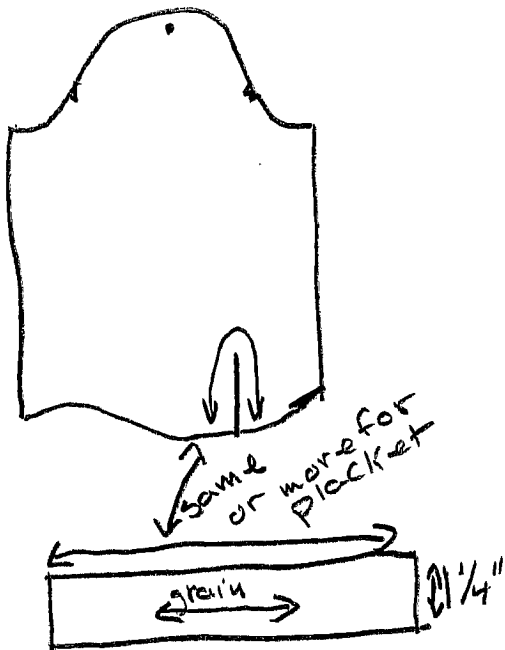
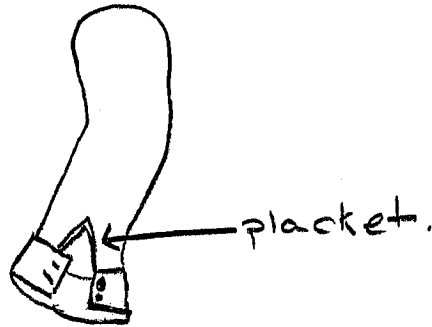


# Sleeve Placket / cuff

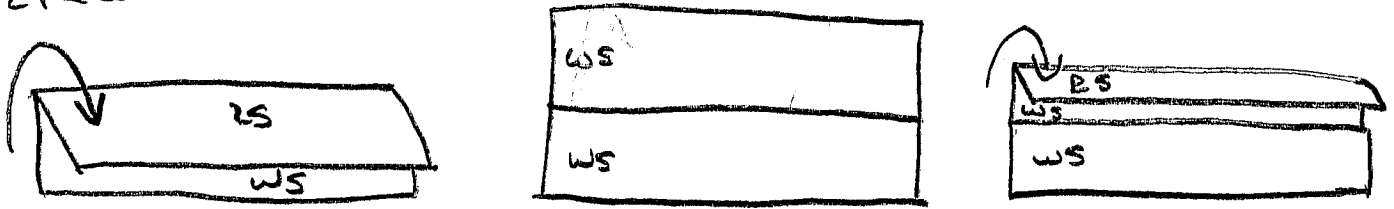
A placket is a neat and simple way to finish the slit in a sleeve that's above a button-closed cuff.

Many patterns tell you to simply fold the cut edges under and stitch, but this not only leaves a weak point at the end of the slit that can tear or fray, but also looks homemade.

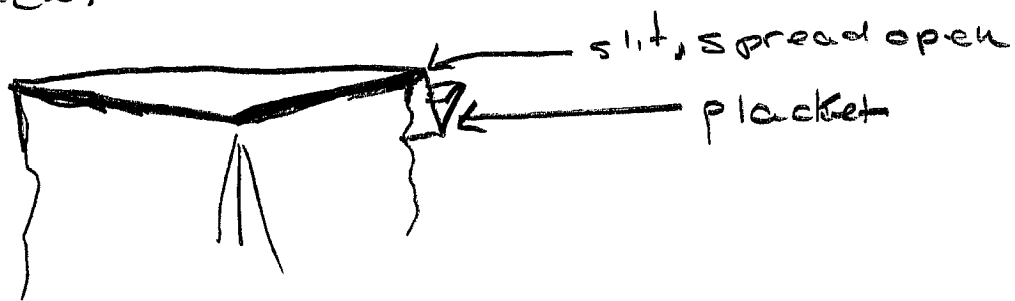


You don't need to change anything about the sleeve pattern, but you may have to cut your own piece of fabric for the placket. A good width is  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and any length longer than the slit when opened will work - you can cut off the excess.

