

Minerva Pattern 6016

Men's Double-Breasted Overcoat with Big Patch Pockets with Flaps, Sleeve Cuffs, Back Belt & Center Back Vent

Introducing a sewing pattern for a tailored double-breasted coat with patch pockets and back belt tab – Structured Warmth with Timeless Appeal.



When To Wear Design 6016

This coat delivers classic elegance and practical warmth, making it perfect for:

- City Commutes & Business Wear: A sharp outer layer for office looks and professional settings.
- Evening Outings: Layers beautifully over dresses, trousers, or knitwear for a refined silhouette.
- Cold-Weather Days: Designed for wool coating fabrics to keep you stylish and warm.

Key Design Features

Silhouette: Straight double-breasted coat with a relaxed body

Collar & Lapels: Structured notched collar

Sleeves: Two-piece tailored sleeves with separate turn-up cuffs.

Details: Wide patch pockets with flaps and decorative back belt tab.

Back: Center-back seam with vent for a clean, balanced finish.

Lining: Full lining for comfort and durability.

Level Of Difficulty

Advanced. Requires precision tailoring for the collar, sleeve cuffs, patch pockets, and back belt.

Fabric Recommendations

Choose warm, stable coating fabrics with or without nap to achieve a structured drape:

- Wool or wool-blend coatings
- Heavy melton or cashmere wool
- Brushed or napped coatings for added texture

Additional Supplies

- Fusible interfacing
- Lining fabric
- Buttons – 9 pieces (approx. 25 mm)
- Shoulder pads

- Thin synthetic padding for sleeve heads

Cutter's Must

From Main Fabric:

1. Back Part - 2 pieces
2. Front Part - 2 pieces
3. Upper sleeve - 2 pieces
4. Lower sleeve - 2 pieces
5. Cuff (Otvorot Rukava) - 2 pieces
6. Outer collar - 1 piece
7. Collar Stand for Outer Collar (Stand up collar) - 1 piece
8. Pocket Flap - 2 pieces
9. Back Belt (Half Belt) - 2 pieces
10. Front Facing - 2 pieces
11. Pocket - 2 pieces
12. Lower Collar - 1 piece

From Lining:

For drafting the lining pattern pieces, use the following modifications:

1. Back lining: use the back part adding a 2 cm ease pleat at center back
2. Front lining: use the front part excluding front facing area - 2 pieces
3. Pocket: use pocket piece shortening it by 4 cm
4. Sleeves lining, cuffs lining, back belt lining and pocket flap lining: use main pattern pieces without any modification.
5. Shorten the lining length by 2 cm at the hem.

Fusible Interfacing:

Apply interfacing to Front Part Fusible pattern piece, front facings, outer and under collars, collar stand, pocket flaps, back belt, pocket hem allowance, coat hem allowance.

Important Information

Before cutting your fabric:

- Print and lay out pattern pieces to determine yardage.
- Check mirrored pieces, notches, and grainlines.

- For patterned fabrics, align carefully for symmetry.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation

- From the wrong side, apply fusible interfacing to:
- Front parts
- Front facings
- Outer collar
- Collar stand for outer collar
- Lower collar (with integrated stand)
- Pocket flaps
- Back belt (half belt)
- Patch pocket opening edge (top fold) and hem allowance
- Hem allowances of fronts, back, and sleeves

(Press firmly with a hot iron using a press cloth.)

Patch Pockets & Flaps

- The pocket lining is 4 cm shorter than the main pocket piece to form the self-facing.
- With right sides together, stitch pocket lining to the upper edge of the pocket piece.
- Turn lining to the wrong side so that 4 cm of main fabric folds to the inside as a built-in pocket facing. Press.
- Fold pocket and lining right sides together again. Stitch around the remaining perimeter, leaving a 2–3 cm opening for turning.
- Clip corners, turn pocket right side out through the gap. Press edges flat. Close the opening with hand slipstitch.
- Topstitch 1.5 cm from the top fold to secure the facing line.
- Position pocket on front panel according to markings. Baste, then topstitch 1 cm around the sides and lower edge to secure.

