

How To

Insert a Lapped Zip into a Skirt

A lapped zip is suitable for front, back and side seams



Equipment Needed

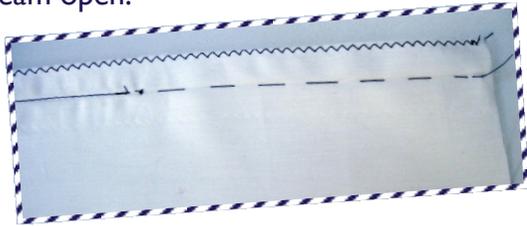
- * Sewing machine with a zipper foot
- * Zip in a colour to match the garment
- * Thread to match the garment
- * Hand sewing needle
- * Thread in a contrast colour for tacking

Step One

Measure the length of your zip opening in order to buy a zip of the correct size. Attach a zipper foot to your machine.

Step Two

Tack the zip opening closed by hand. Press the seam open.

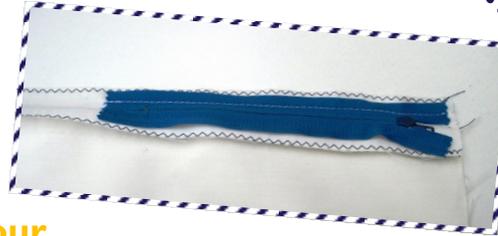


Step Three

Working on the wrong side of the skirt, position the zip so that the teeth cover the centre of the seam and the top of the teeth are 1cm below the waist seam.

Step Four

Extend the right-hand seam allowance only and machine down the centre of the zip tape.



Step Five

Flip the zip over so that it is facing you and top stitch in place close to the teeth.

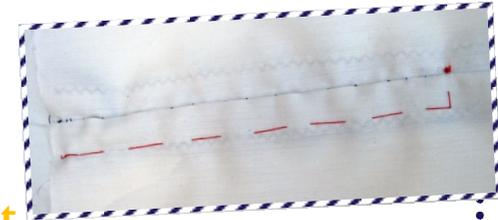


Step Six

Turn the garment to the right side and spread the fabric as flat as you can over the unstitched zip tape.

Step Seven

Pin the zip in place, going through the skirt and the zip.



Step Eight

Tack by hand about 1.25cm from the seam down the length of the zip and across the bottom.

Step Nine

Now you are ready to machine, working on the right side of the garment, begin with a backstitch and sew across the bottom of the zip. Topstitch close to your tacking, stop before sewing up the side to lift the machine foot and pivot the work around, this will give you a nice sharp corner. Then continue to sew up the side and backstitch.

Step Ten

Remove all tacking stitches.