

Adding a button placket to a shirt.

Fabric: All fabrics are by [Art Gallery Fabrics](#): Chalk and Paint, Wanderer, Happy Home, and Priory Square

Pattern: [Sew Caroline Downtown Tunic](#), available in sizes XSmall - XXXLarge

Other supplies: Pattern tracing paper, buttonhole foot for your sewing machine, apparel weight fusible interfacing, 3/8"-1/2" buttons, marking utensil such as tailors chalk



Trace your pattern pieces onto pattern tracing paper

Cut your fabrics according to the pattern pieces and transfer any markings (ie. buttonholes) to the fabric

Apply the fusible interfacing to the designated place on the wrong side of the button placket.

On the [facing the skirt pieces] left, place the interfaced button placket right sides together matching the right edges. On the right, place the non-interfaced button placket right sides together matching the edges. Stitch at 3/8".

Turn the skirt front pieces to the wrong side and press the seam allowance towards the button placket. At this time, press the other raw edge towards the button placket at 3/8". Do this for both sides.

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Pull the pressed edge just barely over the seam and press in place. Flip the skirt front piece to the right side and “stitch in the ditch” of the seam allowance you created. This should sew the placket in place. Repeat this for the other side.

Using the buttonhole guide ([provided in the pattern](#)), sew your button holes in place on to the skirt front piece with the interfacing (should be the left side as you are facing the skirt pieces). Lay the skirt front pieces right sides up and overlap

the skirt piece with the buttonholes on top of the other skirt piece. Pin in place and baste stitch across the top. Then sew the coordinating buttons underneath the buttonholes.

Lay the skirt back piece wrong side up, fold and press the pleat lines towards the center back of the skirt. Baste stitch this pleat in place. Next, align the skirt front and skirt back pieces together, right sides matching and stitch along the outside edges. Finish these edges with a zig zag stitch or overlock stitch.

Turn the top piece right side out and the skirt piece wrong side out. Align the notches and side seams. Pin and sew in place using a stretch stitch or small zig zag stitch. Finish this seam allowance with a zig zag stitch or overlock stitch.



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