FLY-FRONT ZIPPER

The zipper application is for boys’ pants. For girls’ pants, interchange left and right in the instructions.

1. Construct fly shield: Fold fly shield piece in half right sides together and stitch bottom edges together. Turn shield right side out and serge or zigzag raw long edges together. Stitch one zipper tape to fly shield.

2. Serge or zigzag raw edges of zipper placket.

3. Fold seam allowance at narrower edge of zipper placket to wrong side. Pin and stitch fly shield under placket edge.

4. Pin the other zipper tape to fly facing from wrong side, open zipper and stitch it in place.

5. Topstitch fly facing to garment’s front (with 1 or 2 rows of stitching). Fold fly shield out of the way as you sew.

6. Stitch bar-tack with narrow, short zigzag stitch at bottom of placket, catching fly shield in stitching.)