

# Serger-less hemming - Zig Zag Over Fold method

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I tried hemming using zig-zag stitches the usual way, but encountered some problem with softer fabric. It tends to bunch up and made the edges really ugly. So I thought of sewing the zig-zag stitches over a fold to give the fabric a little more weight under the needle. It worked beautifully , In the picture, a lighter coloured thread is used. The raw edges will be concealed totally .

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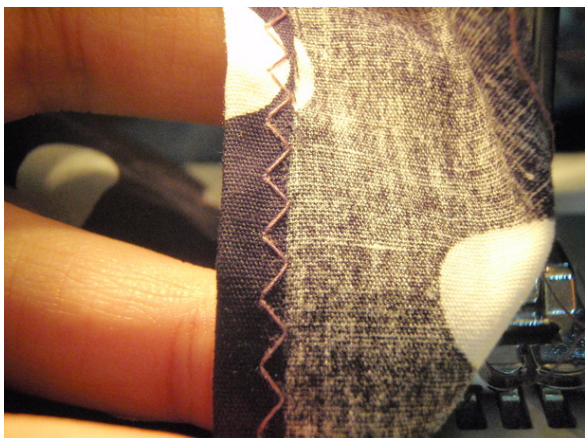
## Step 1 — Folding the Edge



I usually make a fold of half a cm. If you are using this method, you will want to make sure you have a slightly wider seam allowance to accommodate the fold. Line it up such that the edge is right in the centre as in the photo.

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## Step 2 — Sewing over the fold



As you sew using zig-zag stitches, the stitch should go over the edge of the fold. This will lock the edge and prevent fraying.

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## Step 3 — Zig-zag over fold method on side seams



As you can see, when you use this method, the raw edges will be completely hidden when you sew the side seam. See how neat it is? Enjoy sewing!

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