



Matching Fabrics And Installing An Invisible Zipper With Mary Jo

Impeccable Seam Matching

1. The pieces on either side of a seam to be matched must always be cut separately. Carefully plan where you will cut the pieces to be matched. Cut out one side of the garment.
2. Fold under and press down the width of the seam allowance along the seam you are matching.
3. Pin the folded edge of the first piece to the uncut fabric from which you will cut the second piece. Check to be sure you have allowed enough room match the second piece. Match up the print and cut out the second side of the garment . You can even up the seam allowance later.
4. Using a big zigzag stitch and just barely catching the fold in the left side of the zigzag, stitch along the fold.
5. Turn the matched fabric over and open up the fold. Trim the second seam allowance to match the first. You will see tiny stitches in the crease of the fold. Baste the seam along the crease and remove the zigzag stitches from the right side. Sew the seam with permanent stitches below the amount of room needed for the zipper.

Impeccable Invisible-Zipper Insertion

- can be viewed on You Tube - Kenneth King "A Smart Sewing Technique for an Imperceptible Zipper - Special Release"

Tools needed: standard one-sided zipper foot (**not** one dedicated for invisible zipper), small hemostat

This is really a centered-zipper application with the added advantage of using a hemostat to give the opening a seamless transition with no bump or gap at the bottom of the zipper .

1. On both sides reinforce the seam allowance the length of the zipper + about 1/2" with iron on seam tape or 3/4" wide strips of thin interfacing. Machine-baste the seam closed to the end of the zipper, back

tack and change to regular stitch, sew the rest of the seam. Press the seam open, just as you would a centered application.

2. Open zipper, on cool setting and with a pressing cloth, press the coil s flat and close the zipper

3. With the seam open and the garment turned to one side, exposing a single thickness of the seam allowance on one side, center the zipper on the basted seam, pinning it in place along the single thickness seam allowance as you go. Repeat on opposite side.

4. **Hand baste** the zipper in place the length of the zipper plus $\frac{1}{2}$ ". *Important do not go more than $\frac{1}{2}$ " past the end of the zipper.* Expose seam allowance on opposite side, repeat basting.

5. Remove the **machine** basting to open up the seam

6. Unzip the zipper. From the bottom of the zipper, on the inside of the garment, feed the hemostat up under the zipper, grab the zipper slide and pull it down to the end of the zipper.

7. Use a regular, one-sided zipper foot to sew ^rvery close to the coil. If you have one which is adjustable, the needle should center in the notch , not too close to the inside or the outside. Keeping the zipper coil perpendicular to the fabric, stitch *slightly* past the end of the zipper

8. Pull the zipper slide up to close the zipper in one smooth motion.

9. Hand sew a bar tack at the end of the zipper and cut off the excess coil.