NECKLINE PLACKET FOR A JERSEY GARMENT

The tutorial has been written for a placket on a jersey shirt with self-fabric button bands. On this placket, the left button band is on the outside in the classic boys’ style. When you make the placket on girls’ clothing, you can exchange left and right in the tutorial. “Left” and “right” refer to the garment when worn.

When making a placket on design 1 in issue 6/2020, use the patterns for the button bands that are printed on page 4 of this tutorial instead of the patterns on the magazine pattern sheet. Print the pattern out on A4-size or Letter-size paper. Make sure that the print scaling is set to 100%.

PATTERN PIECES
• left and right button bands
• front and back panels, with the shoulder seams sewn and the neckline finished with binding

Preparation: Lay pattern pieces for button bands on right side of fabric and cut them out carefully. Note that pattern pieces for button bands include 8 mm seam allowances. Finished width of each button band is 16 mm.

Fuse interfacing to wrong side of button bands over areas shaded in grey on small-scale patterns. Fold button bands in half wrong sides together as marked on pattern and press creases. Turn and press seam allowance at long edge of outer (= interfaced) half of each button band to wrong side.

Fuse 16 mm wide strip of interfacing to wrong side of front panel over pattern marking for placket opening. See area shaded in grey on small-scale pattern.

Construction:
1. Pin right side of non-interfaced half of each button band to wrong side of front panel, placing non-interfaced edges of bands on either side of pattern marking for placket opening so that edges meet along the line (seam allowances at top ends of button bands extend beyond upper edge of neckline binding). Stitch button bands in place with 8 mm seam allowance, starting stitching 8 mm away from top ends of bands and ending it at pattern marking for bottom of placket.
2. Slash the rest of placket opening along center-front line on front panel to within 10 mm from bottom of placket. Clip diagonally to ends of stitching lines to form a triangle at bottom of placket.

3. Fold each button band in half right sides together and stitch top ends of bands. Turn top ends of bands right side out and fold bands right way up.

4. Pin turned-under edge of interfaced half of right button band (= inner band on finished garment) to right side of placket edge and stitch it in place close to edge (bottom end of button band is left unstitched at this stage). Serge or zigzag raw bottom end of right button band.
5. Pin turned-under edge of interfaced half of left button band (= outer band on finished garment) to right side of placket edge and stitch it in place close to edge, ending stitching at clipped bottom corner of placket (flip right button band out of the way as you stitch).

6. Pin triangle, formed at bottom of placket when slashing it, to bottom end of right button band, then stitch across end of button band to secure triangle in place.

7. Turn seam allowance at bottom end of left button band under, pin end to bottom of placket and stitch a square at bottom of placket through all layers.
When making a placket on design 1 in issue 6/2020, use these corrected patterns for the button bands!