

Summer Blouse with Button Placket



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Spring has finally sprung here in middle Tennessee. To celebrate, our featured style in this volume is a pretty summer blouse created by Robyn de Pyper from Australia. This project is perfect for beginners just learning to use the PatternMaster Pattern Editor.

To recreate Robyn's style choose the following PatternMaster options.

- classic blouse
- front and back jewel neck
- front zipper
- shoulder princess front and back
- full cap sleeve
- set length as desired
- set front and back neck depth as desired



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Save the Style

1. Save the style as Button Placket Blouse.
2. Print the patterns and then open them in the Pattern Editor.
3. Go to File/Save As and rename the pattern file to Button Placket Blouse Bands.
4. Select and delete all of the patterns except for the front pattern.

Make the Patterns

To make the front bands (Fig. 1):

1. Measure the length of the center front seam.
2. Draw a rectangle the length of the center front seam and 1 inch (2.5) wide or as desired.
3. Using the Offset and Intersect tools, add seam allowances around three sides and the hem allowance on the bottom the same width as those on the front pattern.

To make the placket (Fig. 1):

1. Draw a rectangle 8 inches (20 cm) shorter than the length of the center front seam and 3 inches (7.5 cm) wide. This should result in a placket that is 5 inches (12.5 cm) down from the neckline at center front and 3 inches (7.5 cm) up from the hemline. The placket will be folded in half lengthwise for a finished width of 1 1/2 inches (3.75 cm).

2. Using the Offset and Intersect tools, seam allowances around all four sides the same width as those on the front pattern.

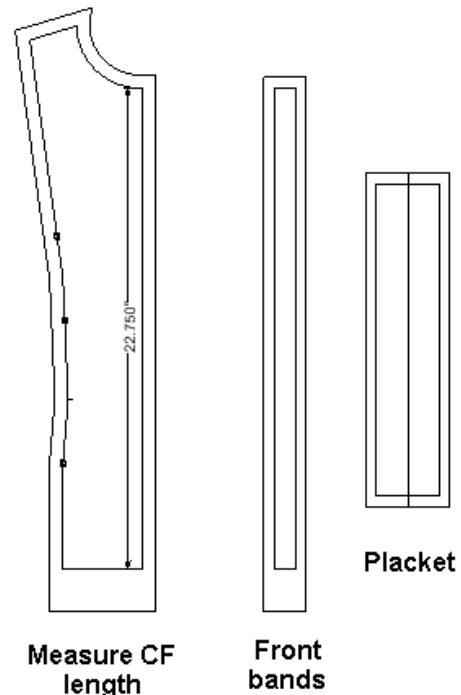


Figure 1. Make the Patterns

Print the Patterns

1. Select and delete the objects for the front pattern.
2. Select all of the objects for the front band pattern and choose Group Objects (GP) from the Utilities menu.
3. Select all of the objects for the placket pattern and choose Group Objects (GP) from the Utilities menu.
4. Print the front band and placket patterns.

Sew the Placket

1. Cut one placket from fashion fabric or contrasting fabric, if desired.
2. To construct the placket, interface one side to the foldline, if desired.
3. With RIGHT sides together, fold the placket in half lengthwise (Fig. 2).
4. Stitch across the top and bottom short ends of the placket.
5. Trim the seam allowances and turn right side out and press.
6. Press one long side of each band to the inside along the seam allowance (Fig. 2). The bands do not need to be interfaced.
7. On the LEFT side of the blouse front, pin the placket to the WRONG side of the LEFT blouse front 5 inches (12.5 cm) down from the jewel neck at center front (or as desired).
8. Baste in place (Fig. 3).
9. Pin the RIGHT side of one band to the WRONG side of the LEFT blouse front matching the raw edges.
10. Stitch along the seam line (Fig. 3).
11. Trim the seam allowances and press them open.
12. Fold the band to the outside of the garment along the seam line and press.
13. Top stitch along the folded edge (Fig. 3).

