

## Creative Sweatshirt Jackets – Newsletter Article

Best presentation and workshop ever!  
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These were the comments from the ladies who attended Londa Rohlfing's Creative Sweatshirt Jacket lecture and workshop.  
Ask anyone who was there and you will hear one superlative after another!

In February, Londa Rohlfing brought her Creative Sweatshirt Jackets, her patterns, fabrics and notions to Corpus Christi. And she left with us her knowledge so that we can make them for ourselves! During Tuesday's lecture, we learned how to change the frumpy sweatshirt into fabric with matching rib trim, when we cut off the rib trim at the collar, cuffs and hem. Then, with a few nips and tucks, we learned how to change the fit of our sweatshirt fabric into a flattering jacket. Londa's embellishment techniques are fabulous, fast and easy. And, keep in mind that these embellishments can be used on any fabric that is sturdy and stable enough to support the weight of the embellishments. Londa is experimenting with some black linen as her next foundation. Also, if you look at the ready to wear in the stores, you will notice a lot of raw edge finishes – one of Londa's many techniques. Londa also explained about proportion and how to use the "Golden Mean" concept for a pleasing proportion in our clothes. We can use this knowledge whether we make or buy our clothes! In short, the lecture was fantastic and we learned so much!

As Londa explained her techniques, she put on each jacket and then showed us how to do those embellishments. She also told us that we could use her patterns and techniques if we wanted to make sweatshirt jackets to sell, provided that we don't begin manufacturing them in China!

Although we weren't able to videotape Londa's lecture, all her techniques were explained on her DVDs and in her patterns. In addition, Londa is converting her paper patterns to "talking patterns" from her website. With the paper pattern is an internet address which contains pictures and her verbal explanation of each step to create the jacket. We were the first workshop to use her new Transformed "talking" pattern.

For the workshop, I was concerned that we would look like carbon copies of each other since we were starting with the same pattern. Was I surprised! Look at the beautiful jackets below and you can tell that each lady tapped into her creativity and made a sweatshirt jacket that is hers and hers alone. Many of us didn't have our jackets ready for the March meeting, but are still working on them and we'll include Show-n-tell pictures in future newsletters and on the website as they are finished.

Congratulations to Karen Barnes for being the lucky winner of the lecture and workshop tickets at the Christmas fundraiser. Her sweatshirt jacket is very creative and beautiful!

Many thanks to all those who made the event a success:

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- Judy's daughter, who made the Texas Trash and spiced nuts for our snacking pleasure.