



Bagging Your Lining

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Bagging your lining refers to sewing the lining into a jacket or coat with minimal hand sewing.

There are several tutorials on the internet demonstrating how to bag your jacket or coat lining. Here are three that include good visuals. The Threads tutorial also shows how to cut a lining if a pattern does not include the pattern pieces.

<https://www.threadsmagazine.com/2008/11/01/bag-your-jacket-lining>

<https://closetcasepatterns.com/clare-sewalong-bagging-a-coat-lining/>

<https://grainlinestudio.com/2012/01/09/sewing-tutorial-how-to-bag-a-jacket-lining/>

Mentally analyze the areas where lining meets fashion fabric for the best area to leave the opening when turning your garment after sewing in the lining. This is usually in the hem area, but could also be the center front where a zipper will be inserted. I have also left the outer edge of the collar un-sewn for the opening.

BASIC steps to bag your lining:

1. Construct the main jacket as one unit with upper collar.
2. Sew the lining together as one unit with the front facings and under collar.
3. Sew lining unit to main jacket right sides together--up the front facings, around the collar and down the other front facings. The hem area is left un-sewn.
4. Turn right sides out, press and grade any necessary seams.
5. Hand sew upper and under collar together along the neck seam attaching collar to jacket body.
6. Place sleeve lining into sleeves, match seams at hem. Go between the sleeve and lining and pull the sleeve hem out. Pin and sew around the hem. Hand sew sleeve hem. Return sleeve to wearing position. Repeat for other sleeve.

7. Optional depending on sleeve type: Hand sew arms eye lining seam allowance to fashion fabric arms eye seam from notch to notch. If shoulder pads, bar tack lining to shoulder pads at shoulder seam.
8. Bring lining hem around to the fashion fabric hem, gently stuffing jacket between the two so right sides face each other. Make sure fashion fabric hem has been pressed in place.
9. Match lining hem to fashion fabric hem and sew, leaving an area un-sewn for returning jacket right side out.
10. Using your favorite catch stitch, hem the fashion fabric before returning jacket right sides out.
11. Turn jacket and do a final press. Hand sew opening closed. Optional—top stitch around jacket facings and collar.

These steps will vary if you have side vents, drop shoulders, and or a zippered front. These are steps I personally have used to bag jacket linings. However, there are other methods out there. Use the process that works for you.

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