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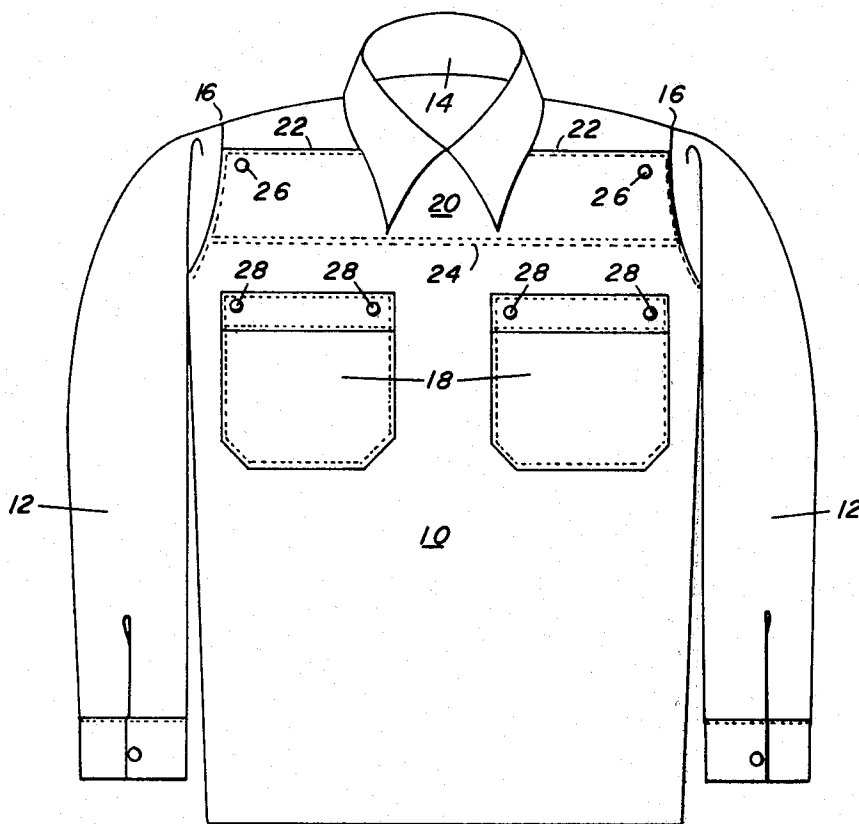
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