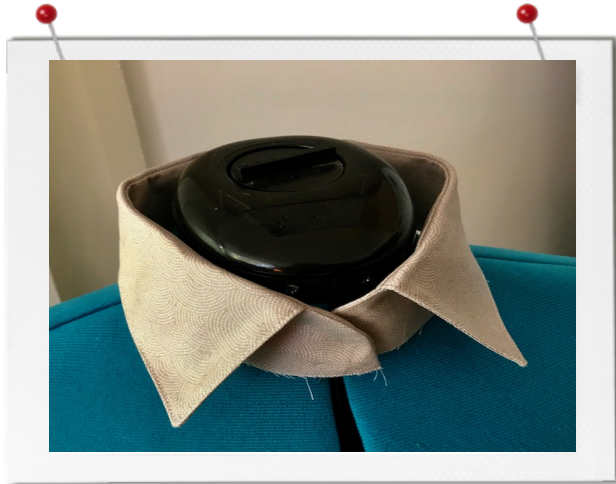


## **Fact Sheet: Shirt Making for Beginners**

### Constructing Collar and Stand



This fact sheet contains some handy tips when sewing the collar and stand.

#### **Collar and Stand**

When stabilizing the collar and stand, some patterns will suggest stabilizing all four pieces. I like to only stabilize one of each as the result will be a less ridged finish and is more comfortable to wear.



Turn and bag the collar out, using a pair of large scissors or a point turner, carefully push the collar points out, making sure not to damage the fabric.

Using an iron, set to the right temperature for your fabric. Focus on keeping the non stabilized piece slightly under the stabilized piece, this will give a neater finish.

Change to presser foot #10 (Edgestitch Foot) and move the needle position 3-4 times to the left. Place the guide of the foot, on the edge of the fabric and edge stitch all three sides. This will keep the stitching nice and even.

Give the collar a good press.

Change your needle plate to the single hole Straight stitch plate and attach presser foot #8 (Jeans Foot).

With the two collar pieces right sides together, sew around the three sides indicated on the pattern.

As most brought patterns have a 2.5cm seam allowance, I like to trim a fair amount off where possible and try I to trim back the corners as close to the stitching as possible.



## *Attaching the stand*

Sandwich the collar between the stand, right sides together as pictured below.



Sew around the edges as indicated on the pattern, then trim back to approx. 5mm . After trimming, cut some notches around the curves to make it easier to turn through press.



## *Pressing*

Turn out stand and gently press.



Stay tuned for the next installment of Shirt Making for Beginners.