoulders, neckline, and sleeves right sides together. Iron well making another crease right down the center of the body. Open back up and using scissors cut up the **Front Only** on that creased line -from the bottom edge to the neckline. **Leave the back as one piece!**

Remove the ribbing from the neckline and sleeves using the same method as above.

Remove the sleeves. Cut the underarm seams so that the sleeve now lays flat. Press.

Cut the shoulder seams on the remaining body. Lay shirt on a flat surface and cut away the front panels from the back at the creases on the sides of the body that you ironed previously.

You should now have 2 fronts, 1 back, and 2 sleeves.

Author's Note:

At this point—I pin basted the sweatshirt back together using a 1/2" seam and tried it on. I wanted to check the fit and to check the sleeve length. I know many people who make beautiful wearables and never wear them because they don't fit. I think that this is an important step—but you can skip it if you want. If the jacket is only slightly too large—use a 3/4" seam allowance. If it is much too big—you will need to cut it down—but be careful—once you cut you can't put it back! I found that you can cut the outside edges of the front and the back by following the same shape as the original sweatshirt—I took about 1/2" off the front sides and both sides of the back while still maintaining the same shape of the armhole. Baste the jacket together again and try it on. You'll be surprised that the sleeves will fit better too. Once you figure out your size then you can go buy more of that same sweatshirt—because I'm going to be making many more sweatshirt patterns that I'm sure you are going to like!