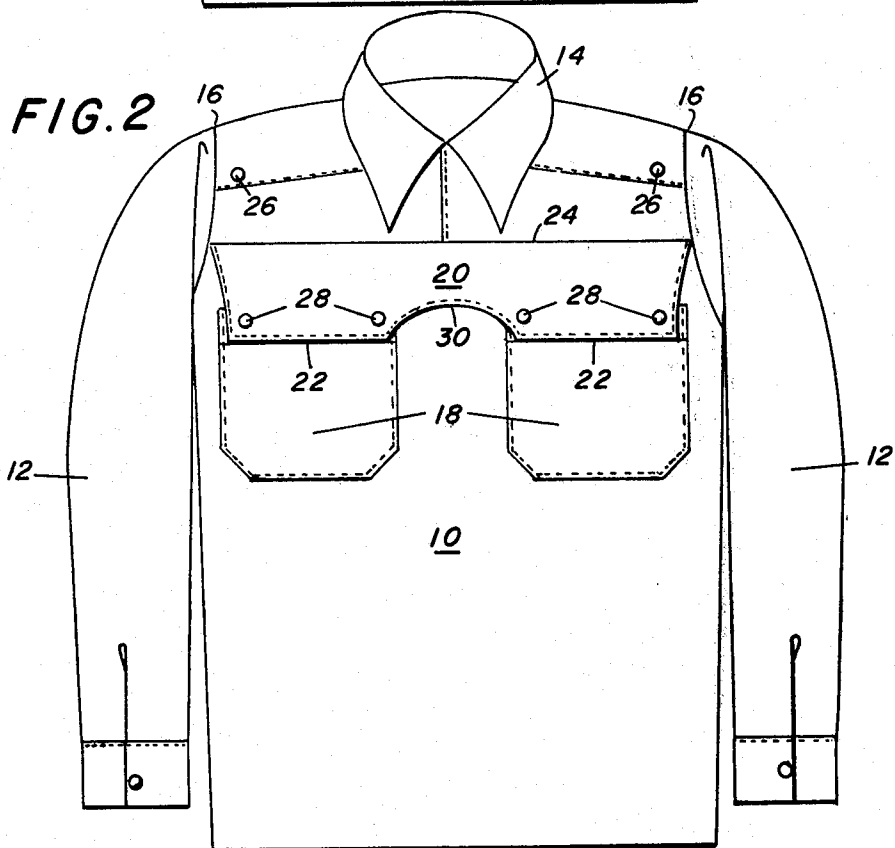
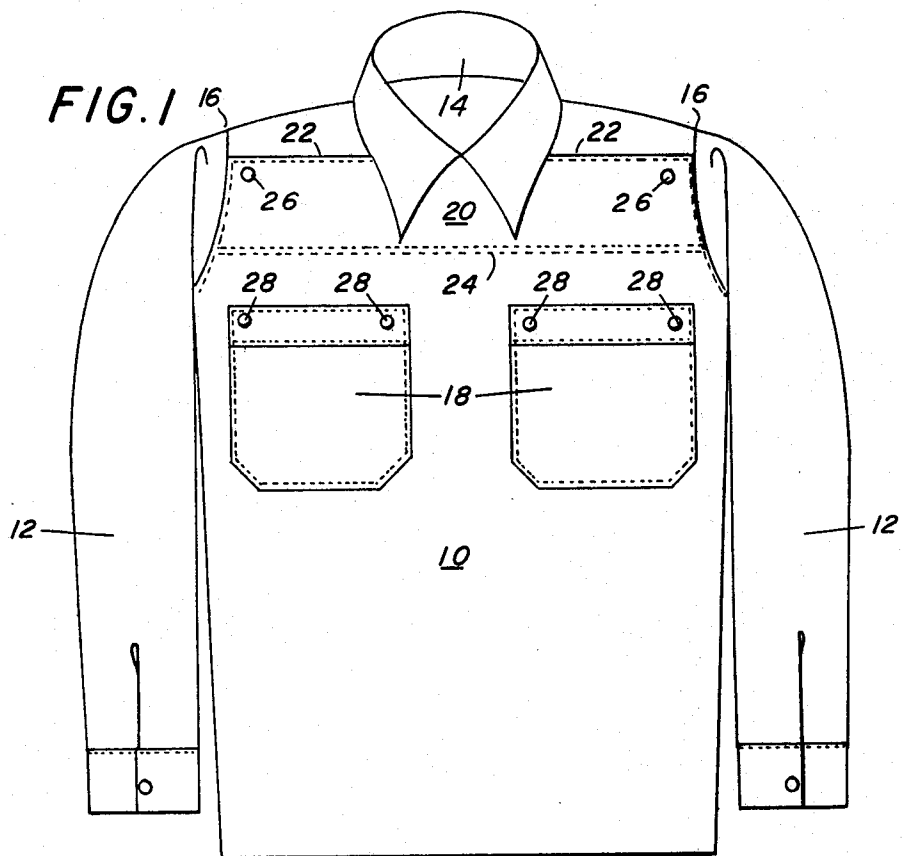
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**ABSTRACT**

