FLY-FRONT ZIPPER III

PATTERN PIECES
- left and right pants fronts
- fly shield (underlap under zipper on finished pants)
- fly facing (facing on wrong side of placket edge that conceals zipper on finished pants)

This fly-front zipper application is suitable for fairly heavy-weight fabrics, e.g. for twill chinos or corduroy pants. ‘Left’ and ‘right’ in the instructions refer to the pants when worn.

General: Cut and stitch garment pieces with 10 mm seam allowances. If necessary, fuse interfacing to fly shield and fly facing. Serge or zigzag raw crotch and zipper placket edges on pants fronts before applying zipper to placket (for reasons of visual clarity, this edge finish is not visible in the illustrations of the tutorial).

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1. Serge or zigzag raw curved edge of fly facing. Pin and stitch fly facing to edge of zipper placket on left pants front right sides together.

2. Understitch seam allowances to facing close to seamline. Fold fly facing to wrong side of pants front and press crease along center-front edge of placket.

3. Construct fly shield: Fold fly shield in half right sides together and stitch its bottom edge. Turn fly shield right side out and serge or zigzag its raw long edges together.

   Pin and stitch right zipper tape to right edge of fly shield, both right side up and placing top end of zipper teeth 2 cm below top edge of fly shield. Use zipper foot for stitching.

4. Pin and stitch fly shield to edge of zipper placket on right pants front right sides together, sandwiching zipper in between. Turn fly shield right way up, fold seam allowances toward pants front and topstitch seam close to seamline.

5. Pin pants fronts right sides together and stitch crotch seam from pattern marking for bottom of zipper placket for approx. 5 cm toward leg inseam edges.

6. Close zipper, overlap placket edges matching center-front marks and pin fly in position from right side (place pins close to center-front edge of placket).
7. Turn pants fronts wrong side up and pin free zipper tape to fly facing only. Remove pins from right side. Open zipper and stitch free zipper tape to fly facing carefully with two parallel rows of stitching.

8. Make cardboard template with pattern piece for fly facing and use it as guide when topstitching the fly.

Close zipper. Pin and topstitch facing to left pants front from right side in two stages: First topstitch straight portion of facing, flipping fly shield out of the way and ending topstitching approx. 3 cm above bottom of fly. Then pin fly shield in position and topstitch curved bottom edge of facing to pants front, catching bottom end of fly shield in stitching.

9. Stitch bar-tack on fly at the point where the first line of topstitching ends and the second starts.