

PATTERN REVIEW: Paola Workwear Jacket in Insignia Blue Linen

Description



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Ever since I uncovered a vintage French chore jacket at a flea market years ago, I have been obsessed with this timeless jacket design. If you follow me on Pinterest, you are not surprised to read this. I have dreamed of creating my own version for a while and finally found the perfect sewing pattern to do it!



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Using the vintage jacket as inspiration, I decided to sew the PAOLA Jacket in Midweight INSIGNIA BLUE linen with contrasting white buttons. The fabric color reminded me of a favorite pair of worn-in denim blue jeans, but in a lighter weight and softer drape. Since I have wide shoulders and a straight body type, I chose to include only the bottom two pockets, omitting the top pockets for a less boxy style. I like the simplicity and feminine look with less pockets, especially since I already have a couple 4-pocket chore jackets in my wardrobe. If I were to make another one, I would consider adding top pockets to the inside of the garment, which is popular on many vintage chore jackets.



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I made my normal size 2 and was so happy with the amount of ease included in the pattern as well as the length of the body and sleeves. I followed the pattern exactly, finishing with french seams. This pattern was easy to follow and produced a beautifully fitting jacket. Itâ??s a perfect weight and style for layering on chilly nights. Iâ??m already thinking about making a few more in a natural canvas, faded denim, and olive linen. Will be wearing this one all spring and summer long!

If you want to tackle sewing a jacket, I would start here. Fabrics-store has wonderful step-by-step instructions here on the blog for this free pattern. Let me know in the comments if you have any questions about the sewing process or finished product. Happy to share my experience!

Happy sewing,

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