[57] A sport shirt including a foldable flap on the upper portion of said shirt body adapted to be folded in either an upward or downward position thereby changing the appearance of the shirt and presenting a different design and impact to the viewer. In one embodiment the flap is relatively wide at the top and the bottom. In a second embodiment the flap is triangular in shape.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Figures**





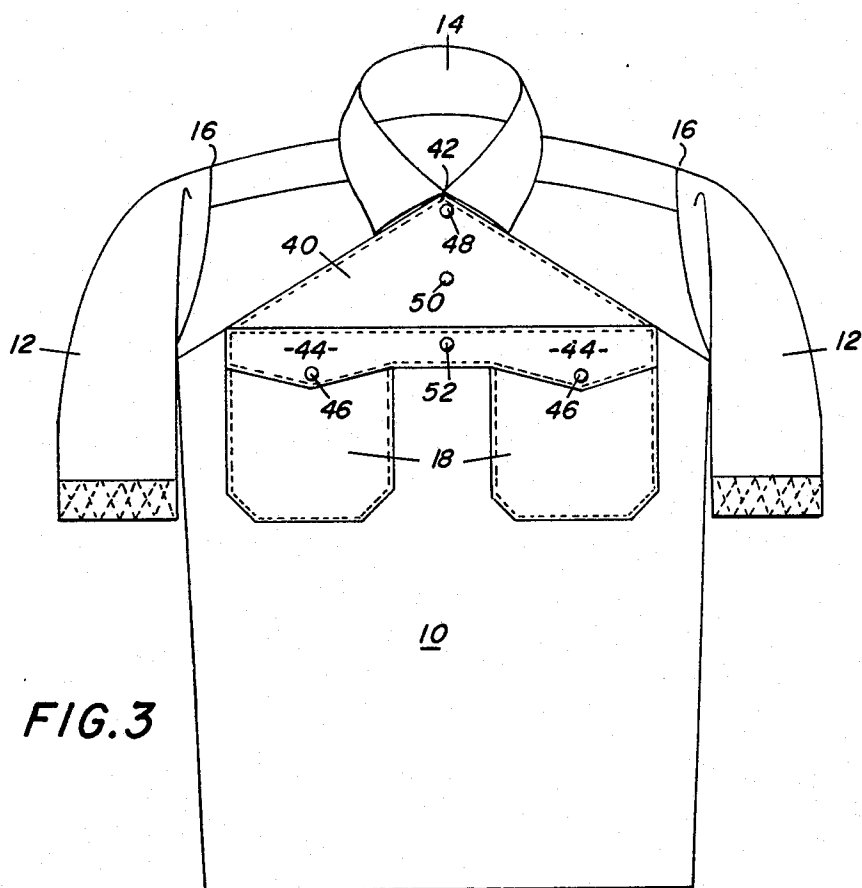


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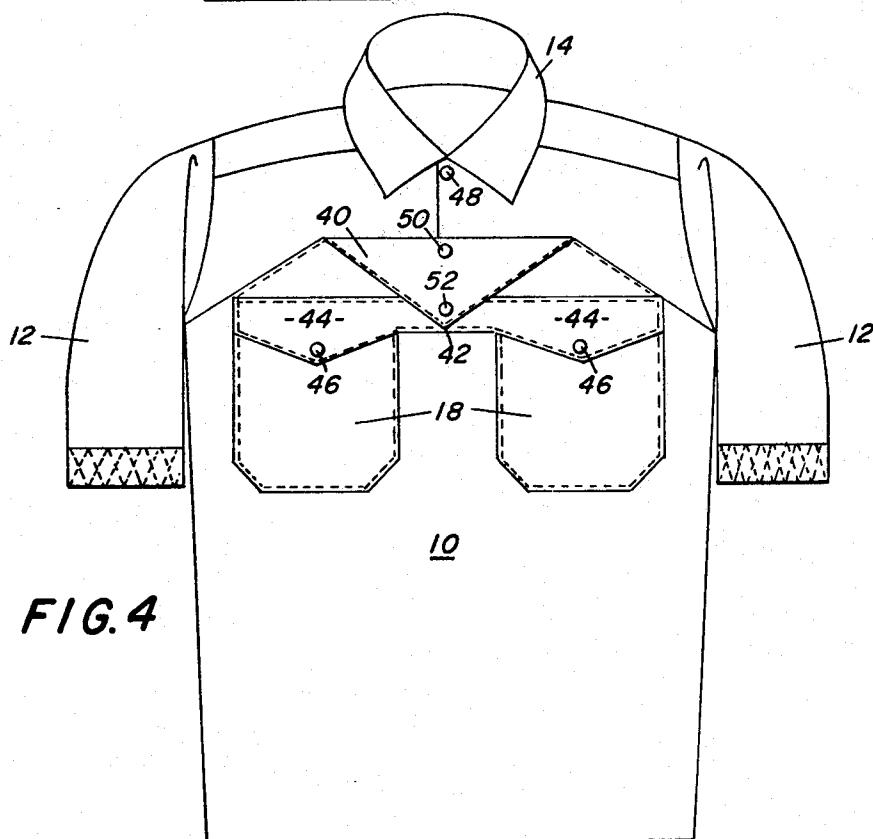


FIG. 4

**SPORT SHIRT**

This is a division of Ser. No. 337,499, filed Mar. 3, 1973, now U.S. Pat. No. 3,825,954.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****1. Field of the Invention.**

This invention relates to wearing apparel in general and sport shirts in particular.

**2. Description of the Prior Art.**

Typical sport shirts include a shirt body, a collar, a pair of long or short sleeves, and a pair of pockets. Some such as that shown by Freedman U.S. Pat. No. 2,304,251 include the use of an outer fabric layer to act as a pocket flap. Because wearing apparel can be expensive it was thought desirable to design a sportshirt with two different modes of wearability giving at least two different styles to a single shirt.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Disclosed is a sport shirt having a two position flap. The flap extends horizontally across the upper section of the shirt body and is fastened upward in a formal manner or downward in a casual manner.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a sport shirt with a foldable flap which may be fastened upward near the collar or downward near the pockets of said shirt.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide a sport shirt with a means for selectively covering a soiled section thereof.

