

# Finishing the top of a zip: â Fiskars Unzippedâ

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There are so many tutorials on how to put a zip in but hardly any on finishing the top of a zip. I struggled for years trying to make my zip perfect at the top and couldn't work out how to make it look shop finished. I finally worked out a way in my sleep. Purple fabric is the outside. Green fabric is the lining.

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## Step 1 — Insert your zip



Insert your zip. It works best with an invisible zip. There are lots of tutorials on the net and Burdastyle on how to do this. Ensure your zip ends are even and the two sides of the fabric are perfectly even at the top.

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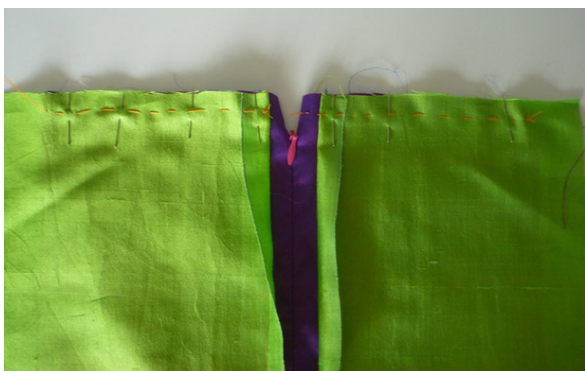
## Step 2 — Prepare your lining



Turn under 1cm of the lining and press. Do this for both sides of the fabric

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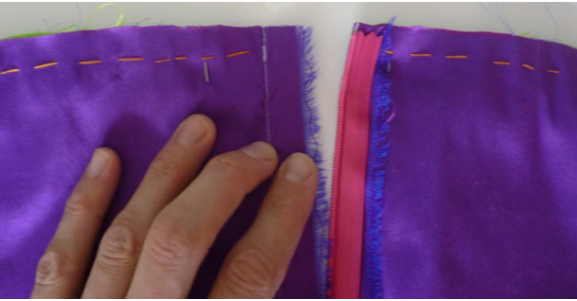
## Step 3 — Join lining to outer fabric



Place right side of lining onto the right side of the dress fabric. Put it 1/2cm - 1cm from the centre of the zip. Pin then baste (orange stitches). (you may want to place the lining a little closer to the centre than I have done in this example)

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## Step 4 — Important when basting



When you pin and baste the lining to the outer fabric make sure you don't catch the zip and the fabric to the far side of the zip. Leave that free

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### **Step 5 — Fold over outer**



For both sides, fold the outer fabric along the stitch line towards the inside. Pin and press

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### **Step 6 — Marke the stitch line**



Undo your zipper. Place the top edges of your fabric even with each other. Feel with your finger where the end "nub" of the zipper is and mark with ruler and chalk across both sides so your stitching line matches up. The line is about 1 - 2mm above the nub.

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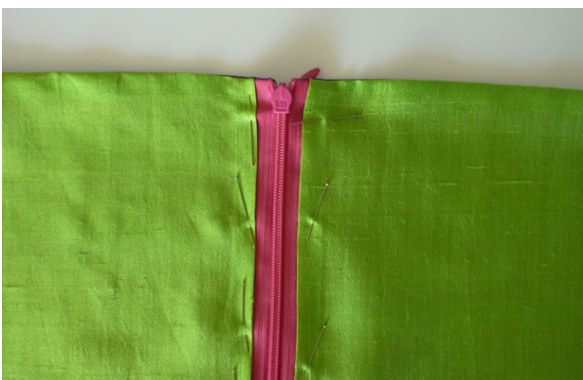
### **Step 7 — Sew along the stitch line**



Join the outer to the inner by sewing across the top of both sides. The stitch line is even with the chalk mark. Trim about 1cm from the stitch line. Cut across the corners slightly but not too close to the stitching.

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### **Step 8 — Turn outise in and handstitch lining**



Turn the fabric back to the correct side making sure the corners are nice and square. Press the top edge flat and pin the lining to the zip. Handstitch the lining to the zip using your favorite invisible stitch. Make sure the stitches do not show on the outer dress fabric.

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## Step 9 — Press and Admire



Press your zip on both sides of the garment and sit and admire your perfect zip. Tip. Do an approximate fit of your garment and then place your zip in. If you are doing a centre back zip do final fitting at the sides. If you are doing a side zip do the final fitting at the back.

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