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Tricia Waddell and Katrina Loving create sweater remakes by cutting and felting existing garments.

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Asymmetrical Pullover

Project designed by Kirsten Coplans of Pearl Clothing for *Stitch* magazine

Refashion a sweater from your closet or a thrift store find with a simple reconstruction and decorative stitching.

Fabric

- Wool (or other tightly knit) light- to medium weight sweater with rounded neckline

Other Supplies

- Contrasting sewing thread
- Ball-point needle for sewing machine, in a size appropriate to your fabric
- Handsewing needle
- 5/8" (16 mm) button (*shown*: round faux wood)

Notes

- All seam allowances are 1/4" (6 mm) unless otherwise noted.
- Use a contrasting color thread that will stand out against the sweater color.

Instructions

Cut the Sweater

1. Find the center front of the sweater at the neckline, then move to one side by about 2½" (6.5 cm) to create the off-center look. Mark and cut a straight line through the front of the sweater only, from neckline to hem. The idea is to have a graceful seam off to one side of the center front, from the neckline (near the shoulder) to the hem.
2. Next, cut about 1/4" (6 mm) off the sleeves, hem, and neckline. *Note*: You can cut all the ribbing off for a uniform look, depending on how short the finished sweater will be. Cut the sleeves to three-quarter length if you prefer a shorter sleeve length.
3. Choose a decorative embroidery stitch setting on your sewing machine. If you have limited options, a zigzag stitch always looks great.

Sew the Sweater

4. Using a ball-point needle, sew a line of stitching around each sleeve, about ¼" (6 mm) from the edge. Sew a line of stitching along the hem in the same manner, beginning ¼" (6 mm) from one cut edge and ending ¼" (6 mm) from the opposite cut edge.
5. Lay the sweater flat with the front cut edges just touching. Fold the neckline forward to form an asymmetrical V neck. The fabric that folds over reveals the wrong side of the fabric and creates the look of a lapel. Place a pin on each side of the V to mark the cut from neckline to hem where you will start sewing the neckline, and where your front seam will begin, ¼" (6 mm) away from the edge. Now that you have marked the points where you will begin and end the stitching, unfold the "lapel" so that the sweater is flat again.
6. From the pin on the right-hand side, sew around the entire neckline, using the same decorative stitch that you used before, beginning and ending ¼" (6 mm) from the cut edges (begin on the side opposite the one that will be folded over; refer to the diagram). *Note:* When you reach the pointed end of the fabric, pivot the fabric with the machine needle down, and continue sewing to where you started.
7. Fold the sweater so that the front cut edges are wrong sides together and pin from the stitched edges of the neckline to the hem.
8. To complete the front seam, again using the same decorative stitch, sew about ½" (1.3 cm) from the hem to the place on the neckline where your stitching began, removing the pins as you sew. *Note:* Keep in mind that wool and cashmere fabrics stretch a little, so sewing from the hem up will keep the hem even.
9. With the sweater still folded, cut through both layers to remove excess fabric, taking care not to cut into the stitches. This will ensure the 2 sewn edges are even and will create a clean, defined front seam.
10. Fold down the neckline on the left-hand side of the sweater to create the lapel. Handsew the button to the lapel, near the point, through the two layers of fabric.

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