

To learn the peculiar stitch used in making buttonholes is about the first sewing done. This is an important factor in making any garment. The buttonhole is the first thing inspected by your customer. A good buttonhole may mean a good customer.

It is a proud day for a boy when all these preliminaries are laid aside and he is given a garment to make. He must know how to sew, both by hand and machine, how to press, and many other things before he is allowed to make a garment.

All goods must be shrunk before cutting. Wrap the whole piece in a damp canvass or cloth and leave it for several hours, or over night, after which smooth it with a warm iron.

Usually the making of a pair of trousers is the first real tailoring done by a boy. A very important fact about trouser making is a thorough knowledge of how to handle the press iron, and the proper shaping of the trousers.

Thread mark the trousers and put in the side or top pockets, being sure that they are properly placed and stitched. Fit in the linings and baste on the fly. Sew the V's in the back and press them. Insert the hip pockets. Following this, shrink or shape the trousers and baste the seams together, first noticing that they are even at the waist band and that the knee notches come together. Now balance the trousers; this is done by laying the foreparts even and bringing forward the backs, having the notches come together. Baste the seams and the waist band.

Now is the time to use the machine. After sewing them press the seams and shape the trousers to form. Cut them to the proper length, face the bottoms and put the heel stays on. Put canvass in the waist band and button-fly, then mark the waist size and sew the bottoms on the tops. After completing the parts join them by placing the inside seams even and the top of the waist band also. Press open the back seams and lining. Blind tack the fly and bar tack the pockets. Baste in the inside linings and fell the tops. Sew hangers on the back part and mark the fly buttons, then sew them on. The garment is now ready to press off.

In pressing off be sure to do all shaping from the wrong side, also take out the creases before turning. Press the bottoms thoroughly all round. Turn them and press the top of the trousers, including the top of the pockets and fly. Then lay the trousers so that the inside and outside seams meet from top to bottom. Press both sides and both legs in the same manner. Re-measure the length of the inside seam and the waist in order to be satisfied that the trousers are made to conform with the measurements.

Time will not permit me to explain with any degree of accuracy or at any great length all the different steps in making a coat. For this rea-