

Costume Design & Technology—Vest Construction Project

You will be completing all the steps necessary to construct a vest, either for yourself or for FHS costume stock. If you choose to make the vest for yourself, you will purchase all the necessary supplies for the project including a pattern, interfacing, fashion fabric, lining fabric, buttons or other closure hardware, and thread. Mrs. Sone will provide pins and scissors, unless you want to have your own. If you choose to make the vest for FHS costume stock, Mrs. Sone will provide all the necessary materials.

Mrs. Sone will be instructing students how to read the pattern envelope for necessary supplies. Supplies can be purchased at Wal-Mart (has a limited selection of patterns), Hancock Fabrics, JoAnn Fabrics and Crafts or Hobby Lobby. A larger selection of supplies can be found at Hancock Fabrics or JoAnn. Here is a list of suggested patterns:

Simplicity	2346	New Look	6659
	4079		6036
	7030		6914
	1499		
McCall's	2260	Butterick	6139
	6228	Burda	7810
			7457



Please return this note by Friday, November 6, with the appropriate notation below:

My student will be making the vest project for him/herself. I understand that we are responsible for buying all the necessary supplies and having them at school by **Tuesday, November 10.**

My student will be making the vest project out of supplies provided by Mrs. Sone. I understand that the vest will belong to FHS Costume stock after completion.

Student name _____

Parent name _____

Parent signature _____

While vests may not be everyone's idea of a perfect wardrobe piece, they are a great beginning project. They are usually an affordable project, too, as vests don't require much fabric to construct. You will have the satisfaction of completing an entire garment, which is wearable if you choose, without the challenge of sleeves or zippers (which are more advanced techniques).

A note or two on fabrics: please **do** take note of the fabric suggestions on the pattern envelope. If you don't know what you are looking for, ask someone who works in the store for help finding the type of fabrics listed as suggestions. If you choose plaids or stripes, you will need a little extra fabric so that you can match the pattern at seams; 1/4-1/2 yard will be plenty. None of the patterns listed above is suitable for knit fabrics; you must purchase a woven. You will also need lining fabric, which is typically lightweight and a little slippery to the hand. Your pattern may call for interfacing; ask for help on this if you can't find it yourself.

Vest Project Rubric

Name _____

*** Please keep this grading sheet with your pattern and project at all times! ***

Criterion	Advanced 3.5	Proficient 3	Basic Skill 2	Below Basic 1
Preparing to Cut				
Pressing the fabric				
Pressing the pattern pieces				
Folding the fabric, selvage to selvage				
Your cutting line is highlighted				
Pinning pattern pieces to fabric on grain line				
Cutting the fabric				
Pattern pieces are all cut on appropriate cutting line				
Cutting is smooth and precise				
Matching notches are marked				
Sewing the Project				
Interfacing applied correctly				
5/8" seam allowances are used consistently				
Stitching is smooth				
Back stitching at ends of seams				
Seams are pressed open				
Buttonholes/Closures applied properly				
Finishing Up				
Vest fits appropriately				
Pressing: Vest lining doesn't roll to the outside of garment				
Overall finished appearance of vest				

As you accomplish each step of the construction process, you must have me sign-off in the appropriate box above. With the exception of the cutting steps, any time you *do not* achieve a proficient rating, you **must** make corrections until you are proficient. Any time you achieve a proficient rating, you **may** try again for advanced. The completed vest is due by the end of class, Monday, December 7. You may, however, turn it in as soon as you have finished at a proficient level. Mrs. Sone will provide another project if you finish before the due date.

Total Points earned: _____ / 60 (54+=A; 48-53=B; 42-47=C; 36-41=D; below 36=F)