

FAST INVISIBLE ZIPPERS

Practically Invisible!

Zippers are incredibly handy for closing garments, accessories and much more. They may look out of place, however, on elegant skirts or glamorous evening wear made of exquisite materials.

There's a simple way of dealing with this little problem: A special insertion method lets you sew an almost invisible zipper. Thanks to the SINGER® special presser foot and an invisible-type zipper it's extremely fast and easy to give your fashions a professional »couture« finish.



The specialist for invisible zippers:

THE INVISIBLE ZIPPER FOOT

Can you adjust the needle position on your sewing machine? Perfect! Because this feature enables you to use this special presser foot for producing fast invisible zipper closings. Only when the needle is set at its most left position will it stitch through the opening in the foot. So please remember to always line up the needle position with the foot's opening before you start sewing.

The foot's two grooves are ideal for guiding the teeth (coils) of the zipper evenly, to prevent distortion during sewing!

THE INVISIBLE ZIPPER

Invisible zippers look different when compared with standard zippers. They're available in a variety of lengths, but if you need an in-between size, simply take a larger-length zipper and cut it to the requested size.



Materials Required for Invisible Zipper Insertion:

- > Invisible zipper
- > SINGER® invisible zipper foot
- > Pins
- > Basting thread for basting the zipper in place
- > SINGER® needle, size depends on the fabric weight

1 Preparing the Sewing Machine:

1 | Baste the invisible zipper in place. Thread both the needle and bobbin thread. Slightly increase the upper thread tension.

Remember! Select left needle position to line up the needle with the opening in the foot. Otherwise, the needle will hit the foot and break!

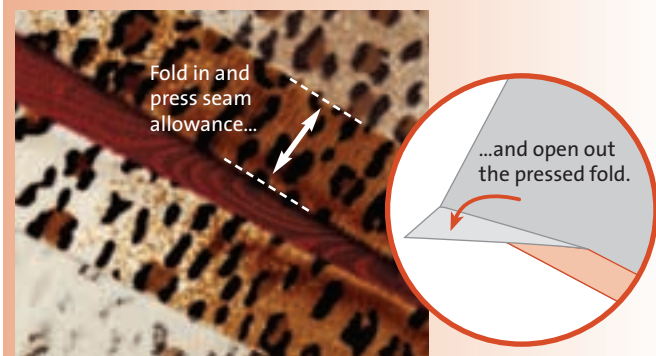


2 Preparing the Fabric:

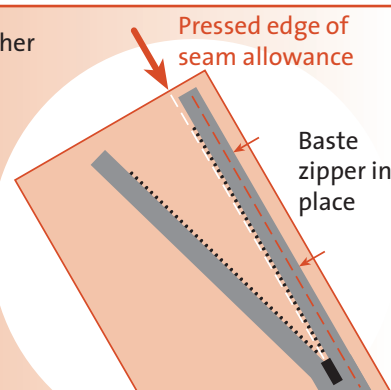
Important! There's a little trick for sewing invisible zippers. The zipper is always inserted before closing the seam of a garment or any other project. Using chalk, a fabric marker or basting thread mark the desired bottom end of the zipper on both sides of the zipper opening.

! Note: The zipper is always stitched in place on the zipper side, never on the fabric side. This prevents fabric slippage, even when handling difficult materials.

2 | Fold in and press the seam allowances of both opening edges in the desired width and open out the pressed edges.



3 | With right sides together place the first half of the opened zipper along the first edge of the opening ensuring that the teeth of the zipper end at the pressed fabric edge. Baste in place the first half of the zipper.



3 Let's Start Sewing:

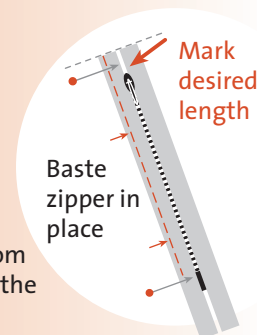
4 | First side:

Place the fabric, with the first half of the zipper basted in place, under the presser foot, so that the teeth of the zipper are lined up with the groove of the zipper foot. Topstitch the zipper in place ensuring that the needle penetrates the tape of the zipper close to the teeth. Continue sewing until the presser foot reaches the zipper's slider, backstitching at the end of the seam.



5 | Opposite side:

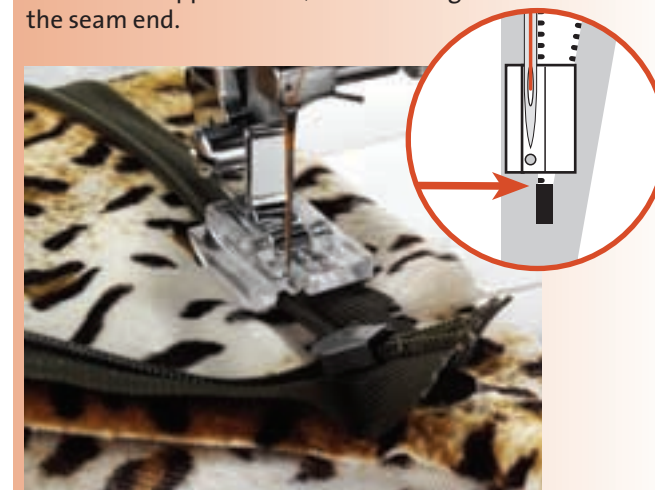
Close the zipper. With right sides together place the second edge of the opening on the zipper. Make sure the two sides of the zipper are properly aligned. The top fabric edges must line up with the zipper – remember the marking on the bottom end of the zipper! Pin in place, open the zipper and baste in place.



Place the presser foot on the zipper, so that the teeth of the zipper are again lined up with the groove of the zipper foot. Topstitch the zipper in place ensuring that the needle penetrates the tape of the zipper as close to the teeth as possible.



Continue sewing the second seam until the presser foot reaches the zipper's slider, backstitching at the seam end.



6 | With the zipper stitched in place, you can now close the seam of the garment or any other project you are just working on. Close the zipper and fold the fabric so that the seam allowances lay on top of each other. Pin the seam in place. Finish the seam of your garment or other project, sewing towards the inserted zipper and ensuring that the seam end exactly aligns with the zipper seams.



! Tip! If you're working with stretch materials, press a piece of light interfacing under the opening's edges. It prevents fabric distortion and provides a much smoother finish!

! Tip! Shortening a zipper! Invisible zippers are available in a variety of lengths. If you need an in-between size, don't worry! It's no big deal to shorten a zipper you've just bought.

- > Measure the desired length.
- > Mark the desired length with a pin or tailor's chalk.
- > Using a zigzag stitch carefully sew over the marked line several times.
- > Cut the zipper approx. 3 cm below the zigzag stitching.