

IAN Officer Coat Conversion



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← You can obtain a US Navy Service Dress white coat from a large number of vendors and on eBay. Remove all of the buttons and both breast pockets (carefully!!) and you will have the basic shell.

Alternatively, you might want to look for a chef → jacket or tuxedo jacket with a mandarin collar. Unless they have no pockets or at least surface mounted pockets though, this can be an issue.



NOTE: No matter which basic shell you buy, you will likely need to purchase it several sizes bigger than you are, and here is why ...



← You are going to have to fold under the entire length of both sides of the jacket to cover the buttons and buttonholes (if the shell has them), and to insert a zipper. (This is why you bought it bigger than you needed.)

The zipper does not have to → go the entire length, and you may want to get a two-way zipper, so that when you sit you can unzip the bottom a bit and let the jacket spread.





← whether you get a US Navy coat or a shell from another vendor, most mandarin collars come to square points.

In contrast, the IAN uniform collar has a → rounded edge as it comes to the top, so you will likely have to alter this part of the coat no matter what shell you start from.



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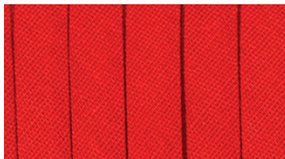
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- Double fold bias tape
- Made of 50 percent polyester and 50 percent cotton material
- It's great for binding straight or curved edges or as a color accent on apparel
- Quickly and easily trim blankets, pajamas, clothing and more
- Available in scarlet color and measures 144-inch length by 1/4-inch width

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← You will need to buy Wrights 1/4 inch, double fold bias tape in Scarlet (not red). Available online and in US at Joann fabrics ... and lots of other places. You'll need a lot of this for the jacket and some for the cap as well. Buy at least 3-4 packages.

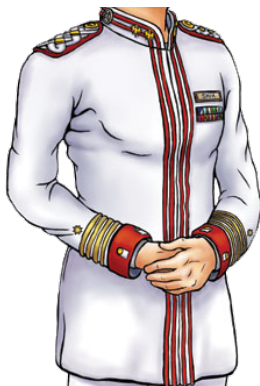


← The bias tape is a 1/4 inch and you should leave 1/4 inch between the parallel rows. Getting that to fit precisely along the zipper can be a challenge.

The 1/4 inch spacing will be maintained along → the zipper and up-and-around the collar. Again, this is not the easiest thing to do.



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