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Invisible Zipper Tutorial

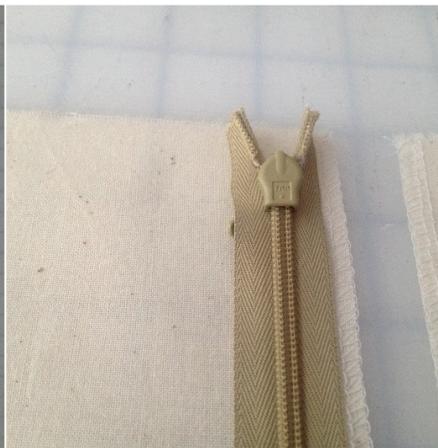
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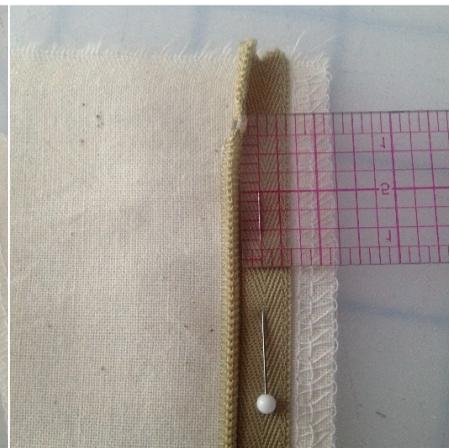
BEGIN BY ALWAYS IRONING THE ZIPPER ON A COOLER SETTING. MAKE SURE YOUR ZIPPER DOESN'T HAVE CREASES FROM THE PACKAGING IT WAS IN. IF YOUR ZIPPER WILL GO OVER ANY SEAMS, IRON THE SEAMS OPEN WHEN POSSIBLE.



Step 1: With face of fabric facing up, Place the zipper face down as shown. The first slider will be faced down and the teeth of the zipper will be faced up. See next photo.



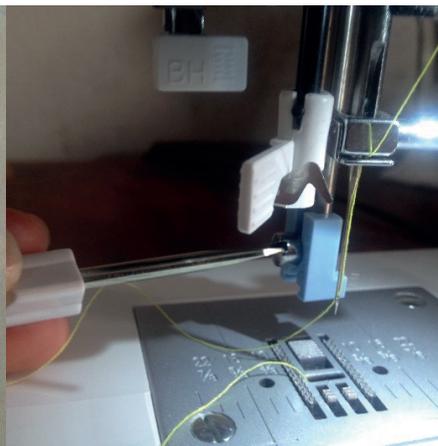
Step 2: Front of slider will be faced down as shown. Then open zipper.



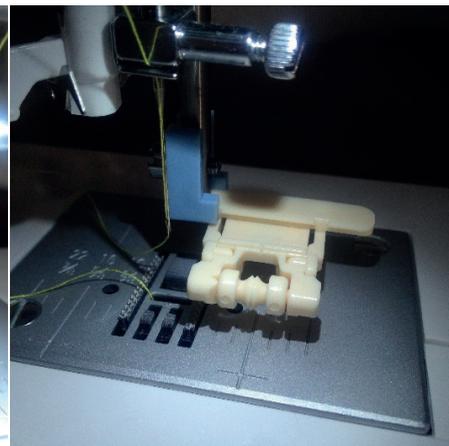
Step 3: Measuring the distance of your seam allowance to the edge of the teeth, pin the zipper in place. (In this case I chose 5/8")



Step 4: The whole zipper should be pinned in place as shown.

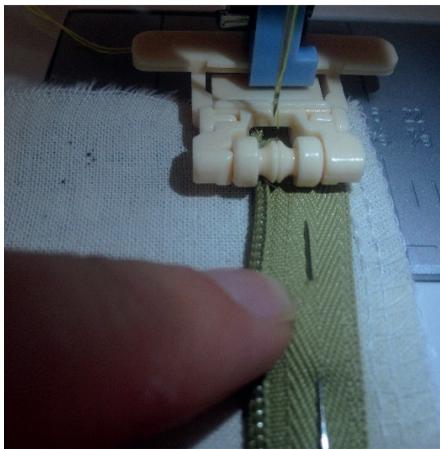


Step 5: This is a YKK invisible zipper foot. It comes with many different feet attachment heights. Select the height that is correct for your machine and screw on.



Step 6: The lower attachment slides on with this foot. Your foot may not need to slide on it may click on.

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Step 7: The teeth should slide into the left groove of the foot. The needle should be just to the right of the teeth so it is certain to not go over the teeth. With this zipper foot, I have positioned the needle in the center of the foot.



Step 8: The teeth should automatically fold open slightly with zipper foot. Continue sewing the zipper all the way down towards the zipper slider, removing pins as you go.



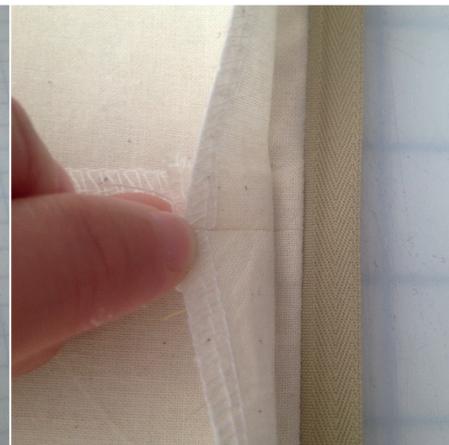
Step 9: Stop before you get to the zipper slider at the bottom of the zipper. Then back tack.



