

SEWING TUTORIAL

# sewing an invisible zipper



RIGHT SIDE OF FABRIC



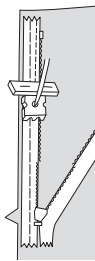
BACK SIDE OF FABRIC



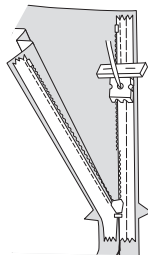
TYPICAL INVISIBLE ZIPPER FEET

*NOTE: Invisible zipper can be sewn using a regular zipper foot or an invisible zipper foot. For ease of application, instructions will use an invisible zipper foot.*

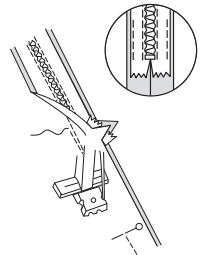
1. Open the zipper and using a cool iron press the tape. On **OUTSIDE**, pin **RIGHT** side of the zipper face down on the **RIGHT** side of the zipper opening. Have the coil along the seam line, the tape within the seam allowance and the top stop  $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) below upper edge, as shown. Hand-baste along center of the tape. Position zipper foot at the top of the zipper with **RIGHT** groove of the foot over coil. Stitch along tape to the notch. Back-stitch to reinforce.



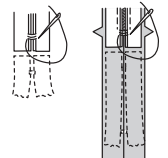
2. Pin the remaining half of the zipper to the **LEFT** side of the zipper opening in same manner. Make sure the upper and lower edges of the garment are even. Hand-baste along the center of the tape. Position zipper foot at the top of the zipper with **LEFT** groove over the coil. Stitch along tape to the notch. Back-stitch to reinforce.



3. Close zipper and check that it is invisible from the **OUTSIDE**. Pull the free ends of the zipper tape away from the seam allowance. Pin remaining center back seam together below zipper. Position zipper foot all the way to the **LEFT** so the needle goes down through the outer notch of the foot. Start stitching seam  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) above lowest stitch and slightly to the **LEFT**. Stitch seam for about 3" (7.5cm). Stitch remainder of seam using your regular presser foot. If you prefer, open out each seam allowance at end of zipper and stitch tape to seam allowance. Or if seam was partially stitched: Start stitching seam  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) above lowest stitch and slightly to the **LEFT**. Stitch remainder of seam connecting to previous stitching.



4. If the zipper is longer than the opening, using a strong thread, hand-sew a few small stitches across ends of coils at end of opening. Trim away lower end of zipper tape to within  $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1.5cm) of hand-stitches. If you prefer, open out each seam allowance at end of zipper and stitch tape to seam allowance.



## INVISIBLE ZIPPER-DIRTY FINISH

*Zipper is applied after the upper edge is finished.*

Open the zipper and press the tape. On **OUTSIDE**, pin **RIGHT** side of the zipper face down on the **RIGHT** side of the zipper opening. Have the coil along the seam line, the tape within the seam allowance and the top stop even with finished neck (upper) edge, as shown. Hand-baste along center of the tape. Position zipper foot at the top of the zipper with **RIGHT** groove of the foot over coil. Stitch along tape to the notch. Back-stitch to reinforce. Apply to the left side of zipper opening in the same manner, using the left groove of the zipper foot.

To finish, continue zipper application following steps 3 and 4. Turn upper ends of zipper tape over seam allowances. Hand-sew to facing, as shown