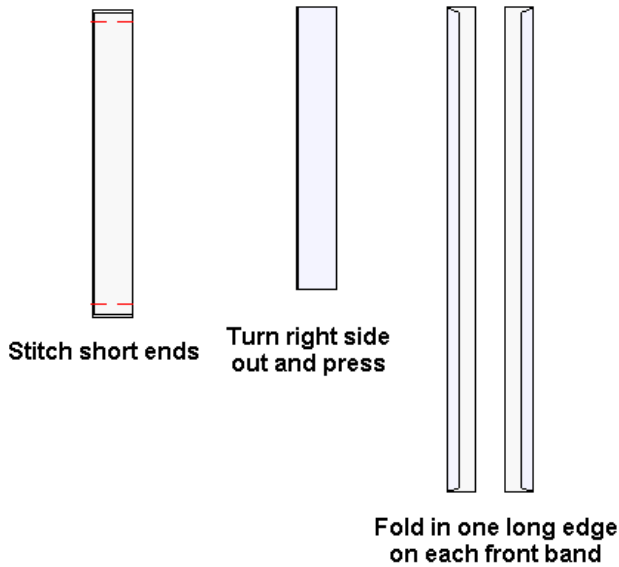


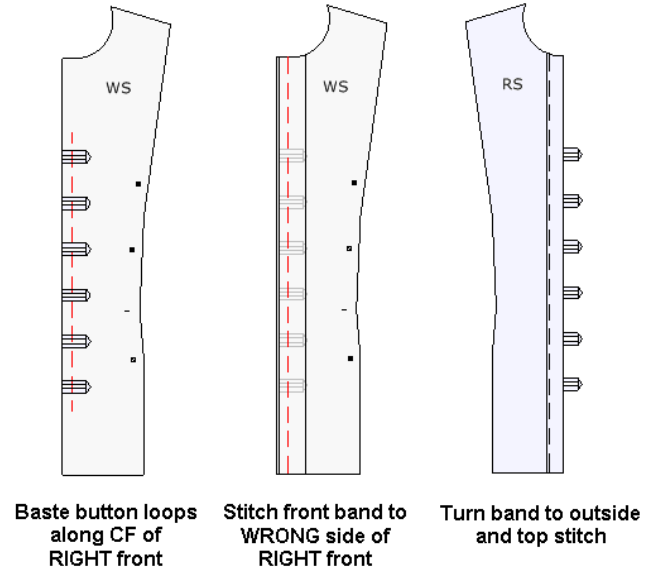
Figure 2. Stitch the short ends

Sew the Button Loops

1. Make the button loops from narrow bias tape, self bias binding, ribbon, or cording as desired.
2. Cut two front bands from fashion fabric or cut two from contrasting fabric, if desired.
3. On the RIGHT side of the blouse front, position the button loops on the WRONG side of the blouse front along the center front seam as shown and spaced as desired. The top button loop should match the top of the placket and the bottom loop should match the bottom of the placket.
4. Baste in place (Fig. 4).
5. Pin the RIGHT side of the other band to the WRONG side of the RIGHT blouse front matching the raw edges.
6. Stitch along the seam line (Fig. 4).
7. Trim the seam allowances.

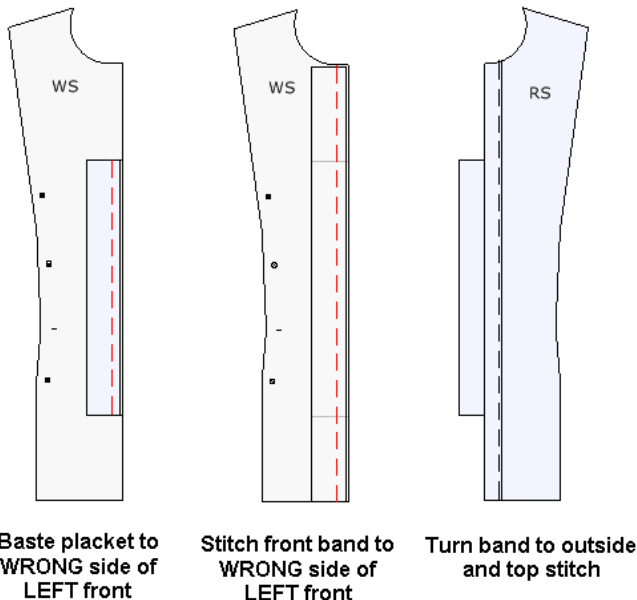
8. Fold the band to the outside of the garment along the seam line and press.
9. Top stitch along the folded edge (Fig. 4).
10. Stitch the buttons along the placket on the LEFT blouse front matching the button loop placement (Fig. 5).

Complete the garment according to the guide sheet.



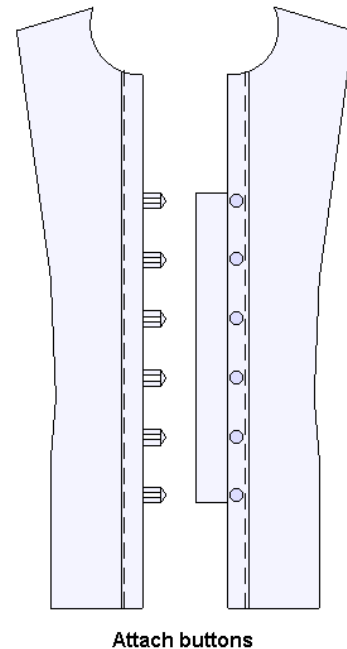
Baste button loops along CF of RIGHT front Stitch front band to WRONG side of RIGHT front Turn band to outside and top stitch

Figure 4. Attach button loops and front band



Baste placket to WRONG side of LEFT front Stitch front band to WRONG side of LEFT front Turn band to outside and top stitch

Figure 3. Attach the placket and front band



Attach buttons

Figure 5. Attach buttons