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Tutorial: Installing an Invisible Zipper

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Zipper can be daunting even for experienced sewers. The reason? Zippers are often installed the wrong way. Lots of seam ripping and swearing ensues, especially when it's a simple mistake. There's no need to be scared of zippers anymore! We're here to help. With a little bit of practice you'll get it. Remember that it takes time to master something new and even then, it's easy to make mistakes. Give yourself a break if you feel overwhelmed and come back to it later.

With this tutorial we cover how to install an invisible zipper. Invisible zippers are one of the nicest looking zippers because they are, like the name says, invisible. They look clean and professional, that is, if you can see it! We love to use this zipper in the garments we make for ourselves and especially in our [patterns](#). They look good, and (even better), they are perhaps the easiest to install!



Items Needed:

- invisible zipper
- thread
- scissors

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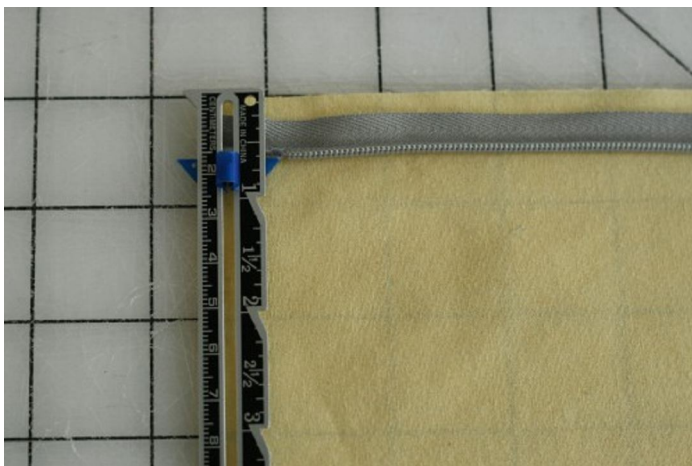
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- invisible zipper foot
- zipper foot
- garment



Before we start, take a look at the back of your invisible zipper. Do you notice how the coils of the zipper curl toward the back? This is what makes the zipper less visible than a normal zipper. But for sewing it in, it's helpful to uncurl those coils and press the zipper flat first. This lets you stitch a bit closer to the coils.

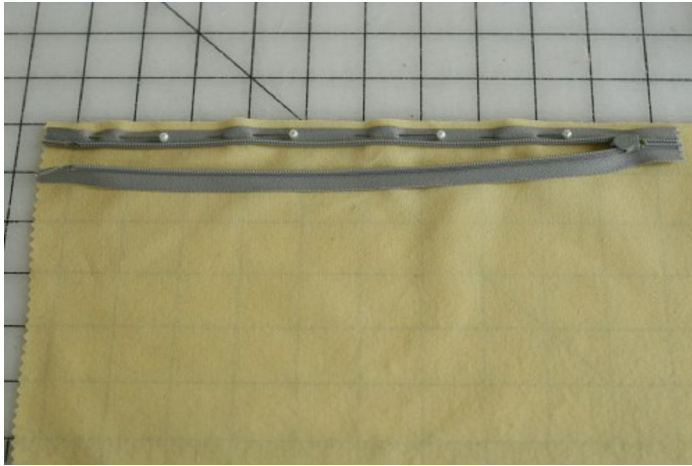


1. Lay your zipper wrong side up, with the zipper open. Set your iron on warm (or the synthetic setting). Use your fingers to uncurl the teeth of the zipper while pressing it flat with the tip of your iron. Do this on both sides.



zipper tape is usually smaller than 5/8"

2. Put your garment right side up, facing you. Place the zipper face down on the fabric. Here we left about 1/4" between the zipper tape and the edge of the fabric because the zipper tape was thin. Use a seam guide or measuring tape to make sure the zipper coil lines up with the seam allowance. In this instance a 5/8" seam allowance was used.



place the pins parallel to the zipper

3. Pin the zipper to the garment. Notice that the zipper is face down in this photo as it should be every time you sew an invisible zipper.



