

Directions for bubble wrap coat

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Materials required:

Bubble wrap, tape measure, ruler, permanent marker, scissors, packing tape, and the alpaca concerned.

Our alpaca will be facing to the left

1. Measure along the backbone from base of neck to the rump. Use a permanent marker to mark this measurement along one edge of the bubble wrap. This mark will be where the neck finishes **and the chest starts (so leave room for the chest extension)**.
2. Measure from the backbone to about 20cm below belly line of the alpaca concerned – this is the length of the coat. Mark this measurement parallel to the backbone on the bubble wrap.
3. On your alpaca, measure from the Line 2 (at about the shoulder level) to middle of the chest. Draw this level at the left hand end of the of the bubble wrap, parallel to the backbone.
4. Draw an arc on your bubble wrap from the end of Line 1 to Line 3 (this the neckline)
5. Cut out this pattern.
6. Reverse the pattern and cut it again (we now have a left and a right side)
7. Join the 2 pieces along the backbone (with packing tape) on the SMOOTH side of the bubble wrap.
8. Place this coat (bubble inwards) on the alpaca – the bubbles should be on the INSIDE. Do this in a small area because your alpaca is sure to object.
9. Use packing tape to do a chest fastening then make a girth around the alpaca, just behind the front legs. Make another girth in front of the back legs. If the alpaca concerned is a male/wether make sure to avoid the pizzle. You may also need to attach packing tape behind the back legs if the bubble wrap is flapping. Be generous with each fastening with the packing tape.
10. When you are sure the coat is secure, let the alpaca go in a small area, and leave it there until it is used to the coat – then let it into the paddock.

This is a very temporary solution, and will probably fall off after a week or so. If it falls off too soon, but the weather conditions haven't improved, will may to replace it until the weather improves.

