

One-piece Single Welt Pocket

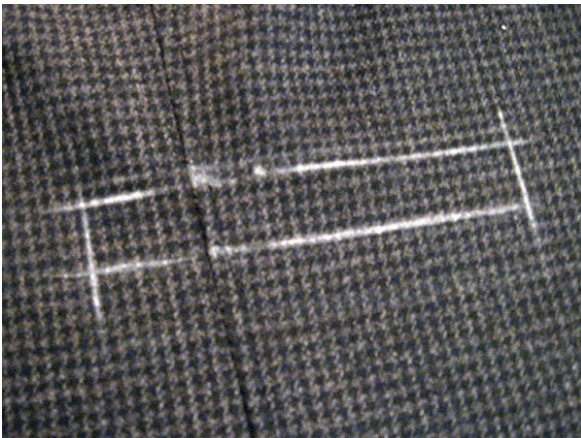
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Another way of making a single welt pocket. It's a bit more fastidious, but the results are very precise. After one practice round I was confident enough to make both my final welts for my Franzi Vest. Most of these pictures are from the final, but some are from my trial run.

Step 1 — Mark the Welt Placement



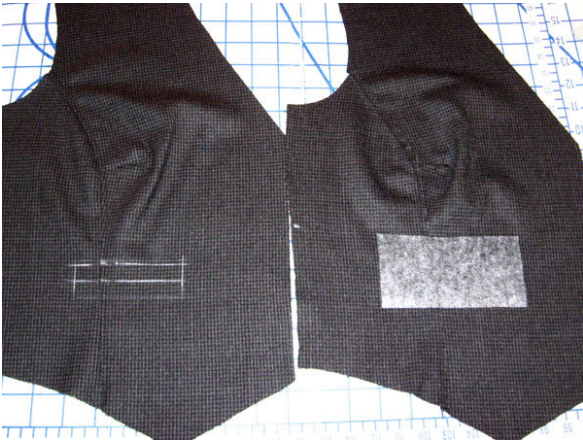
My welts were 1/2" tall by 3" wide. I marked the front of the fabric using tailors chalk. FYI: I kept the placement the same as the original flaps on the Franzi vest, which crosses the front princess seam which I also already edge-stitched.

Step 2 — Interface the Wrong side



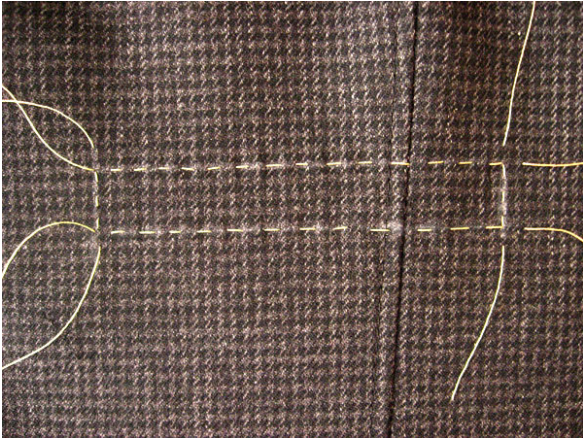
Cut a rectangle of fusible interfacing that is 1" wider than the welt, and atleast 1" taller than the welt. (My fusible interfacing piece is 2" tall and 4" wide. I stuck some pins through my chalked corners to help align the interfacing.) Use a color interfacing that is close to your fabric. (I have no idea why this picture it looks like the fusible is white... I could have sworn I used grey. Maybe it's the light.) Apply the fusible according to the manufacturers instructions.

Step 3 — Check your Placement



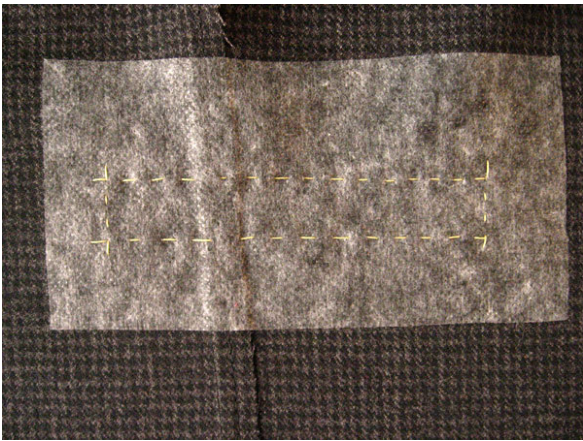
This is the time to check that both sides the placement of your welts is the same. I checked, and noticed that one of my welts was 1/2" lower than the other.... an easy oops to make and avoid.