4. Having inserted the invisible zipper foot into your machine, lower the foot down onto the zipper. Make sure that the zipper coil is in the left groove of the foot.

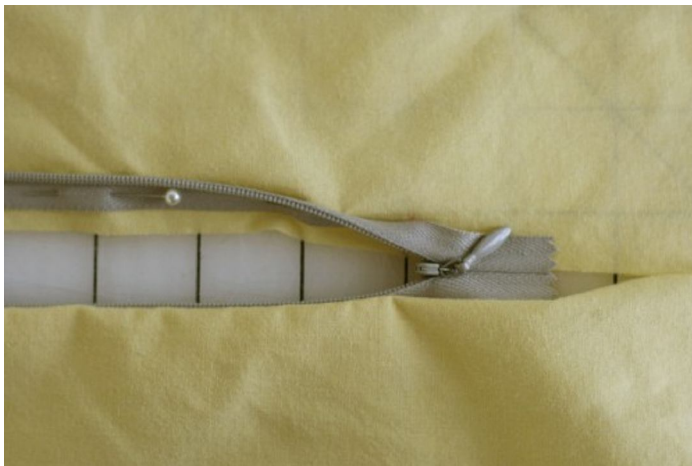


sewing slowly helps prevent the fabric from puckering

5. Stitch the pinned zipper. Sew slowly, removing the pins before they reach the foot. Stop when you reach the end of the zipper, or the mark on your garment where the zipper should end. Backstitch about 1/2 inch.



6. For the opposite side, pin the zipper to the garment so that it resembles the above photo. Again, make sure that the right side of the fabric is facing up. So you are pinning the zipper to the right side of the fabric.



double check your zipper before sewing

7. Close the zipper to make sure that you've pinned it correctly. This part can easily get twisted, so it's best to double check before you do any sewing. Once you've checked, unzip it before sewing.



remember to back stitch at the end of the zipper

8. Sew the zipper as you did the other side. However, this time make sure that the zipper coil is in the right side groove of the foot.



9. The zipper is now firmly in your garment, you did it! Just a few more steps to go. Pull the zipper closed and lightly press before continuing.



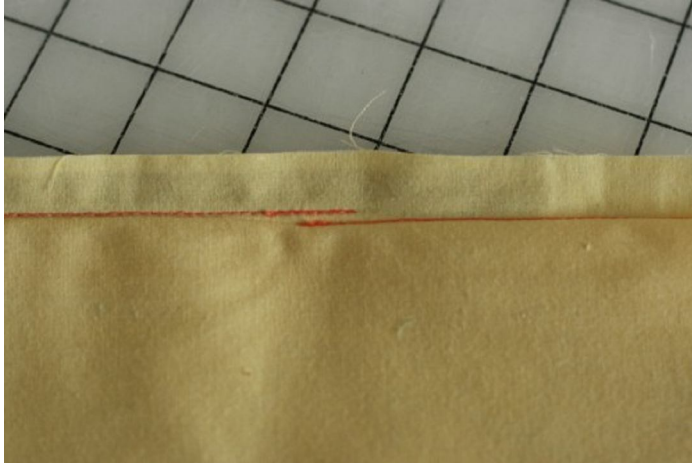
make sure the seam allowances line up

10. Sandwich the zipper in the seam allowance and pin carefully down the rest of the seam. The zipper tail should be out of the way, otherwise it'll get caught in the stitches you're about to make.



keep your seam line even to avoid puckering

11. Remove the invisible zipper foot and replace with a standard zipper foot. Put the foot to the left of the zipper. Starting about 1/4" or so above the end of the zipper, slowly stitch forward then do a small back stitch. The zipper adds bulk right here and will try to pull away from the needle. Instead of forcing the needle to be right next to the zipper, just stitch slowly as close to the zipper as you can. Sew down the remainder of your garment.



12. You can see that the stitching lines have about 1/8" of space between them. It's okay that they don't match up! If you are able to match them up perfectly, then do so. Even with that small bit of space your zipper will still look good.



And there you have it! Let us know in the [invisible zipper post](#) in our [forum](#) if you have any questions about the process. We're happy to help if we can!

