



Shirt Plackets
Continuous Cut-On Fold-On Placket
Finished Placket is 1¼" Wide
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Women's shirts button right over left
Buttonholes on right side
Buttons on left side

Continuous Placket

The plackets are cut as part of the shirt
No separate sew-on bands
Fewer pattern pieces, quick & easy to sew
Looks like a stitched-on placket
Smooth, bulk free finish
Easier to match plaids

Prepare the Pattern

Locate and mark the center front (CF)
on the shirt pattern
Add 3⅝" to the CF of the shirt fronts
Cut ½" off the left button side
The shirt fronts is now extend
3⅝" from the CF right side
3⅝" from the CF left button side

Interface

Interfacing is determined by the weight
and transparency of the fabric
Continuous plackets are self interfacing
with multiple layers of fabric
If interfacing is used, eliminate it in
the hem to reduce bulk

Resource

Liana. (n.d.). Shirtmaking information.
<http://sewintriguing.blogspot.com/2006/11/shirtmaking-information.html>

Sew the Left Button Side

1. With a 3⅝" extension on the CF of the shirt
2. Fold under 1⅝" and press
3. Fold under 1⅝" again and press
4. Topstitch the inner most edge of the placket

Sew the Right Buttonhole Side

1. With a 3⅝" extension on the CF of the shirt
2. Fold under 1⅝" and press
3. Fold under 1⅝" again and press
4. Topstitch the outer most edge of the placket
5. Fold under 1⅝" a third time and press
6. Topstitch the outer most edge of the placket
7. Unfold and press the placket

Buttonholes & Buttons

Buttonholes are vertical on the CF line
Buttons are aligned on the center front line
Buttons are spaced evenly, though the distance
between the placket top button
and collar button may differ
Try on the completed shirt
Mark the two widest parts of
your body on the placket
Place buttonholes at the widest spots,
adjusting as needed for even spacing