It is a still further object of the present invention to provide a sport shirt with a means for altering the appearance thereof in an economical and simple manner.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be more fully understood upon a reading of the following specification taken in view of the attached drawings.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 is a front plan view of the sport shirt according to one embodiment of the present invention wherein the front flap is buttoned in the upward position;

FIG. 2 is a front plan view of the sport shirt shown in FIG. 1 with the flap folded and fastened in the downward position;

FIG. 3 is a front plan view of a sport shirt according to another embodiment of the invention wherein the folding flap is a triangle; and

FIG. 4 is a front view of the shirt shown in FIG. 3 with the triangular flap folded in the downward position.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

FIG. 1 shows a sport shirt according to one embodiment of the present invention. The sport shirt includes a shirt body 10, a pair of sleeves 12, and a collar 14. Sleeves 12 are shown connected to the shirt body 10 at a seam 16. Shirt body 10 further includes a pair of pockets 18 and a foldable flap 20. Flap 20 is shown as having an upper portion 22 and a lower portion 24 which is permanently sewn to the fabric of the shirt body 10. The shirt also includes a pair of upper fasteners 26 for securing flap 20 in the upper position and a set of lower fasteners 28 for securing the shirt in the lower position as seen in FIG. 2. Fasteners 26 and 28 would typically be buttons or snap fasteners but may be any type of conventional device suitable for performing the fastening function.

FIG. 2 shows the shirt in FIG. 1 with flap 20 in the downward position and fastened to lower fasteners 28. Flap 20 includes a small cut-out section 30 which is normally hidden from view when flap 20 is fastened upwardly as shown in FIG. 1. Cut-out 30 coincides with the contour of the collar and neck hole of the shirt when the flap is fastened upwardly.

The sport shirt seen in FIG. 1 has a distinctively different appearance of that seen in FIG. 2. In FIG. 1 the flap 20 when seen in the upward position gives the shirt a relatively formal presence. In the downward position as shown in FIG. 2, the shirt has a casual appearance. Flap 20 is especially functional because it gives the wearer two distinctly different shirts all on the same shirt body 10. This means economy to the wearer because he does not have to keep a large wardrobe of such shirts in order to have variety. Flap 20 is also functional in that it serves to keep the area directly under the collar clean. That is, whenever flap 20 becomes soiled in the upward position one merely has to fold the flap to its downward position in order to expose a clean side. This feature is especially advantageous for those with small children who have a tendency to spill food on their shirts.

FIGS. 3 and 4 show another embodiment of the sport shirt according to the present invention wherein like numbers refer to like elements. The sleeves 12 in FIGS. 3 and 4 are depicted as being of the short variety but may be made any length that is practical and fashionable.

According to this alternative embodiment the flap 40 is shown in the shape of a triangle. The operation of flap piece 40 in FIGS. 3 and 4 is basically the same as shown in FIGS. 1 and 2.

The sport shirt according to FIG. 3 includes a pocket flap 44 secured in place by fasteners 46. Also included on shirt body 10 is an upper fastener 48 located at the point where a normal individual buttons his collar, a middle fastener 50 located near the center of the flap 40 and in the middle of pocket flap 44.

A sport shirt with the triangular flap folded and fastened in the downward position is shown in FIG. 4. To transform the shirt it is only necessary to disconnect the upper portion 42 of the flap 40 from fastener 48 and connect that point to fastener 52 as shown in FIG. 4. Flap 40 folds over middle fastener 50. A second buttonhole may be provided in flap 40 if it is desired that fastener 50 show through flap 40 in the downward position. In this manner flap 40 is folded over itself, and the base of the fold is defined by and limited by fastener 50.

As in FIGS. 1 and 2 the sport shirt shown in FIGS. 3 and 4 has two distinctly different appearances depending upon the position of the flap 40. Flap 40 in FIGS. 3 and 4 has the same functions and advantages as the flap 20 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2.

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that many variations of the present invention are possible. For instance, sleeves 12 can be any length desired or may be eliminated entirely. Likewise, collar 14 and pockets 18 may be modified or eliminated also. The two designs of the flap 40 as shown in FIGS. 1 through 4 are illustrative of two possible embodiments of the invention, but are not meant to limit the scope of this application. For instance, flaps 20 and 40 could take on shapes other than shown in FIGS. 1 through 4 such as that of a modified triangle or any other practical and fashionable design.

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In a general manner while there have been disclosed effective and efficient embodiments of the invention it should be well understood that the invention is not limited to such embodiments as there might be changes made in the arrangement, position, or form of the parts without departing from the principle of the present invention as comprehended within the scope of the accompanying claims.

I claim:

1. A sport shirt comprising a conventional sport shirt body having a front panel and a back panel secured at their edges in a fashion to define a body opening at a base end and a neck opening at an upper end, said front panel having a slit extending downwardly from said neck opening, a triangular flap extending across said front panel and

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having a first portion thereof secured to said panel and having a free upper portion, a middle fastener for said triangular flap defining the base of a fold when said triangular flap is folded into the downward position, means securing said portion to said front panel between said neck opening and the upper ends of said first and second pockets, second means securing said free upper portion downwardly from said middle fastener and medially located on said front panel, third interengaging fastening means on said free end of said flap such that said free end can be selectively interengaged with either of said first fastening means or said second fastening means.

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