BAR-TACK BUTTONHOLES

Plain Bar-Tack Buttonholes

- **Fashion Disc**: 0 (plain Zig-Zag)
- **Stitch Width Selector**: (see below)
- **Needle Position**: L
- **Stitch Length**: FINE (above 20)
- **Throat Plate**: General Purpose
- **Presser Foot**: Special Purpose
- **Buttonhole Lever**: OFF
- **Buttonhole Dial**: OFF

**Buttonhole length:**

First determine the length of the button opening. This will depend on the diameter and thickness of the button as explained on page 49. Then add at least ⅛ inch (⅜ inch for each bar tack), and mark the fabric as illustrated. This bar-tack measurement is approximate; on some buttonholes, you may need to increase it to arrive at pleasing proportions.

**Buttonhole stitch width:**

Next, select the stitch width settings that you will need: one for side stitching and one for bar tacks. The three possible combinations are shown below.

Bar-tack buttonholes are not made with the built-in buttonhole facility of your machine, so be sure the buttonhole lever and buttonhole dial are turned off before you start to sew.