First, press the placket in half length wise so you have a crease, then press one edge into the crease.



Open up the slit on the sleeve, place it on the unpressed edge of the placket, right sides together, and stitch.



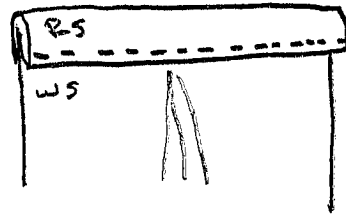
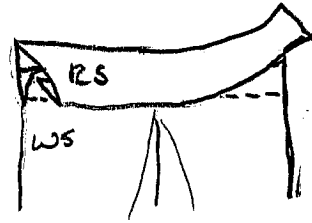
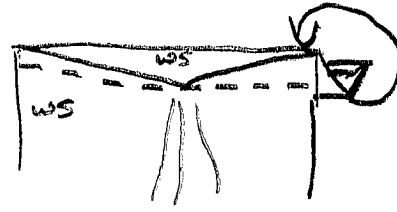
Stitch the slit and placket together about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edge of the placket. The stitching will come very close to the raw edge of the slit, but as long as you catch even a couple of threads, you'll be fine.



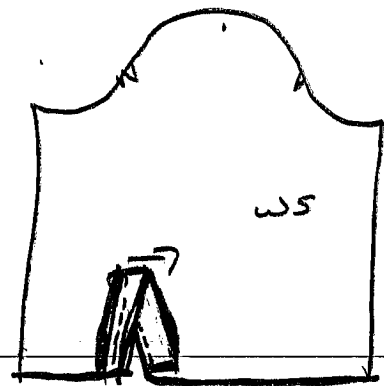
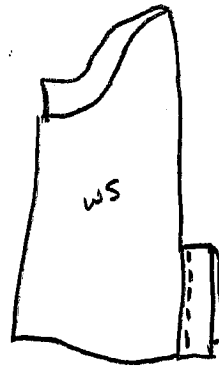
Next, fold the placket over, enclosing the raw edges inside.



what you want is for the pressed edge to just cover the stitching line that attaches the slit and cuff. You can then stitch along the fold, enclosing the raw edges completely.

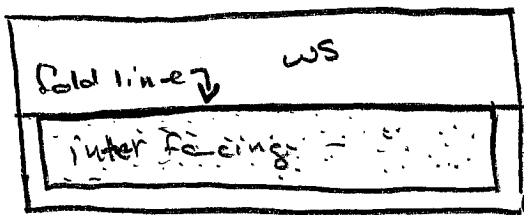


When you let the sleeve fall back straight, the placket will fold in half and stick out from the sleeve. When the sleeve is opened up flat, the placket will be pushed to the front, so that on one side, the placket lies flat, and on the other, it is folded under the sleeve.

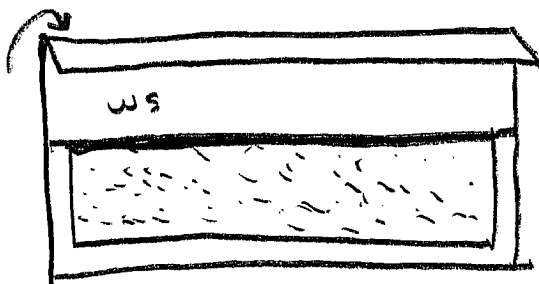


The bottom edge of the sleeve will need to be gathered or pleated to put on the cuff. If the pattern specifies pleats, you can put them in before sewing the sleeve together. Gathers will cross that seam, so they will have to be made after the sleeve is sewn.