Step 10: Slide zipper shut to make sure you do not sew over any of the teeth and it slides smoothly.



Step 11: With faces together, place the fabric of the other side along the zipper tape.



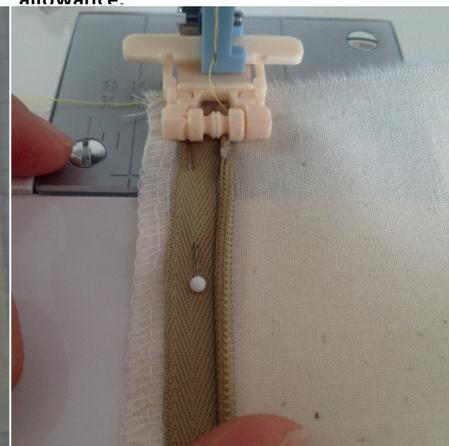
Step 12: If you have a seam to match, be sure to align the seams first and begin pinning there. You will pin seam allowance to zipper tape using the appropriate seam allowance.



Step 13: Pin zipper in place. Then do a small baste stitch where the seam is located in order to match the seams.



Step 14: Crosscheck to make sure the seams are matching before sewing in the entire zipper length.



Step 15: Beginning at the top of the zipper, place the zipper teeth in the right groove of foot. Making sure the needle is to the left of the teeth, sew the full length of zipper. Stop before zipper slider and back tack.

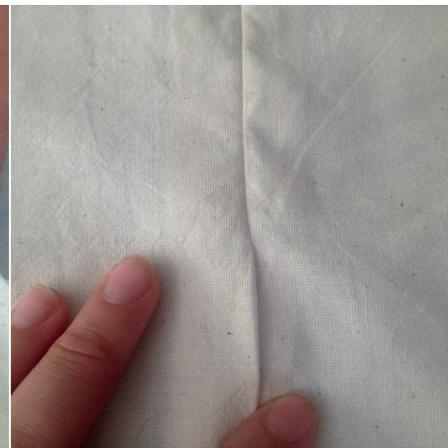
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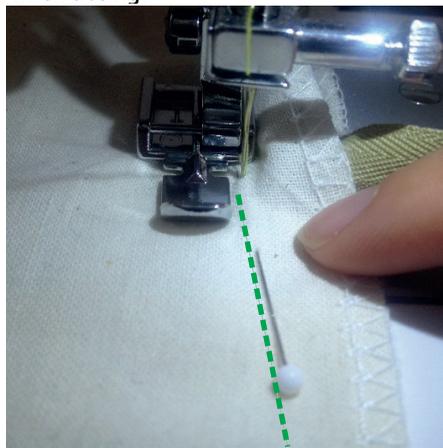
Step 16: Slide the zipper shut to ensure you didn't catch any of the zipper teeth when sewing. At first it may be difficult to zip up, move away any fabric from the zipper teeth when closing.



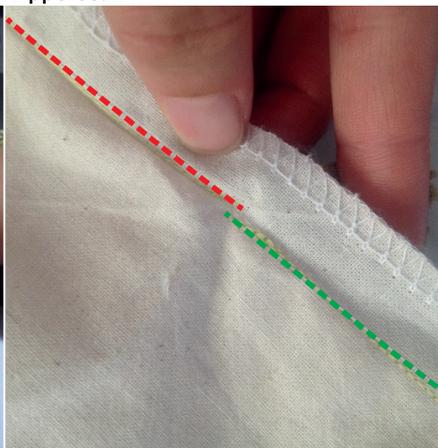
Step 17: Now you will pin the seam allowance below the zipper. Pull away the end of the zipper tape. Pin the seam allowance about 1/16" away from your zipper seam.



Step 18: Check the outward appearance with the pin in place. It should look like a smooth transition between zipper and pin.



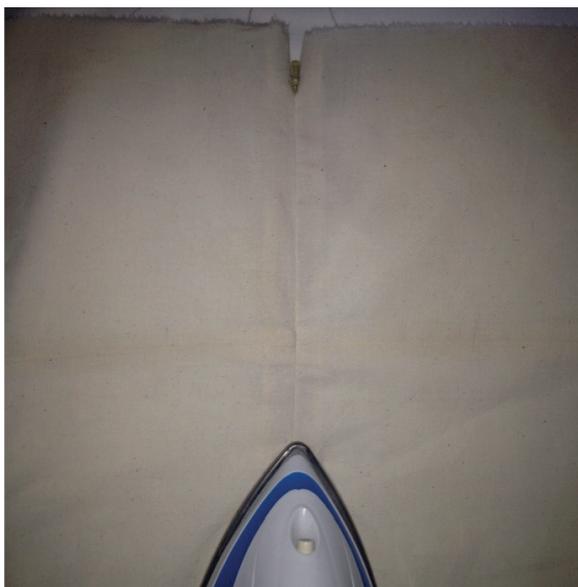
Step 19: Using a regular zipper foot, move your needle all the way to the right. Then begin sewing where you place the pin, being careful to hold the end of the zipper out of the way. Remove pin and Continue sewing the seam.



Step 20: Your stitching should look like this; about 1/16" away from your zipper stitching.



Step 21: Iron the seam below the zipper open.



Step 22: Iron the zipper from the face side for a smooth and professional finish.

If you wish, you can hand sew a hook and eye above the zipper. This is highly suggested.

Now you are finished with the zipper!

