

## It's Sew Easy Series 1500 - Be Your Own Sewing Super Hero!

### What's a Super Hero Without a Cape? Show#1504-1 Classy Textured Cape



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#### **Materials and basic supplies for lined, detachable collar:**

- Featured machine is the [Brother XV8550D Dream Machine2](#) with included MuVit™ Digital Dual Feed System. Additional machine models are available for use with this foot. As an alternative you can use a closed toe walking foot for constructing cape, or consider basting seams to keep them from shifting when using a regular presser foot.
- Cape is made from [Luxe Cuddle® Rose](#) embossed fabric and lined with [Silky Satin Solid](#), both generously provided by [Shannon Fabrics](#). Outer cape: [Luxe Cuddle® Rose](#) (charcoal), lined with Shannon Fabrics [Silky Satin](#) in black. Contrast tab closure is [Cuddle® Suede](#) (black). See pattern for yardage requirements.
- Featured pattern is Simplicity 8473, view 3 created with one single tab closure. Any similar pattern will work. To construct a cape from textured fabric it's important to choose a pattern with minimal details and seams. Eliminate pockets and any other details sewn onto the body of the cape such as arm slits. Opt for a shorter style so the cape is not too heavy and allows you to easily use your hands without having the armhole slits. Eliminate interfacing in facing area and neckline of cape. Check your pattern for any additional supplies needed.
- Two 7/8-inch coordinating buttons.

- [Dritz Stay Tape™](#) is used in place of interfacing for stabilizing neckline.
- [Dritz](#) binding clips or pins for securing fabric layers.
- Thread and basic sewing notions for sewing cape.

**Important Notes about the fabric:** This embossed fabric is washable and easy to care for. However, you will want to pay careful attention to care instructions when washing and drying. If your fabric makes contact with heat it will flatten out and lose the beautiful embossed characteristic. I prefer a gentle wash with cold water, fluffing finished cape on air setting in the dryer for just a few minutes, and then hanging to let cape finish by air drying. In addition, it's not possible to press this fabric like you ordinarily would. Instead, simply use a bit of steam, hovering over fabric without touching it, while manipulating the seam gently with your fingers. After initial cutting the fabric will shed excess fibers and then it will stop shedding for good. It's a good idea to run pieces through a 45-minute cycle in a dryer set for NO HEAT – just air. Thoroughly clean lint filter when finished and your pieces are ready to sew.

### **General Tips for Creating Cape from [Luxe Cuddle® Rose Embossed Fabric](#):**

Cut each front piece using a single layer of fabric, using a “with nap” layout.

Eliminate any center back seam if possible, cutting center back on a fold.

Sew seams of cape to prepare for stabilizing neckline. Cut stay tape to ease around neckline and sew just inside the seamline using a narrow multi-step zigzag stitch.

Leave an opening in the center back seam of lining for turning cape right side out.

Construct tabs from contrast fabric using pattern instructions as a guide and tapering points so they turn right side out with smooth points at the corners and tip.

Since tab only needs to open on one side of cape I chose to stitch both buttonholes, and then I sewed one side of the tab onto the cape stitching through both button and buttonhole, anchoring it on one side of the cape.

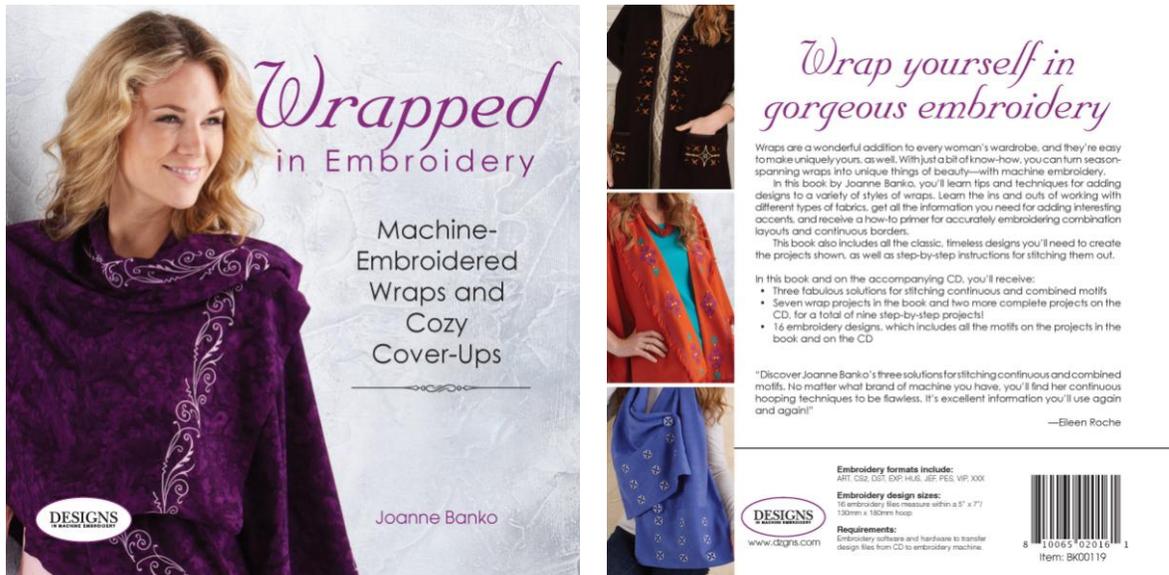
When sewing lining to cape you'll benefit greatly from using the MuVit™ foot or a walking foot. Use a slightly longer stitch length for all standard seams. Feel free to baste seams instead, to keep them from shifting while sewing.

Remember to press as you go by hovering iron above seam and smoothing it out after it is slightly warm. I suggest making some samples of seams from scraps and testing both your stitching and your pressing techniques.

You'll find that making a cape with [Luxe Cuddle® Rose](#) fabric is very rewarding but that's only the beginning. Be prepared for compliments! This cape is a joy to wear and looks stunning with casual clothes and dressed up outfits too! Enjoy!

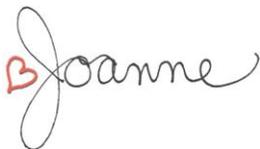
## Additional Resources:

- If you enjoy wearing garments like this cape you may want to check out my book titled [Wrapped in Embroidery](#). It includes instructions for making a variety of original wrap style garments with added machine embroidery designs. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video preview showing all nine projects from the book.



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