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On Apr 12th, Marie Roche said:



Is it correct that an invisible zipper foot cannot be used on all fabrics? I heard a sewing instructor say this, that invisible zippers should only be used if the fabric has a bit of loft. Is this true?

Thank you for this tutorial it was clear and very helpful.

Marie Roche

On Apr 12th, Brittan said: | [brittansalisbury.wordpress.com](#)



Its true, Invisible zippers are HARD, I think step 11 can be the toughest .

I was shocked when I finally started to get zippers right right! haha.

Another great tutorial, I love the little tips pointed to by arrows. Good job! xo

On Apr 12th, Caroline said: | [I-p.cc](#)



This tutorial assumes its readers have an "invisible zipper foot." So many of us are sewing on ancient machines. It's possible to make do. Even new machines sometimes don't have zipper feet. Husqvarna Viking owners will be using their buttonhole (C) foot. No joke. The Juki

F-series doesn't come with an invisible zipper foot so I have made do other feet (instead of special-ordering a foot), sometimes with even better results. As long as the foot isn't sliding over the coils and one is able to sew in a straight line, finding a target line on the zipper (usually a margin with a visibly different weave closest to the coil) and sewing along it works well.

On Apr 12th, Sarai said: | [colettepatterns.com](#) | [@saraicat](#)



We should point out that most fabric stores carry very cheap (I think I've bought one for \$3) plastic snap on invisible zipper feet. Of course, they don't fit on all machines, but if you have one that it will work with, it's a really cheap option.

On Apr 12th, Caroline said: | [I-p.cc](#)



Hmmmm. That might be an option for me for the Juki! Thanks Sarai.

On Apr 12th, Reana Louise said: | [curvespatternsandpins.blogspot.com](#)



I've purchased a generic cheap plastic foot for invisible zippers and whilst it was a bit of an effort getting it on, it still worked perfectly fine once it was (finally!) on there.

Since then my boyfriend spoilt me with the proper metal foot (probably sick of my whinging! ha!) and working with it is a total breeze- but the plastic ones still work fine if it's your only option.

On Apr 13th, Sarai said: | colettepatterns.com | [@saraicat](https://twitter.com/saraicat)



This is basically my experience. The real metal feet are indeed nicer, but I've sewn zippers with cheap feet in the past and it worked fine. I don't see much harm in experimenting with it if the more expensive feet are inaccessible.

On Apr 13th, Gordana Radovanovic said: | [MyFimoKitchen](http://MyFimoKitchen.com)



Hi Caroline, I've just discovered your blog seeing the zipper tut. Unexpectedly for me, you had a great advice for the Husky machine which I own, thanks a lot! Also, I think your tip is great, since the invisible zippers are lovely looking but a real nightmare for sewing... greetings from Serbia

On Apr 13th, Caroline said: | I-p.cc



Hi Gordana,

Happy that you found what you needed. Here is a more specific tutorial for the Husqvarna Viking machines which lack a dedicated zipper foot:

<http://www.geocities.com/fashionavenue/3824/invszipper.html>

On Apr 12th, Katrina said: | katriniella.wordpress.com



I've done invisible zippers so many times, and I STILL can't get it to look good! Thanks for the tutorial—time to practice, I think.

On Apr 12th, sewer said:



Caroline:

It is possible to install an invisible zipper without the special foot, but it is harder. I've sewn on an industrial Juki; it's a very common, cheap, and easily available foot. I had to buy one for my home sewing machine, again, it was easy to find and was inexpensive.

The traditional method of installing an invisible zipper has been illustrated, in which the zipper is installed before the seam is sewn. I once took a class in which we installed the zipper into a closed seam, but that involved basting part of the seam first. It was truly fool-proof and avoided the bubble at the bottom of the zipper. I don't recall all the steps, otherwise I would post the method.

On Apr 12th, Caroline said: | I-p.cc



Thanks – I know it's possible and I mentioned how. I'm not sure you read my comment. The invisible zipper foot for my machine is not available at any stores in Portland. There is only one official Juki dealer and according to him it needs to be special-ordered. Which is why I was thankful for Sarai's comment. \$3 is a nice price.

