

FRONT PLACKET II

This placket is made on a henley shirt sewn from sweatshirt knit, with the button bands cut from lighter-weight single jersey. The instructions are for a men's shirt with the buttons on the right. If you make the placket for a woman, exchange left and right in the instructions.

PATTERN PIECES

- button band x 2
- front and back panels, with the shoulder seams sewn

Preparation: Cut button bands with 10 mm seam allowance.

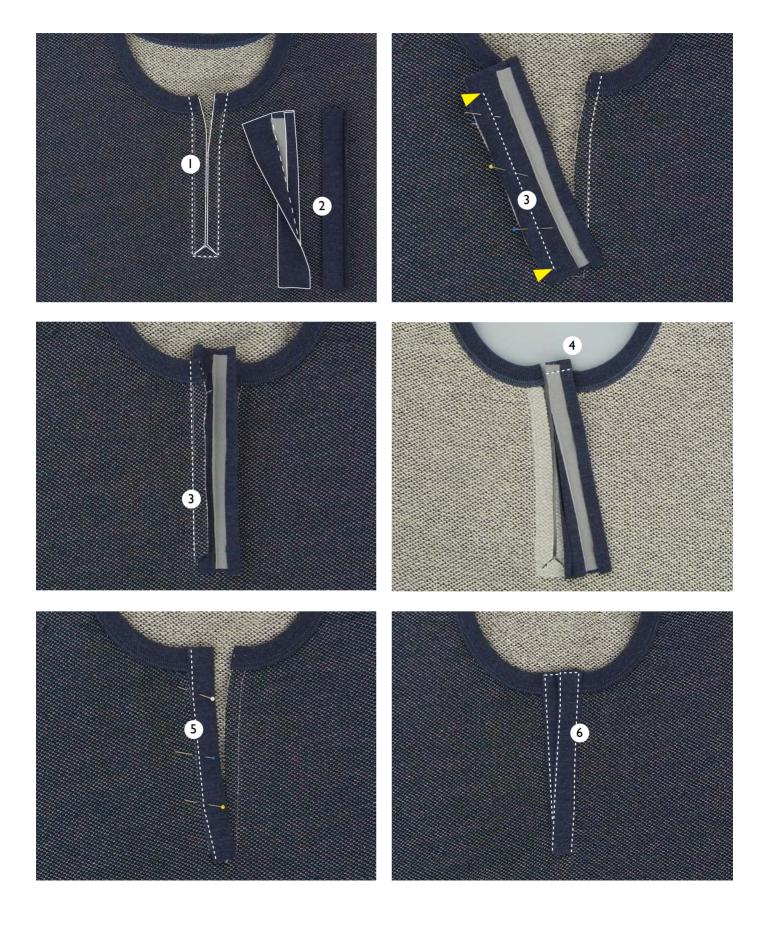
- I. Fuse piece of interfacing to wrong side of marked placket opening on front panel. Sew guide stitching around marked placket opening, observing pattern markings. Slash placket opening along center-front line to within 10 mm from bottom of placket. Clip diagonally into corners of guide stitching to form a triangle at bottom of placket. Finish the neckline with binding.
- 2. Fuse interfacing to button bands. Fold button bands in half wrong sides together as marked on pattern and press. Turn and press seam allowance at edge of outer (interfaced) half of each button band to wrong side.
- 3. Pin right side of non-interfaced half of right-hand button band

to wrong side of right-hand placket edge on front panel. Stitch button band to placket edge with 10 mm seam allowance, starting and ending stitching 10 mm away from top and bottom edges of button band.

- **4.** Fold button band in half right sides together and stitch its top edge.
- **5.** Fold button band right way up. Pin turned-under edge of interfaced half of button band to placket edge and stitch it in place close to edge. Note that bottom edge of button band is left unstitched at this stage. Stitch left button band to left placket edge in the same way.
- **6.** Topstitch long outer edges as well as top edges of button bands close to edge.
- 7. Fold front panel crosswise along bottom of placket, folding left (= outer) placket edge onto right side and right (= inner) placket edge onto wrong side of lower portion of front panel, then sandwich triangle at bottom of placket between bottom ends of button bands and stitch it to button bands.
- **8.** Fold button bands right way up, pin them in position and stitch a square at bottom of placket from right side. Stitch two rows of stitching within square diagonally from corner to corner to form a crisscross pattern.

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