Pocket Flaps

- Place each flap and its lining right sides together.
 - Stitch around the perimeter, leaving a 2 cm opening along the *top (attachment) edge* for turning.
 - Trim corners, turn right side out through the opening, and press edges sharply.
 - Close the opening with a hand slipstitch.
 - Topstitch 1 cm from the edge around the flap — do not topstitch along the upper (attachment) edge.
 - Position the flap on the Front above the pocket opening, flap pointing upward, aligning with the placement markings.
 - Stitch only the upper edge of the flap to the Front (this seam will be concealed once the flap is folded down).
 - Fold the flap downward to cover the pocket opening and press neatly.
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- Optionally, topstitch 1 cm along the fold line to secure the flap position and reinforce the seam.
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Back, Vent & Belt

Back Assembly:

Sew center back seam to the vent marking.

Topstitch 1 cm

Back Vent:

Press left vent facing to right side along hem foldline; stitch along hem fold. Turn right side out and press.

Press right back hem allowance to right side along vent edge; stitch, turn out, press.

Overlap vent to left side and secure at top with a diagonal reinforcement stitch.

Back Belt (Half Belt):

Place belt and belt lining right sides together. Stitch around, leaving a small opening.

Turn, press, and topstitch 1 cm.

Position belt on back panel as marked and baste in place. Final stitching is done after side seams.

Main Assembly

- Sew side seams; press allowances open.
 - Sew shoulder seams; press allowances open.
 - Attach back belt permanently across side seams.
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Collar & Facings

Lower Collar (Integrated Stand):

- Attach the lower collar (with integrated stand) to the coat neckline, right sides together.
- Clip curves and press allowances downward.

Outer Collar + Stand:

- Sew the collar stand to the outer collar, right sides together; press seam open.
- Attach this outer collar + stand to the front facings; press seam allowances open.

Joining to Garment:

- Place the facing/outer collar unit right sides together with the coat.
 - Stitch along front edges and collar.
 - Trim corners, turn right side out, press.
 - Topstitch 1 cm along front edges and collar.
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- If needed, slipstitch the inner neckline edge of the outer collar stand to conceal the seam.
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Sleeves & Cuffs

1. Sleeve Assembly

- Press-shape (steam) the upper sleeve along marked areas where easing is required.
- Stitch upper sleeve to lower sleeve along the elbow/back seam. Press seam allowances open.
- Stitch front sleeve seam. Press allowances open.

2. Construct Sleeve Cuffs

- Stitch each cuff piece into a ring (up to the marked slit). Press seam allowances open.
- With right sides together, stitch cuff to its lining along outer long edge and short sides. Leave bottom edge open.
- Trim corners, turn right side out, and press.
- Topstitch 1 cm from the edge (as shown in the technical drawing).

3. Attach Cuffs to Sleeves

- Place the finished cuff with its lining side facing the right side of the sleeve hem.
- Stitch the cuff to the sleeve along the hem edge.
- Turn the cuff down so the seam allowance is hidden inside.
- From the right side, stitch the lower edge of the cuff to the sleeve exactly in the seamline (a “stitch-in-the-ditch” or edge-stitch).

4. Secure the Cuffs

- Fold the cuff upward into its final position.
- Tack (hand-sew) the cuff at:
 - the sleeve seam, and
 - just below the sleeve slit.

5. Setting In the Sleeve

- Ease-stitch sleeve cap between notches using fine running stitches.
- Pull threads until sleeve cap fits armhole.
- Steam-shrink fullness at sleeve head.
- Pin sleeve into armhole, right side to right side, matching notches. Stitch with sleeve side up.
- Attach sleeve head wadding and shoulder pads.

Hem

Turn coat hem allowance to inside, press, and slipstitch by hand.

Lining

- Sew the rest of lining in the same order as shell. Leave 20 cm opening in one sleeve.
 - Add 2 cm pleat at center back and secure at neckline and above hem.
 - Insert lining into coat, right sides together, matching shoulder seams and center back.
 - Stitch lining to front facings and neckline.
 - Fold hem allowance up, creating a jump pleat; stitch lining to hem and vent facings (clip at vent base if necessary).
 - Turn coat right side out through sleeve opening and close opening by hand.
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Finishing

- Work buttonholes on left fronts, lapels, and back belt as marked.
- Sew buttons on right front, sleeve cuffs (if decorative), and back belt.
- Final press.

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