

## *"Oh, My!" Jacket*

Solarado Specialties began with EveryWear Jacket-Vests and decorated shirts. As we began to do arts & crafts fairs in nearby mountain towns, we found that we often needed jackets in early morning, late afternoon, or cloudy-windy days. Don said "Make me a jacket, so that I don't have to wear a Walmart windbreaker while showing stuff we make!"

I agreed to add sleeves to a jacket vest. The first one was in between my size and Don's size, so I gave it to a neighbor. She wore it to a luncheon in Grand Junction, and came back asking what I would charge for them because "everybody wanted one!"

I was reluctant to make jackets for sale – sleeve length would need to vary a lot, and conventional buttonholes could limit alteration or gender preference. But Don and Evelyn convinced me I should give it a try... I kept the armhole the same large as the jacket-vest to retain comfort when wearing over a sweater or suit jacket; made fold-back cuffs to accommodate different sleeve lengths; and opted for button loops vs. buttonholes.

I made jackets for both Don and me. The first time we wore them, a shop owner who spied us exclaimed "**Oh, my!** What stunning jackets!" Her reaction stuck as the jacket name, and we soon became flooded with jacket requests.



Just like the jacket-vests, a wide variety of fabrics/linings are used, most are reversible, and all except the wool fabrics are machine washable.



*Some examples... see our website [www.solarado.com](http://www.solarado.com) for more selections.*

