

Kannik's Korner

Man's Trousers High-Waisted 1790 - 1810

Machine Assembly Notes

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The Kannik's Korner pattern includes very detailed instructions for an authentic, handsewn pair of trousers. These are just my personal notes from making up the trousers once. I used a machine method of assembly with some hand finishing. My order of operations differs in places from the original instructions. These notes kept me from forgetting any steps.

In my personal copy of these notes I used a few of the pattern's illustrations. These are copyrighted so I'm not posting them here. I have listed them with placeholders labeled "Diagrams". You can use your copy of the Kannik's Korner Trousers pattern for the illustrations referenced. "Diagram F" references a file: IMG_2300. I altered a seam on the pocket piece in Step 8, and this is a photo of that change.

1. Interfacing:

Interface slash line, include where binder will be stitched.

Interface where buttons go

Interface binder upper

Interface bearer where buttonholes go

Remove clip mark on binder

Diagram A (glue here):

A: p.8, right column, first illustration (from Kannik's Korner Trouser instructions)

2. Sew bearer to bearer lining. Sew Center Front (CF), and continue down curve. Turn, press and press lining under 1/8" and topstitch. Overcast long raw edge.
3. Make 2 buttonholes on left bearer
 - For 3/4" buttons – place 5/8" from CF edge
 - a. 1 1/4" down from top raw edge

- b. $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from bottom edge
- 4. Binder. Press under $\frac{1}{2}$ " side, short side, and in half lengthwise; glue stick corners in place.

Diagram B and C:

B: p. 8, right column, second illustration; C: p. 8, right column, third illustration

- 5. Attach fall binders and bearers to trouser fronts.
 - a. Place binder and bearer on trouser front, right sides together. Raw edge of bearer to slash line, long side of binder to slash line. Match top edges of binder; match top of bearer at $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " from slash line, ending at dots.
 - b. Cut along slash line, ending $\frac{3}{8}$ " above dot.
 - c. Cut trouser fabric diagonally to dots. DO NOT cut through bearer or binder.
 - d. Press triangle of fabric down on wrong side of trouser front.
 - e. Turn bearer through to wrong side of trouser front, press toward CF. Press seam allowance away from bearer.
 - f. Press top 1" of binder seam allowance open. Press rest toward binder.
 - g. Open up long pressed edge of binder. Press top edge of binder & bearer down $\frac{1}{2}$ " at waistline. Baste.
 - h. Fold binder back in place, to cover seam allowance. Grade & baste in place.

Diagram D:

D: p. 10, left column, second illustration

- 6. Binders and bearers continued.
 - a. Topstitch bearer
 - b. Topstitch down binder, stopping $\frac{5}{8}$ " from bottom.
 - c. Then place bearer in place & topstitch bottom triangle.
 - d. Turn to inside and handsew binder & fall lining to seam allowances.

Diagram E:

E: p. 10, left column, third illustration

7. Pockets. Press under $\frac{1}{4}$ " curved edge of pocket facings. Place on pockets, wrong side of facing to right side of pocket, and topstitch.

Diagram F: redraft of pocket's WL

F: file name IMG_2300

8. Redraw pocket's Waistline seam with French curve. It should have $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance, but on the pattern it gets larger toward the clip. You will need to remove $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the seam allowance above the clip, and taper to nothing 5" away.
9. Place pocket on trouser front, right sides together. Pocket facing should be nearest to CF. Sew from clip at Waistline to dot at Side Seam.
10. Clip pocket at top mark.
11. Clip bearer at mark
12. Clip dot at Side Seam through both layers, pants and pocket.
13. Trim sa to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", Turn and press
14. Topstitch or prickstitch by hand along edge.
15. Fold pocket in half
16. Sew pocket bag from folded edge to clip. Baste pocket to side seam so they stay together
17. Make horizontal bar tack at side seam clip: zig zag with Width = 2, .5 density
18. Make bar tack at pocket corner at Waistline

Diagram G:

G: p. 11, left column, fourth illustration

19. Pin pocket flap out of way. Place trouser front and back right sides together, and sew side seam from top to leg vent.
20. Press side seam to back

Diagram H:

H: p. 11, right column, first illustration

21. Hem leg vents with $\frac{1}{4}$ " hems. Taper to nothing $\frac{1}{2}$ " above vent

Diagram I:

p. 12, left column, first illustration

22. Pin pocket flap down.

Diagram J:

J: p. 12, right column, first illustration

Diagram K:

p. 12, right column, second illustration

23. Waistband: Pin curved edge of Waistband (WB) to trouser, right sides together. Center Front WB raw edge should overlap trouser CF finished edge by 2". (*Note: this overlap refers to an extended facing I drafted to my WB piece*). Center Back (CB) WB raw edge even with CB trouser raw edge. (CF mark on WB to finished edge of pants).
24. At CB: pin back pants 1 ½" from CB, and 4" from side mark. Divide both the WB and back trouser into eighths, match these points, and pleat into 8 equal pleats. Pleats should aim to CB on outside. Sew WB. Topstitch.
25. Fold curved edge of WB lining under ½". Sew WB lining to WB, starting at 1 ½" from CF, and ending 1" from CB. Turn and press. Press WB facing in. (*Note: refers to extended facing*).

Diagram L:

p. 13, left column, third illustration

26. Sew inseams. Back trouser inseam is ½" longer than front. Ease this amount between the knee and crotch.
27. Sew crotch seam. Turn one leg right side out and insert into other leg. Sew crotch seam from top of fall at CF (open up Waistline seam allowance *before* sewing), to back fork point for gusset. Sew over crotch point (don't leave a hole).
28. Keeping one leg in other, place fall linings right sides together. Sew the seam between top edge and inseam edge.
29. Turn trousers right side out
30. Fall Lining: Sew long curved side of fall lining. Press under straight edge ¼". Handsew into binder and WL, offsetting 1/16" at Waistline.
31. Tack the fall linings to the trousers at the inseam at crotch
32. Gusset in back fork: hem top curved edge of gusset. Sew gusset into back. Fold WB lining over raw edges and hem in place.
33. WB buttonholes on left side: ¾" buttons – start buttonhole 5/8" in from edge. Mark a buttonhole ½" above finished bottom edge of WB; mark a buttonhole ½" below finished edge; mark one in center
34. Two CB eyelets: Each ½" from top and bottom of WB edge, and set ½" back from CB edge.

Diagram M:

M: p. 14, left column, first illustration

35. Topstitch WB from CF at edge of bearer, and around top edge.
36. Binder buttonholes: place on diagonal. Buttonholes should be $\frac{3}{4}$ " long, and button should sit on binder – not overhang it.

Diagram N and O:

N: p. 11, left column, first illustration; O: p. 14, right column, first illustration