



## **I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S A SWEATSHIRT – Laura Blanchard**

### **BRING TO CLASS:**

- Pattern: "I Can't Believe It's a Sweatshirt" by Gail Abeloe
- **Unwashed** sweatshirt with **set-in sleeves**, about 2 sizes larger than you normally wear.  
(The jacket will shrink up some after all the stitching and after washing and drying.)
- Fabric:  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd. each of 10 - 12 **unwashed** fabrics (or 10 – 12 **unwashed** fat quarters).  
(The pattern calls for  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd. each of 8 fabrics (or 8 fat quarters. I used 10 or 12 fabrics for my jacket and was glad to have the variety. Larger size sweatshirts may require more fabric, depending on how densely you position your fabrics.)
- Additional fabric:  $\frac{1}{4}$  yd. cotton fabric to coordinate with sweatshirt to be used as facing on lower inside edges of sweatshirt and sleeves.
- Rotary cutter, mat and 6" x 24" Omnigrid-type ruler.
- 3 - 4 Spools 100% cotton thread to match sweatshirt color. This can be a 30 wt., 40 wt. or 50 wt. thread in a solid or variegated color. I recommend using a 50 wt. thread (Mettler Silk Finish) in the bobbin.
- Straight pins, scissors, seam ripper.
- Sewing machine with the following feet:
  1. Walking foot
  2.  $\frac{1}{4}$ " foot (or regular straight stitch foot)
  3. free-motion foot (darning foot)
- 1 yd. fusible knit interfacing (available at Quilting Adventures).
- Chacoliner – any color that will show up on your sweatshirt
- Roxanne's Glue Baste-It (or equivalent product). OR use one of the spray baste products on the wrong side of each cut piece of fabric BEFORE coming to class – must still be tacky for class!

- ½ yd. fabric for binding (not needed in class)

**PREPARATION FOR CLASS: Cut all fabrics following cutting directions on page 1 of pattern. Make 4 identical stacks of fabrics (a distribution of fabrics and sizes) and place in individual baggies. Label baggies "front", "back", "right sleeve", "left sleeve". Do not cut apart sweatshirt before class.**

If you have reserved one of our shop machines to use in class, please also bring the following:

- Machine needle appropriate for your class. Please take your needle home with you at the end of class.
- Thread - Please use only good quality thread in our machines. We prefer Mettler or Aurifil for piecing. No WalMart thread, no cotton-covered polyester, please.
- We will provide you with one bobbin for use in class. If you prefer to buy your own, we also sell the bobbins here.
  
- Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the start of class to allow the teacher and shop staff time to prepare the classroom. If your class requires a sewing machine, try to arrive a few minutes early to get your sewing machine set up.
- In consideration of other students and employees with allergies, please limit your use of scented personal products when attending one of our classes.
- If your class requires a sewing machine, please be sure that you are familiar with its operation, it is in good working order, and bring your manual along to class just in case!
- Cancellation policy: If the class minimum is not met within seven days prior to the class, it may be cancelled and you will be notified and will receive a full refund. Please keep this possibility in mind when you purchase supplies for your class. No refunds of class fees will be given if student cancels within the one week prior to class.