1. Pin and stitch shoulder edges of interfaced back-neckline band and interfaced halves of front neckline bands right sides together. Stitch shoulder seams of non-interfaced neckline band in the same way. Press shoulder seams of neckline bands open.

2. Pin interfaced and non-interfaced neckline bands right sides together and stitch their neckline edges together. Clip neckline seam allowances along curves and trim them slightly.

3. Understitch neckline seam allowances to non-interfaced (= inner) neckline band.

4. Place neckline bands wrong sides together and press neckline edge thoroughly. At the same time, press creases on placket band portions of front neckline bands. Machine-baste outer edges of outer and inner neckline bands + placket band halves together close to edge.

5. Overlap placket bands with right band on top, matching center-front marks, then pin and stitch their bottom edges together.

6. Pin bottom edge of placket band section to bottom of placket opening on front panel right sides together; matching center-front marks, and stitch it in place, starting and ending stitching at seamlines along vertical edges of placket bands.

7. Clip diagonally through seam allowances to both ends of stitching at bottom corners of placket.

8. Pin and stitch outer edge of neckline band + placket bands to garment’s neckline and edges of placket opening right sides together.

9. Clip curved portions of neckline seam allowances on front and back panels.

10. Serge or zigzag seam allowances of garment and neckline band + placket bands together.

11. Press neckline and placket-edge seam allowances gently toward body of garment.
NECKLINE AND FRONT PLACKET

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