On Oct 1st, Christina Draper said:



I absolutely love this method. It truly is foolproof. Just be sure to measure and mark where the closed end of the zipper hits in the seam and backstitch over that spot. Once the zipper is on, you can then take a seam ripper to let it out, not going past your backstitched spot.

On Apr 12th, Heather said: | sewingonpins.blogspot.com



Thank you for the great tutorial! There were a couple tricks in here that I'd never done before. I think I have a couple invisible zippers around – time to practice! :)

On Apr 12th, Steph said: | [3hourspast.blogspot.com](#)



If you have the right foot for the job, you should never NEVER need to press open a zipper tape. They aren't designed to be pressed, in fact they are specifically designed to roll. Don't do your zips this way, you're setting yourself up for failure.

On Apr 12th, Caroline said: | [I-p.cc](#)



Is it possible to disagree and agree at the same time? I press them when I don't have the correct foot so I can see what I'm doing. I don't see a difference in the end result. I get a nice flat-lying super-hidden zipper. Please elaborate.

And thanks for the tip on the plastic foot. I assume you've tried them?

On Apr 12th, Sarai said: | [colettepatterns.com](#) | [@saraicat](#)



Steph, I respectfully disagree with your experience. I always press my coils, even with my fancy Bernina foot, and get better results that way.

Yes, they are designed to roll, and will continue to do so once you zip them up again. I believe even the Coats and Clark Sewing book (manufacturers of invisible zippers) says to press them lightly (see [this reference](#) on Sewing.org). I also have some manufacturer instructions right here that say to press lightly "for easier application."

Anyway, I know some people prefer not to press them and I respect that, but your comment seems a bit extreme. I've yet to have a "failure" because of pressing per manufacturer's instructions.

On Apr 12th, Caroline said: | [I-p.cc](#)



I also thought the word NEVER was extreme, since *everything I've read says to press them. Though if you have a good zipper foot (and some I've used have crummy grooves) it kind of takes the need to press the zipper out of the equation, which is sometimes nice.*

On Apr 12th, Steph said: | [3hourspast.blogspot.com](#)



Also, make sure it's the metal foot designed for your machine. The plastic snap on feet are basically worthless.

On Apr 12th, Leah said: | [strugglesewsastraightseam.wordpress.com](#)



Is there a way to do this by hand? I know it's weird but I prefer doing zippers by hand, I feel like I have more control.

On Apr 13th, Susan – Knitters Delight said: | [knitters-delight.blogspot.com](#)



I really appreciate this tutorial. I have a Bernina including the correct feet, but still have had a hit or miss result on my construction. Low and behold, I realize now that I have been sewing the zipper right side up with the fabric wrong side up. I am happy to now do the reverse.

One question that another commenter also asked – isn't the bottom portion of the seam suppose to be sewed first to avoid bubbles below the zipper? I vaguely remember hearing that somewhere.

On Apr 13th, Sarai said: | [colettepatterns.com](#) | [@saraicat](#)



Hi Susan... is it possible you are thinking of a standard (non-invisible) zipper? If you were doing a standard centered zipper, you would sew the seam at the bottom first. With invisibles, you leave it open. If you look at the photos for steps 6 and 7 above, you can probably see that it would be much harder to sew the zipper at the bottom in if the seam was stitched.

On Apr 13th, Lola said:



Great tutorial! However, I would like to make a wish for a following one – how to finish an invisible zipper with the facing or lining... I just never get really clean results there!

On Apr 13th, Caitlin said: | @thestorycat



Patricia's comment is great! I also found a tutorial and posted about it in the [invisible zipper thread](#) in our forum.

On Apr 13th, Patricia Austin said:



Veronica Shaeffer from <http://www.vsgowns.com/> just gave me this extremely helpful tip when dealing with lining AND invisible zippers. I had just posted this very question only moments ago. Kismet! Thanks Veronica!

