

sewing a continuous lap



RIGHT SIDE
OF FABRIC



BACK SIDE
OF FABRIC

NOTE:

The continuous lap is the binding that finishes the sleeve opening.

1. To make slash opening at lower edge of sleeve, stitch along stitching lines; pivot and take one small stitch across the point.

2. Slash between stitching, being careful not to slash through the stitch at the point.

TIP

To prevent fabric from fraying, treat the point with a liquid seam sealant, such as fray check™.

3. Press under 1/4" (6mm) on edge of continuous lap without center small dot.

4. Spread slashed edges of sleeve apart so that they form a straight line. Pin RIGHT side of continuous lap to WRONG side of slashed edges, matching stitching lines and small dots. Sleeve seam allowance will be 1/4" (6mm) at the ends but taper close to nothing at the center dot. Stitch along stitching line, being careful not to pucker sleeve at center dot. Press seam toward lap.

5. Pin pressed edge of lap to OUTSIDE slightly over stitching. Stitch close to presses edge

6. Turn front edge of lap to INSIDE; baste in place across lower edge. To keep lap in place, stitch diagonally across upper edge of lap.

