



Tailoring: Slot Pocket

A slot pocket is much like a large tailored buttonhole. This pocket detailing depends upon quality workmanship to achieve the desired look.

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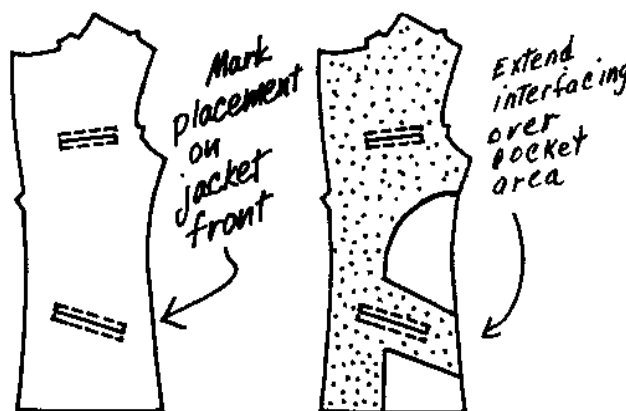
A well constructed slot pocket:

- ◆ welts are of equal width and meet in the center.
- ◆ welts end with square corners and no visible raveling at corners.
- ◆ welts are pressed flat against the jacket and stay closed.



Although techniques for constructing slot pockets may vary according to the pattern selected, a few steps completed with accuracy and precision are basic to most patterns. Accuracy in measuring, cutting and marking, placement and stitching is essential.

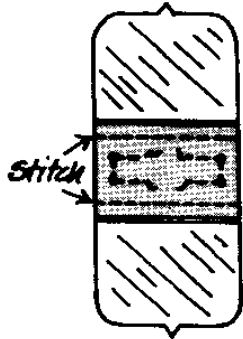
Carefully mark pocket placement on jacket front. The method of marking depends on the type of fabric. Tailor tacks should be used for wool fabrics. If tracing paper is used, place the markings on the wrong side of jacket front, then machine baste outline to transfer markings to the right side of the jacket front.



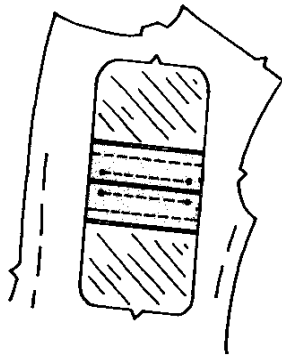
Pockets are easier to make before the jacket units are put together. Slot pockets keep their shape better if constructed through interfacing. Some jacket patterns may have an extension made on the front interfacing as it is being cut.

Stitch lining pieces to pocket welt as shown below. Trim and grade seams to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and press seams toward lower lining edge.

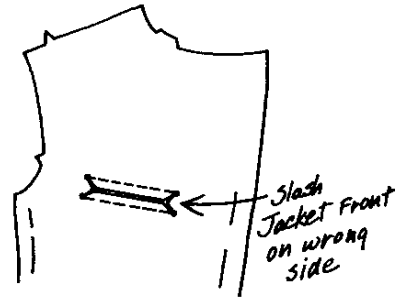
Reinforce welt stitching lines and pocket stitching lines on jacket front by stitching to corners, pivoting and stitching across end as illustrated below or by using lightweight fusible interfacing.



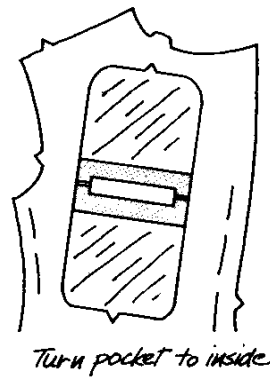
Pin pocket welt to jacket front, accurately matching stitching lines. Begin stitching along stitching line about 1/2 inch from end of pocket. Stitch to end, pivot, stitch to opposite end, pivot and stitch back about 1/2 inch. Repeat stitching procedure for other stitching line. Slash through pocket welt only along line between stitching and through outer edge of welt as shown below.



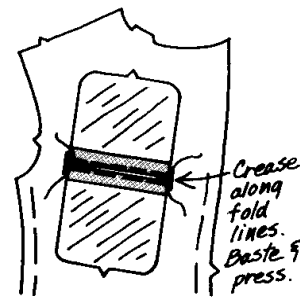
From the wrong side of jacket, slash jacket front only between the stitching lines to about 1/2 inch of the ends. Clip diagonally to corners, leaving a small V at each end of the pocket as shown below.



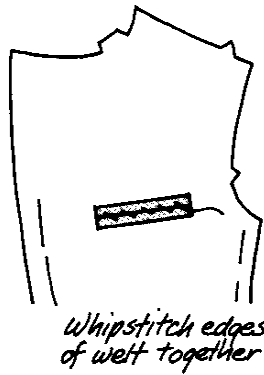
Turn pocket to inside. Grade seam and press seam toward center of pocket.



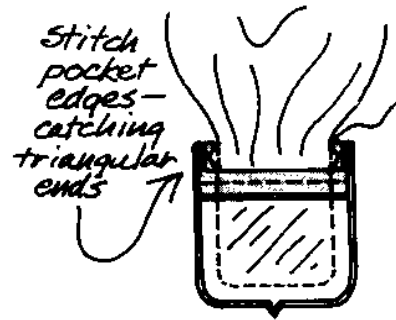
To form welts, crease along fold lines encasing slashed edges. Baste or pin in place and press.



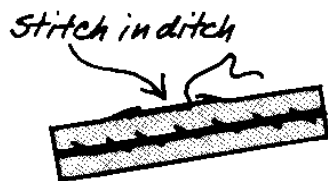
On outside of jacket front, catchstitch edges of welts together as shown below.



Turn jacket front to wrong side and stitch pocket edges together, catching triangular ends in stitching. Trim and grade seam to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch and press flat.



To hold welts in place (on outside of jacket front) spread fabric on each side of seam with fingers until previous stitching is visible and stitch in ditch as illustrated below. Press.



Leave welts catchstitched together until jacket is completed and final pressing has been done. Remove handstitches and press lightly.

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