Step 4 — Thread Trace the Welt Placement



Using a contrasting thread, CAREFULLY, ACCURATELY baste over the chalk lines. This way the placement will be visible on both sides of the work and can be removed later.

Step 5 — Thread traced placement: Wrong side view.



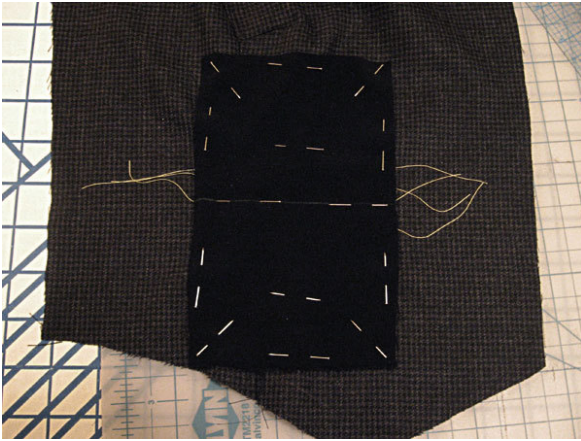
Basting stitches from the wrong side.

Step 6 — Pause for another look. Take a picture even... it'll last longer! ;)



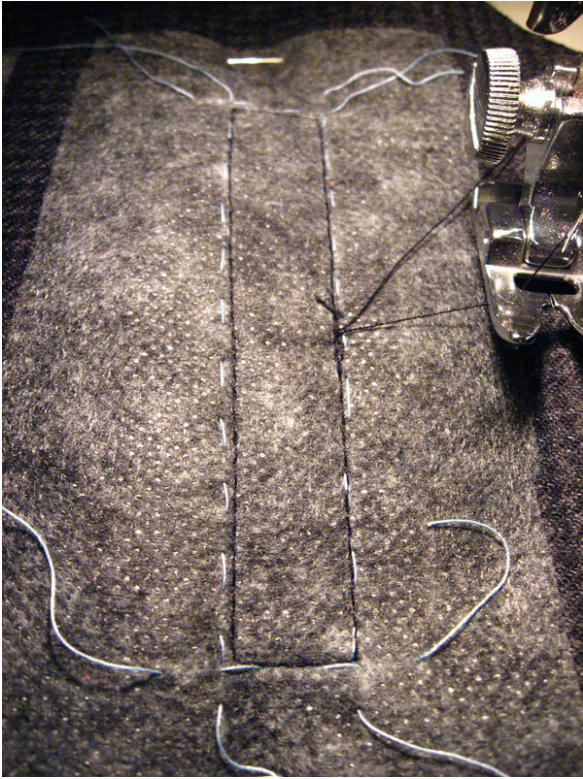
I liked doing both sides together because I was able to ensure very similar results for both sides. I took a minute to look at both fronts yet again to check that they looked the same as far as placement and welt size.

Step 7 — Make the one piece welt pocket



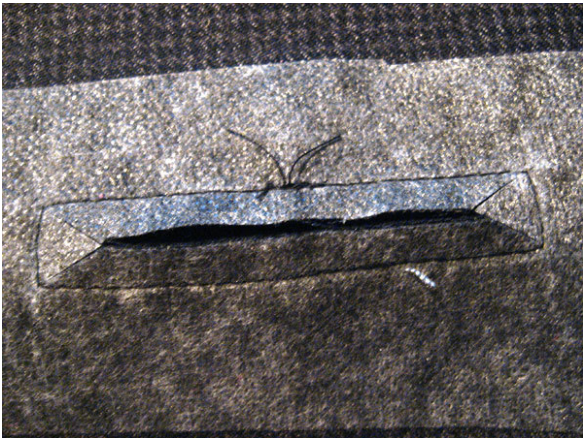
Using contrast fabric (this is crepe backed satin), cut out a rectangle that is 1" wider than the pocket will be ($3"+1" = 4"$) and the length of the pocket bag plus the welt height and bottom seam allowance, multiplied by 2 ($3"+1/2" + 1/2" = 4" \times 2 = 8"$). This piece is the pocket bag and the welt all in one piece. On the Wrong side of the pocket / welt piece, mark the horizontal center of this long rectangle (using tailors chalk if the fabric is slippery). With Right sides of garment and welt/pocket facing each other, place the center line of the pocket/welt along the bottom basting stitches of the welt placement. Pin the pocket bag to the fabric all round the edges so that it does not shift when moved to the sewing machine. (I know, this is a lot of information for 1 not so great photo..... I got kinda into sewing at this point and forgot about the camera - sorry!!) ETA: The portion of the rectangle that is above the welt will fold down later to become the side of the pocket bag closest to the body. The bottom portion of the rectangle will fold up to become the welt and the side of the pocket bag that is closest to the front of the garment.

