

FLY-FRONT ZIPPER I

The zipper application is for boys'/men's pants. For girls'/women's pants, interchange left and right in the instructions. When cutting out the pants fronts, take note of the pattern markings for the left and right edge of the zipper placket. Mark the center-front lines at both placket edges. Fold the fly facing at the left placket edge to the wrong side and press the fold. Stitch the placket with 10 mm seam allowances. Use a zipper foot for stitching the zipper and a universal presser foot for topstitching.

- 1. Construct fly shield: Fold fly shield in half right sides together and stitch its bottom edge. Turn shield right side out and serge or zigzag raw long edges together. Stitch one zipper tape to edge of fly shield.
- 2. Serge or zigzag raw edges of zipper placket as well as raw crotch edges from bottom of zipper placket to back waist edge. Stitch crotch seam from back waist to bottom of zipper placket.
- **3.** Pin and stitch fly shield to right placket edge right sides together, sandwiching zipper tape in between (I). Turn fly shield right way up and topstitch placket edge close to seamline (II).

- **4.** Close zipper. Pin placket edges in position, aligning folded center-front edge of left placket edge with marked center-front line at right placket edge. Pin the other zipper tape to fly facing, working from wrong side (flip fly shield out of the way).
- **5.** Remove pins from right side of placket, open zipper and stitch zipper tape to fly facing with two rows of stitching.
- **6.** Close zipper and pin placket in position. Topstitch zipper placket from right side, using pattern piece for fly facing as template for stitching; fold fly shield out of the way as you sew. Design A: Stitch bottom edge of fly shield to edge of fly facing, working from wrong side of pants.
- **7.** Design B: Stitch bar-tacks at bottom of placket, catching fly shield in stitching.

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