



COATS Dual Duty^{XP}

Zip & Dots Swimsuit Cover

Skill level – Beginner/Easy

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Technique:	Zipper Installation
Brand:	Dual Duty XP
Crafting time:	An Evening

Size

One size fits all

Materials

Dual Duty XP General Purpose Thread,
900 black and 100 White, 1 spool each.

Coats Fashion Zipper, Art 62, 24" White with Black Dots (871)

Additional Requirements

Sewing machine,
Scissors,
Marking pen,
Knit fabric, 2 yards.

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Cutting

1. The cover is made from 3 rectangles of fabric. To determine size, add 10" to your hip measurement and divide by 2. This number is how wide the back rectangle will be. Divide this number by 2, and this is how wide each front rectangle will be. Each rectangle will be 36" long—which can be adjusted depending on your height and preference.

2. Fold the back rectangle lengthwise, wrong sides together. On the upper cut edge, mark 4" from the fold. On the fold, mark 3" from the cut edge. Using a plate or other circular object aligned with markings, draw a neck opening. Place the front panels, wrong sides together, repeat (there will be two cut edges, instead of a fold).

Assemble: (use 1/2" seam allowances)

3. Match shoulder seams of front rectangles and back rectangle, right sides together. Sew together.

4. Test size by draping cover over your shoulders and pinning together at neck. The cut edge on the sides should hit just above your elbow. If it seems overly big, lie cover on a flat surface, mark the amount that needs to be removed from sides. Trim away excess at marked line.

5. Turn under 1/2" on each side of the front opening and around neck edge, stitch. Separate zipper. On the right side of the fabric, center one side of the zipper on one side of the center front. Thread machine with white thread. Put zipper

foot on machine. Stitch zipper in place 1/8 inch from teeth, then again, 1/8 inch from edge of zipper tape. Repeat on the other front rectangle.

6. Turn cover right sides together and align side seams. Mark 15" down from shoulder seam and 5" up from hem. Sew side seams together between these two marks.

7. Turn under all remaining edges around the arms and hem 1/2" and stitch.

If you are unsure of sizing, Butterick 5790 includes a view that has the back and front rectangles.

