

How to create a padded coathanger

You will need:

- hard-plastic hanger
- polyester wadding such as Dacron™
- cotton thread and a sewing needle
- washed stretch-knit fabric
- scissors



Cut a strip of polyester wadding and wind it around the hanger to create a thick padding, particularly at the ends.



Continue to wind the padding to cover the entire hanger.



Tuck the end of the padding into the layer below.



Secure in place by winding cotton around the padding.



Cover the hanger with stretch-knit fabric. Cut a rectangle of fabric with the stretch in the shorter direction. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise. Stitch each of the shorter sides and pull the thread to draw the fabric together at these ends. Cut a small hole in the centre of the long folded side. Slip the fabric over the hanger so the hook is through the hole.



To complete, hand stitch the bottom edges together so that the fabric is tight around the padding.

Metal hangers and drycleaners' plastic bags

Do not use bare metal hangers in direct contact with the garment. Do not store garments in drycleaners' plastic bags. Garments stored on padded hangers can be protected with a lightweight cotton cover.