# Polar Fleece Fun

To help showcase your personal style, I wanted to take a minute and show you just how easy it is to adjust a store bought pattern, work with polar fleece and show off your school spirit.

## Materials:

- Commercial Pattern Kwik Sew #K4032 Unisex Fit
- Polar Fleece Fabric
- Separating Zipper
- Polyester Thread
- \*Additional notions maybe required, refer to pattern envelope.

#### Tools:

- Drafting paper
- Clear ruler
- Pencil/marking tools

# **Basic Instructions:**

- Select a commercial pattern as your base.
- Determine your overall design and gather pieces needed to create. In this
  episode, I demonstrated how to color block the jacket front and used the front
  pattern piece.
- Trace the pattern piece to craft/pattern paper and draw your new pattern design.
- Cut along seam and retrace each piece onto a new piece of paper; add seam allowance.
- Follow pattern instructions to complete.

## **Additional Notes:**

- Polar fleece has a right and wrong side. To determine; pull gently along the cross grain and fleece will curl towards the wrong side.
- Polar fleece is thick and can be hard on your machine. So, it is important to test your stitch length and start with a fresh needle. Ballpoint & Microtex work best.
- While polar fleece does not fray, a quick pass on the serger will give your finished project a professional look. Be sure to <u>tuck your tail in</u>. Instead of trimming the thread tails with a scissor, consider threading them back into your finished seam with a needle.

Now, you can show off your team spirit with a cozy polar fleece jacket or vest!