Step 8 — Stitch around the welt placement



On the wrong side of the garment you will be able to see the basting stitches. (The right side will be covered with the welt/pocket so it's not the best side to sew on). **CAREFULLY, ACCURATELY**, stitch just inside the basting stitches. Start in the middle of one of the long sides and make the corners very precise. Sew slowly along the short ends and count the stitches so that they can be duplicated on the other end. Pause if necessary to obsessively measure the welt height.

Step 9 — Cut the Welt Opening



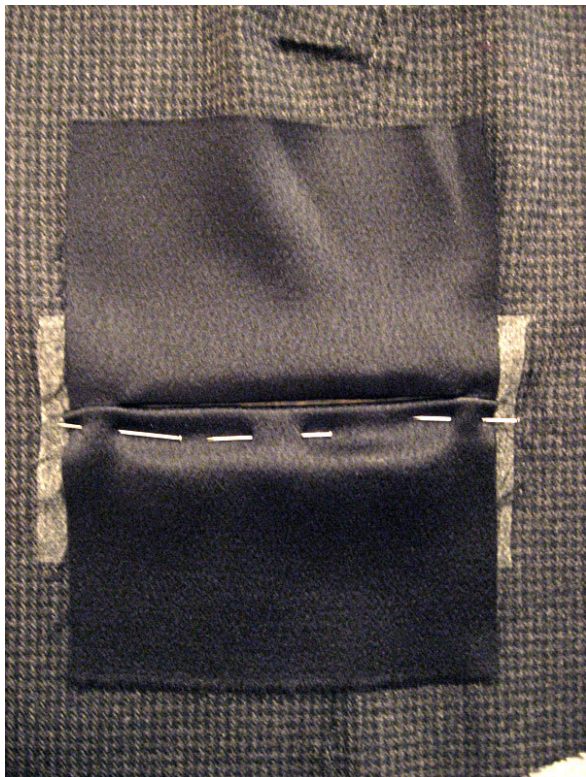
Cut carefully down the center of the welt opening to 1/2" from each end. At the ends, cut diagonally to the corners, being oh-so careful not to cut through the stitches. It is now safe to remove the basting stitches. Photo Note: On my final I got way to into sewing and forgot to take pictures so this is from the trial run.

Step 10 — Turn Welt/Pocket Piece to Wrong Side & Press



Turn the Welt Pocket piece through the newly cut opening to the wrong side and carefully press the edges into a crisp rectangular opening. Photo Note: In my trial run (pictured) I found the horizontal center of my welt/pocket piece by folding and pressing..... I don't recommend this because that first pressed fold is PIA to get pressed out later, and if you aren't 100% accurate (who, me?) that fold will show on the very visible public side of the welt. The pressed fold is visible in this picture at the sides of the opening.... and it ain't pretty in my opinionated opinion.

