

## SWING COAT FABRIC INFORMATION Summary

The flyer for the 5-day Swing Coat workshop by Daryl Lancaster is on page # of this issue of the Tie-Up. Daryl has prepared a document for this workshop's participants describing in detail what you will need to bring and a copy of this will be distributed to those who sign up for the workshop. But before you make that decision, you probably want to know what type of handwoven fabrics will be suitable for this coat. Daryl's recommendations follow:



Any fiber works, if you can weave it, but I find woven cloth for garments can have great results if at least part of the fabric is a protein content, like wool, which can be fullled up to create a dense fabric. Here are some of my basic suggestions:

- Sett it denser than you think.
- Avoid long floats which make a fabric less stable.
- If you want a lighter fabric, choose a thinner yarn, not a looser sett.
- Avoid weft patterning, repeats and blocks. They are hard to match for side seams and such. If you use a hand painted warp, make sure there is a repeat.
- Wash it well.

The swing coat requires considerable width at the bottom edge. For smaller sizes, you will need a minimum of 8 yards at 18" wide or 5 1/2 yards at 36" wide. If choosing the optional shawl collar, add 1 1/2 yards for the 18" wide fabric, or 1/2 yard for 36" wide fabric. For larger sizes, you will need a minimum of 8 yards at 22" wide or 4 1/2 yards at 44" wide. If choosing the optional shawl collar, add 1 1/2 yards for the 22" wide fabric, or 1/2 yard for the 44" wide fabric.

For lining, you will need 1 yd. of preshrunk lining fabric (45" wide) for pocket lining and seam finishing. But if a full lining is desired, you will need approximately 4 yards of a suitable lining fabric 45" wide, also preshrunk.

Daryl also says you can use commercial fabric if you are intimidated. Or if you are intimidated by the swing coat pattern, you can try an alternative pattern, e.g., the jumpstart jacket that she taught last year or a tunic or vest. If you would like more information about these alternate patterns, email [schgprograms@gmail.com](mailto:schgprograms@gmail.com) for descriptions.