Prepare the cuff by cutting fusible interfacing half the width of the cuff minus seam allowances



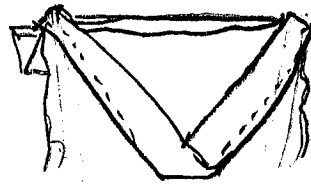
Press the cuff in half lengthwise, make sure the edge of the interfacing that goes into that fold is straight, then fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the cuff with the straight edge in the fold.



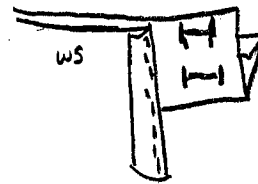
Next, press the seam allowance of the uninterfaced side over.

The marks the pattern specified on the cuff piece will show where the sleeve should line up.

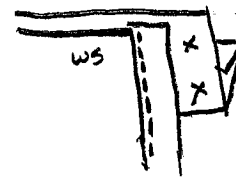
Place the interfaced side of the cuff along the sleeve, right sides together and raw edges lined up.



On the cuff edge with button holes, the placket will be turned under, and the cuff will extend well beyond the placket.



on the cuff edge with the buttons, the placket will extend out, and the cuff will go past that just as far as the seam allowance.

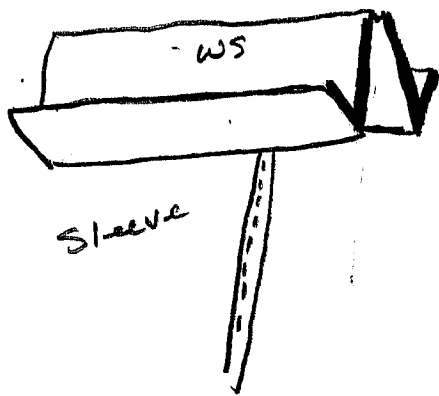


Pin in place, then stitch the cuff to the sleeve.

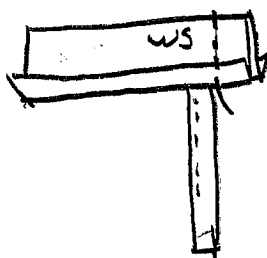
Next, press the cuff away from the sleeve just at the seam. You don't want to press the other two creases you pressed into the cuff.

Now you're going to sew the cuff to itself at the ends. You match the seam allowances, and the center fold should be right where you pressed it, only in the opposite direction just for now.

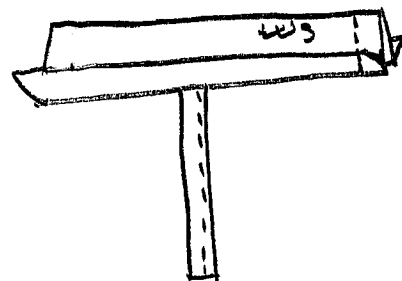
From the end, it looks kind of like a "W"



On both sides, you will then stitch the ends together at the seam allowances. Again, the buttonhole side and the button side will look a little different:

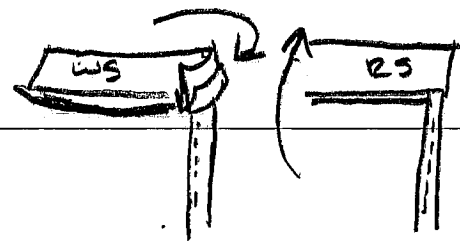


Button side is stitched right along the placket edge.



Buttonhole side is stitched on the seam allowance, leaving an extension.

Fold the seam allowance over, then turn the cuff right side out, →



At this point, it is easier for a beginning sewer to stitch the cuff to the inside of the sleeve by hand. A whip stitch will work fine, but an applique stitch is a neater finish. Someone who has practiced stitch-in-the-ditch can pin the fold and stitch it in place from the outside. If you're planning on topstitching the cuff, you can save a step and use the topstitching to hold the underside of the cuff.

After the cuff is stitched in place, make your button-holes and sew on your buttons!