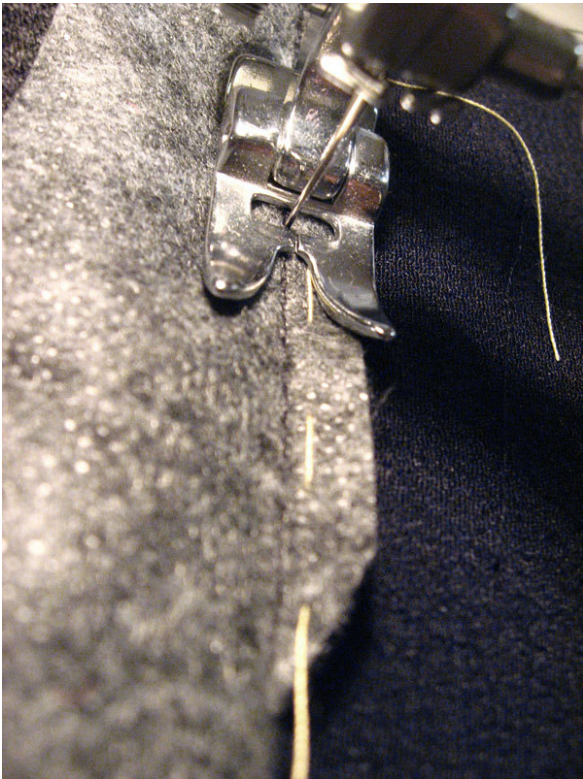
Step 11 — Fold Up the Welt and Press



On the wrong side, fold the bottom pocket portion up to the top of the opening, and then fold back down to create the welt. Check from the front to make sure the welt completely covers the opening (edge matches

with no gap or overlap). Press the welt edge and pin the welt together and in place at the sides.

Step 12 — Stitch the welt to the bottom seam allowance



(This one is bit hard to explain and my picture is WAY too close up) The bottom of the welt is stitched to the bottom seam allowance of the opening, directly over (or just next to) the pocket opening seam stitches. So in the picture, to the left is the fused wrong side of the garment. Under the foot is the bottom seam and seam allowance of the opening. To the right of the foot is the underside of the welt and the bottom half of the pocket.

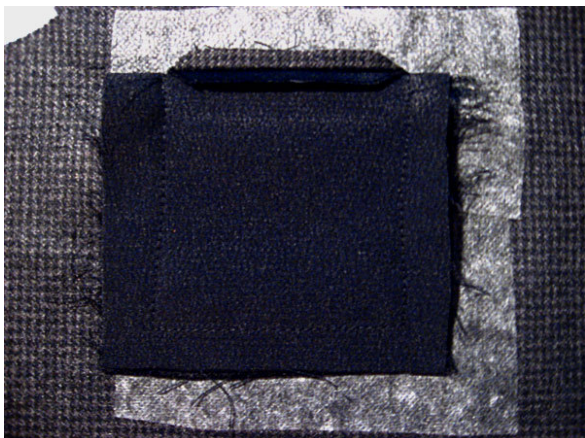
Step 13 — Stitch the Pocket Bag & Welt sides in one step



Fold down the upper portion of the pocket (the part of the pocket that will lie closest to the body) down to

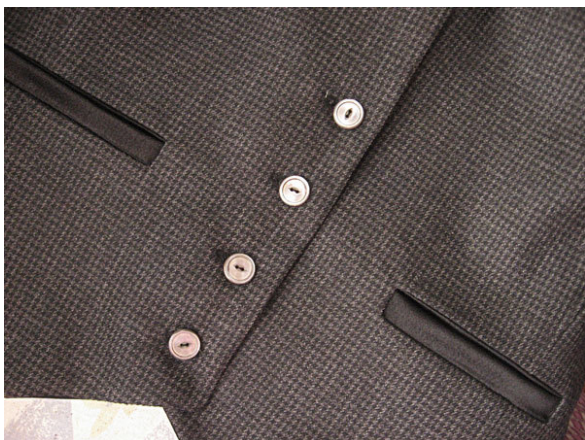
match the the bottom portion of the pocket and pin the edges together. When stitching the pocket bag together, catch the triangular sides of the opening seam and the folds of the welt together, and the top of the pocket bag. Continue stitching all the way down and around the pocket bag back up to the other side of the welt. Press. (again.... the picture is a bit too close.)

Step 14 — What it should look like from the inside.



This picture is fro the wrong side of my trial run. I had pressed open the top seam allowance, but I did not like the way it looked in the end, so on my final I just left it up.

Step 15 — Admire the results



It's a bit time consuming and requires patience and accurate sewing, but making welt pockets is totally worth the extra effort.

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