

LAP-FRONT SHIRT DIRECTIONS Updated June 2023

Cotton Knit Fabric (no polyester or jersey). Sewn entirely on Serger.

Print out the pattern pieces, checking the scale by measuring the 2" block. Assemble pieces as directed on pattern.

Cut out fabric, paying attention to the direction of the stretch. Back piece can be folded in half and cut on fold.

ASSEMBLY:

Right sides together, join shoulder seams. Press seams toward back.

With right side up, serge edges of fronts and neckline beginning at the upper side seam edge and ending at the opposite upper side seam edge. Illustration 1.

Serge hem edges of sleeves.

Attach sleeves. Put **body** piece on bottom and **sleeve** piece on top, right sides together. Do not stretch! Sleeve is designed to fit smoothly into armscye. Sew 1/2" at a time, matching edges as you sew.

Lap fronts: Lay fronts and back out, right sides up, lapping front pieces, as shown in Illustration 2. Pin in place.

Optional: Boys' shirts lap left over right. Girls' shirts lap right over left. Boy's shirt is shown.

Then, bring the back piece over the fronts, right sides together, lining up side seams and bottom edges. Illustration 3. Pin.

Serge one side seam, being careful to catch all 3 layers.

Remove pins to free the back piece from the lapped fronts. Leave fronts pinned. Open shirt to access bottom edge.

Serge bottom edge. You will be serging *two* layers of fabric together on the front, and a single layer of fabric on the back.

Serge remaining side seam. Secure thread tails.

