Shirt Conversion – “Button up the Front” to “Clergy” Shirt

1. Find shirts that fit that button all the way to the collar. I have really good luck at Costco at the beginning of every season. These are stretch cotton with ¾ sleeves.

2. Remove the collar with a seam ripper. Remove extra threads.

3. Sew the collar seam back up with coordinating thread.

4. Make a small buttonhole in the center back of the collar through all layers.

5. I have to take up a tiny bit of the neck on each shoulder seam so that the shirt collar does not pop out from under the clergy collar.

6. The front clergy collar stud can share the top buttonhole with the regular button on the shirt.

I think it would not be too hard to take the collar off, trim it and square it, and put it back on to make a tab collar version, but I have not yet tried it.