

Perfect finish, no handsewing invisible zip with lining.

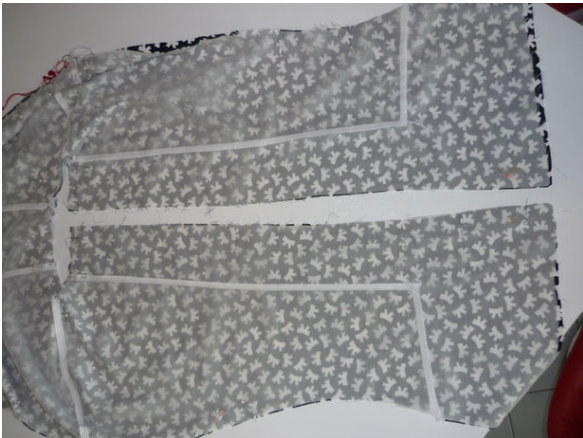
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This tutorial shows you how to complete an invisible zip on a item that has lining (or facing). Perfect for tops, dresses and skirts. There is no hand sewing involved except for basting and you get a lovely clean finish inside and outside. it isn't a detailed tutorial on actually inserting the zip, more the finishing.**

Step 1 — Step 1



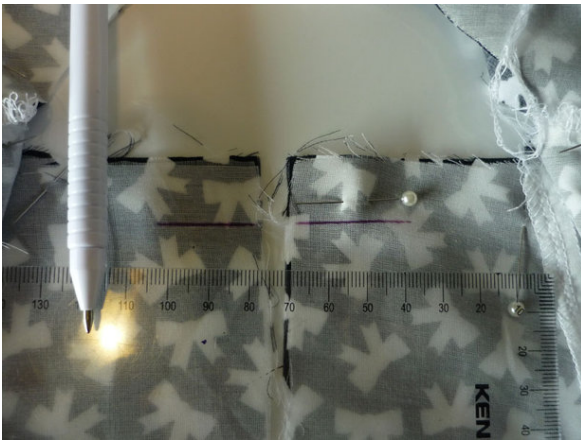
Lay your outer fabric (black with white bows) and your inner fabric (white opaque cotton voile) with right sides together. This is a top that I am putting the zipper in the back.

Step 2 — Prep the lining



On the bottom edge of your garment you need to fold over your lining twice as if you were going to hem it. Pin it in place.

Step 3 — Mark the top edge



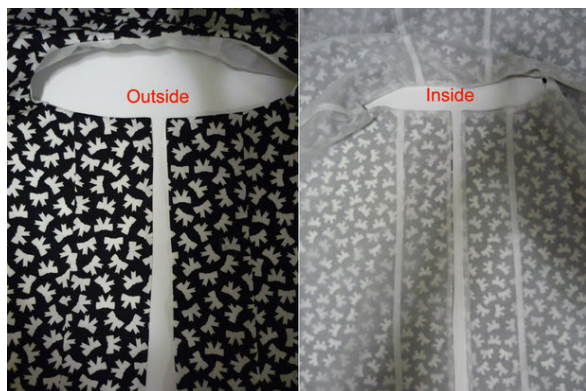
Grab a ruler and draw a line across the top edge where your stitching will be. This is either a waistline, for a skirt or neck edge for a top or dress. Keep the two sides even.

Step 4 — Stitch fabrics together



Now stitch the outer fabric and lining together around your neckline or waistline using your normal seam allowance. (My neck line is on the left hand side of the photo) Using a 5mm seam allowance join the fabric together where the zipper will be. In this case it is both sides of the centre back of my blouse. You can see I have serged my fabric to keep the seam allowance small and finished at the same time.

Step 5 — Turn and Press



Turn your garment inside out making the corners sharp and press.

Step 6 — Prep Zip



Grab your zip and have it face up. Turn the tops over towards you as far as they can go. The zip end will prevent them from folding them over too far. Baste them in place as I have.

Step 7 — Insert Zip



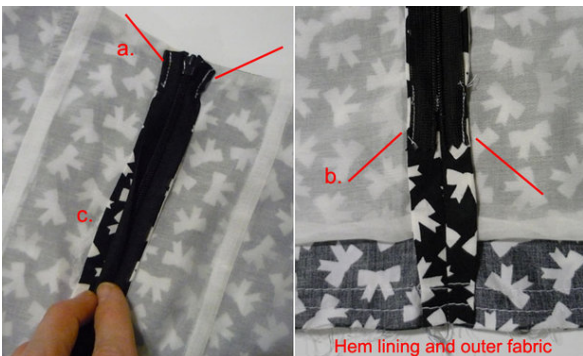
Now refer to your favourite method of inserting your invisible zip. Place your zip on the outside of the fabric with the folded over tops 1mm short of the garment edge. Pin or baste it in place the full length of the garment.

Step 8 — Complete zip insertion



After sewing in the zip finish the end off by pulling the zip to the side and stitch to the end of the garment along the red line shown.

Step 9 — Secure down zip



At both points a and b secure the zip by stitching it to fabric behind the zip. DO NOT sew the outside of the garment, only the inside, you'll have to move the outer out the way . Point c shows the nice finished edge under the zip, no more finishing or sewing required.

Step 10 — Voila



Perfectly aligned neck edge on the outer side and a very easy way to do a zip and lining at the same time. No bulkiness or bulging at the zip end either.

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