I keep getting asked how I made my Ticci Toby hoodie. Idiot me however, didn’t take many photos of it in the works. Heh. So this’ll mostly be text.

First off, I used no patterns with this hoodie. I pulled a Frankenstein with it, splicing it from other shirts and fabrics. I used a navy blue fabric, a pale tan-coloured long-sleeve shirt, a brown t-shirt and another tan fabric, along with black ribbing for that collar thing inside the hoodie. All of this was bought for about 15-20 dollars at value Village. I got lucky, you might not. Be prepared to buy fabrics at a fabric store if you can’t find any in a second hand shop.

The first thing I did was rip the sleeves off. No, not like that, I used a seam ripper. First, detach the sleeves from the main body of the shirt, so the shirt looks like a vest. Be super careful not to damage the fabric, otherwise you’re screwed and I’m not helping you then. Once you’ve got the sleeves off, take the seams out going all the way up the sleeve, so it lays flat out and you can see the full shape of the sleeve. Plan out your stripes, and leave about a 1/4 to a 1/2 inch of seam allowance on either side of the stripe.

This is the two sleeves, one on top of the other. You can see what I did here, kind of. Basically, the shirt that is your base is the lightest colour, so use that for the thin stripes, don’t bother cutting the sleeves. The wider stripes, the midtone brown, and the middle-ish stripes, the darkest brown, are sewn together to make it easier to sew them on the hoodie. After that, the edges are folded under and sewn down to attach them to the sleeve itself. That gives it a cleaner edge. (I
couldn’t find the correct colour ribbing for the cuffs, so I skipped that. If I ever do, I plan to add the cuffs.)

Once the sleeves are done, sew them back on the main body of the hoodie, then sew them up the long seam down the length of the sleeve. I used this

to draft a pattern for the hood. I made four pieces, doubling the fabric so it’s heavier and stays on my head better. (Here’s to hoping if it falls, it doesn’t pull the wig off.) Measure the circumference of the collar and cut that number in two. The hood should be 35-40 cm tall, and at the top corner, draw a circle with a radius of 8 cm, with the center at the corner. Mark where it intercepts the side lengths of the hood and draw a curve between them. At the front, it should curve outwards about two centimeters and at the base, it should be 3 cm lower.

Before you sew the hood on, sew that black ribbing in the neck of it to have the collar thingy you see in the images of Toby. Make sure you’ve got some slack to get your head though. Once that’s on, sew the hood on and make sure it’s on straight. It might be difficult when the fabric gets really thick, if you’re using a machine, you may have to sew by hand. Once that’s done, embroider a thick black or brown line down the center about two or so inches. Then, get two black buttons and sew those on securely.

Now you’re done! Hopefully this made sense, I can’t explain worth a damn. If you use this to make your hoodie, let me know! I’d like to see what you do!