



Shapely Shoulders™ Hanger Cover Instructions

Keep your favorite sweaters, knit tops, tunics and special occasion garments in perfect shape no matter how long they hang in the closet. This project includes an overlock zipper insertion and is great for practicing serging gentle curves. A quick and practical gift, it's a stash buster too!

The number of layers of bubble wrap to create padding over your hanger is variable. I use 5 layers and that works well for my sweaters and knit garments. If you want puffier padding, add more layers. You may need to lengthen the pattern for more than 6 layers. (*See QR code on page 2 for video tutorial.*)

Supplies

- Fat quarter quilting cotton or your favorite fabric
- 22-inch dress weight zipper
- 5mm serger piping foot
- Hanger (either plastic or metal)
- 3 yds. 12-inch-wide bubble wrap (Large rolls are available at office supply stores.)
- 4 cones serger thread
- Bodkin or double-eye needle
- Wonder Clips or pins
- Chalk or wash away marker
- *Optional:* ribbon for a bow

Cutting Instructions

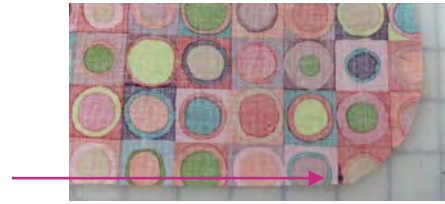
- Cut 2 Shapely Shoulders™ pattern pieces on fold
- Cut (5) 22-inch-long pieces of bubble wrap

Serger set-up: 4-thread overlock

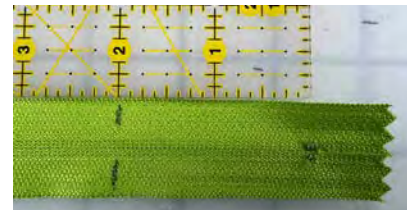
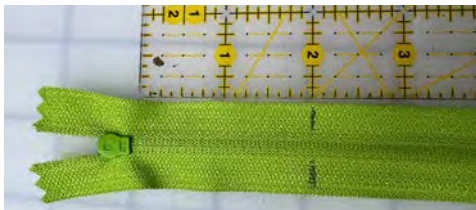
- Presser foot: 5mm piping foot
- Stitch length: 2.5
- Stitch (cutting) width: 5.0 (narrowest)

Construction

All seam allowances are $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch. Mark the fabric top and bottom edges "start" and "stop" stitching lines on your fabric.



The zipper is 4-inches longer than the finished length and will extend 2 inches past the start and stop stitching marks on the bottom edge. The extra length prevents the presser foot from bumping into the zipper pull and bottom stop. Mark the wrong side of the zipper tape 2-inches from the zipper start and stop points.



1. Position the right side of the zipper tape edge even with the right side of the bottom raw edge of one pattern piece. Align the start and stop stitching marks on the zipper and fabric. Pin or clip in place.
2. Position the zipper teeth in the piping channel and lower the presser foot. Begin stitching at the first mark. Pivot the zipper left when the stitching meets the second mark and stitch off. Cut the thread chain to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch.
3. Press fabric.
4. Repeat steps 1 - 4 on the second side.
5. Right sides together, pin or clip the two pieces around the top and sides.
6. Widen the stitch (cutting) width to 7.5 - 8.0.
7. Open the zipper halfway.
8. Begin stitching at the center top stitching mark. Continue to the bottom mark. Your serger knife will cut off the excess length of the zipper.
9. Repeat for the second edge.
10. Feed the thread tails through the stitching on either side of the top opening. Clip off excess length.
11. Turn the hanger cover right side out and press.
12. Cut $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch slits at the center point of each piece of bubble wrap. Slip each layer over the hanger.

13. Slip the cover over the bubble wrap. Tuck in the edges of the bubble wrap and close the zipper. Don't trim off excess bubble wrap. It will fill out and puff up the cover.
14. Tie a bow around the hanger hook for extra cuteness!



Scan QR code to watch the Shapley Shoulders Hanger Serger Tip Clip Tutorial video.



Happy Sewing & Serging!

BEGIN
STITCHING
HERE

1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE



Shapely Shoulders™ Hanger

CUT 2 ON FOLD

ZIPPER

FOLD