ZIPPER PLACKET FOR SWEATER

Stitch the collar to the neckline before constructing the zipper placket. The length of the finished placket from the top edge of the collar to the bottom of the placket is 22 cm. Each placket binding includes 10 mm seam allowances at both ends.

**Preparation:** Stitch zipper extensions to bottom end of zipper right sides together, sandwiching zipper in between. Fold extension pieces wrong sides together and stitch their outer edges together, enclosing bottom end of zipper. Turn and pin top ends of zipper tapes to right side of zipper and machine-baste them in position along their outer edges.

1. Stitch guide stitching along side and bottom edges of zipper placket with straight stitch, observing pattern markings. Slash placket opening. Note that a triangular seam allowance is formed at bottom of placket opening when slashing it (see illustration 1).

2. Lay edge of one placket binding along left placket edge wrong sides together, overlapping edges and placing edge of binding 2 mm away from guide stitching. Note! At each end of binding, leave 10 mm seam allowances extending beyond top edge of collar and bottom end of placket. Stitch binding to placket edge close to edge.

3. Open zipper. Pin left zipper half to wrong side of left placket edge, sandwiching binding in between so that zipper tape covers edge of binding. Stitch zipper half in place from its wrong side close to zipper teeth, using zipper foot.

4. Fold top end of placket binding in three: First wrap binding over zipper teeth to right side of zipper; then turn seam allowance to wrong side of binding (see illustration 2). Stitch across top end of binding. Trim seam allowances and turn top end of binding right side out.

5. Turn seam allowance at long edge of binding to wrong side, pin turned-under edge to right side of placket and stitch close to edge (on wrong side, this stitching runs along outer edge of zipper tape).

6. Pin triangle, formed at bottom of placket when slashing it, to ends of bindings right sides together and stitch bottom of placket from wrong side of front panel.

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Preparation

RS (right side)
WS (wrong side)

Illustration 1

RS (right side)
WS (wrong side)
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