SLASH PLACKETS

1. Draw a 4-inch straight line (vertical) on the wrong side of the fabric where you wish to have an opening. Mark like a dart, with 1/4 inch on each side of the line.

2. Reinforce by stitching along the outside lines, using a very short stitch and putting one stitch across the pointed end. (This stitching is done on the garment piece only.)

3. Cut a 3-inch by 6-inch facing piece, making sure it is on the grainline. Overcast the two long sides and one short side of the facing.

4. Place the facing against the garment piece, right sides together. Pin in place on the outer sections of the facing.

5. Sew the right sides together, stitching along the reinforcement stitch line, using a regular size stitch. Backstitch at the beginning and the end.

6. Slash (cut) along the straight line to the very point, without going through the point.

7. Press seams flat towards facing and understitch. (Stitch seam to facing right along facing edge.)

8. Turn facing to wrong side and press in place. Stitch along the bottom seamline to hold facing in place; tack opposite corners in place.