

Tailoring: Welt Pocket with Flap

The welt pocket with flap is a standard detail for blazers for both men and women. As in any construction detailing in a garment, the welt pocket with flap depends upon quality workmanship to achieve the desired look.



Welt Pockets with Flaps

Standards

A well-constructed welt pocket with flap can be judged by the following characteristics:

- ◆ The flap completely covers the welt
- ◆ The welt ends are square with no visible raveling at corners
- ◆ The welt and flap are even in width
- ◆ The flap lies flat against the jacket

Although the techniques for constructing a welt pocket with flap 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 the pocket placement on the jacket front (Figure 1).



Figure 1

Pockets are easier to make before the jacket units are put together. Welt pockets with flaps keep their shape better if constructed through interfacing (Figure 2). Some jacket patterns may have an interfacing pattern that features an extension at the pocket location.

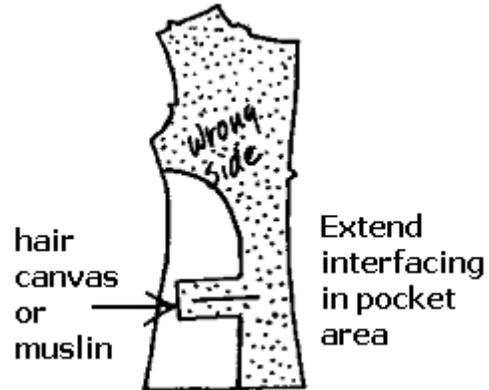
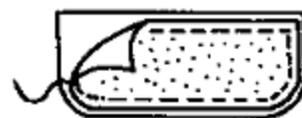


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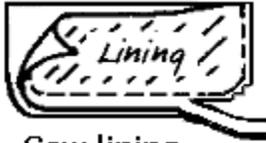
Pocket flaps also keep their shape better if interfaced. Machine-baste the interfacing to the wrong side of the upper flap about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the seam edge (Figure 3).



Stitch interfacing to flap

Figure 3

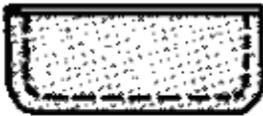
Trim $\frac{1}{8}$ inch off the lower edge and sides of the flap lining. Sew lining to the flap with right sides together. Trim and grade seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and notch rounded corners (Figure 4).



Sew lining to flap, trim seam

Figure 4

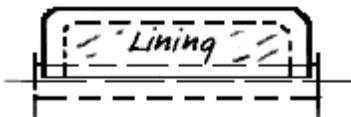
Turn right side out and roll the seam edge under toward the lining side and press. Topstitch if desired (Figure 5).



Turn flap, press, and topstitch

Figure 5

Pin the raw edge of the flap to the top of the pocket, with right side of flap to the right side of the coat, matching stitching line markings (Figure 6).

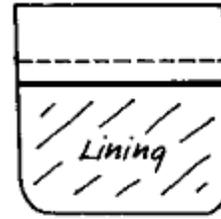


Place flap to top of basting line - right sides together and stitch

Figure 6

Begin stitching along stitching line about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from end of flap. Stitch to (but not over) the edge of flap, pivot, and stitch back to the opposite edge of the flap. Pivot and stitch back about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Sew welt piece to the pocket lining (Figure 7). Trim and grade the seam to $\frac{3}{8}$ inch and press toward lower lining edge.



Sew pocket welt pieces to linings

Figure 7

Place the raw edge of the welt against the raw edge of the pocket flap. With right side of the welt to the right side of the coat, accurately matching stitching line markings, begin stitching welt about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the end of the stitching line. Stitch on the seam line to about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch short of the edge of the flap above. Pivot, and stitch back to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch short of the opposite end. Pivot and stitch back about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (Figure 8).

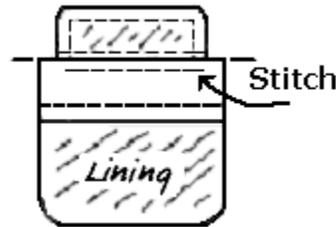


Figure 8

Turn the jacket to the wrong side. Slash between the stitching lines to about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the ends. Clip diagonally to the corners leaving a small V at each end as shown below (Figure 9).

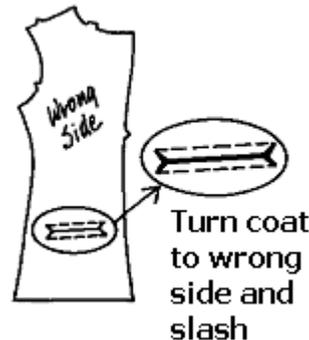


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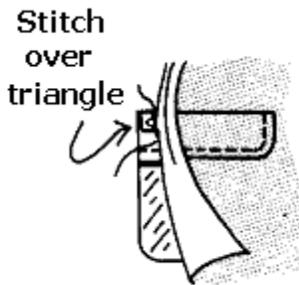
From the right side of the jacket, turn the pocket lining through the opening to the wrong side. Fold and create a pleat, encasing slashed edges, forming a welt at the lower pocket opening. Pin or baste in place and press. Stitch into position by stitching in the ditch (Figure 10).



Turn pocket piece to wrong side – form welt, then stitch in the ditch

Figure 10

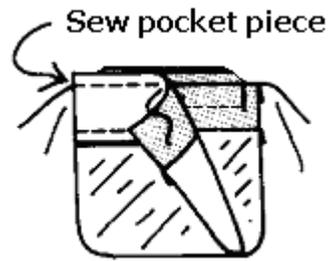
Turn the jacket front edge back over the pocket as illustrated below. The small triangle-shaped point at the end of the pocket is visible over the end of the welt. Stitch across the triangular end. Repeat on the other end (Figure 11).



Stitch over triangle

Figure 11

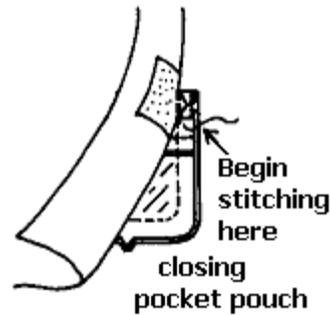
Press the pocket flap down over the welt with the flap seam turned up on the inside (Figure 12). Turn the jacket front to the wrong side. Pin the pocket back piece (with the lower lining added) along the upper welt/flap seam.



Sew pocket piece

Figure 12

Stitch the pocket back piece as pinned, being careful not to catch jacket front. Trim and grade the seam to 3/8 inch and press flat. Stitch pocket edges together, closing pocket pouch (Figure 13).

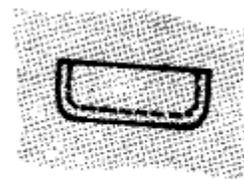


Begin stitching here

closing pocket pouch

Figure 13

Catch stitch the edge of the welt to the under edge of the pocket flap; leave until the jacket is completed. Remove hand stitches and basting threads and press (Figure 14).



Finished Welt Pocket with Flap

Figure 14

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