"Btw, you can machine stitch the lining to an invisible zipper by turning the dress inside out and then laying the lining over it. Match the lining edge to the zipper/fabric edge and then stitch with your invisible presser foot. The zipper will be between the self fabric and lining, if that makes sense. Actually very easy once you give it a try!"

On Apr 13th, Steph said: | 3hourspast.blogspot.com



I appreciate the respectful disagreement, which is why I never say much when I see similar tutorials. I assume I'd be tarred and feathered for disagreeing. Please know that I teach sewing, I have taught hundreds of women (not many men come to classes) to sew invisible zippers, and I can boast a 100% success rate. I take great personal pride in the success of my students.

I see a big problem with plastic feet. They don't function as they ought to. I have never seen one perform the function they should. Metal invisible zipper feet usually range in the \$18-42 price range here in Australia depending on the model, and the plastic foot retails for \$3. The metal foot may need to be specially ordered even though the shop where I works carries plastic feet. If someone wants to try the plastic foot first for whatever reason, I warn them and then do my very best to teach them to put in a good invisible zip.

I define "good" as they shouldn't have to break their brains and offer their firstborn to the sewing gods in order to get a good result. Good results with plastic feet in my experience=nil. Never. I can stand by that. Further, I find if I let someone buy a plastic foot and try to put in a zip that several things may happen:

–Melting the zipper as they press it. Unless I press it myself, there's a high likelihood of someone over-pressing and the zipper teeth stick together. In such a case, I humbly suggest it may be a faulty zipper and give them a new one.

–Bad zipper. A plastic foot simply does not (as far as I've seen it) roll the zipper coil effectively, and generally leads to sewing too far from the zipper coils or the sewist mistakenly sews over the coils. Either way is not a good invisible zip.

I'm not saying that with a great deal of patience and perseverance a beginner or intermediate sewist can achieve a good invisible zip. I just say that these kinds of tutorials actually make my blood boil because I know it doesn't have to be that difficult or mysterious. A good invisible zipper foot engineered specifically for the machine and the task will present perfect results every time.

Sometimes I offer the alternative of the right metal foot to someone who insisted on using a plastic foot. Some people need to make mistakes before they will listen. That's fine. I'll get the right metal foot, let them try it, and they immediately buy it, even at \$42. With the right technique and the right foot, an invisible zipper takes about the same amount of thought as fusing interfacing properly. I don't think we as sewists should celebrate making life harder on beginners and intermediates. I know that's not what you're saying here and I appreciate that you regularly post new and interesting tips and techniques, but this tutorial leaves me cold.

On Apr 13th, Caitlin said: | @thestorycat



Hi Steph,



Thank you very much for offering your view on the tutorial. I can understand your frustration with seeing advice contrary to your own, especially when you feel that it is impeding learners. While you disagree with the pressing of the zipper and the plastic foot, I wasn't sure what upset you about the tutorial. I have created a [post in the forum](#) about invisible zippers and welcome your input.

While we try hard to help all sewers learn the best ways to do things, we do make mistakes. In this case, I think that it is a difference of opinion. Sarai and I both see sewing as something that suits each person differently. In this case, you have had no positive experience with ironing zippers or plastic feet. However, Sarai and as others have had success. I think that this is a good example of how two methods work differently for others.

I would like to stress that beginners will make mistakes and we would love to help them avoid them! If we felt that our advice was a hinderance, we wouldn't offer it. As with all tutorials and methods, each sewist should test it out to see what works best for themselves.

Thanks again for your input and please feel free to continue the discussion in the [forum](#).

-Caitlin

On Apr 13th, Steph said: | [3hourspast.blogspot.com](#)



I'll add, respectfully, I have never seen instructions to iron the coils included on a zipper, but I know I haven't seen every brand of zipper out there.

On Apr 14th, Amanda said:



Thank you! I love this tutorial. It's really easy to follow.

I have inserted an invisible zip in the past with some success (and a few mistakes!) but now I see where I have gone wrong.

So well timed too – I'm nearly ready to put the zip into my parfait dress.

On Apr 17th, Faye Lewis said: | [fayessewingadventure.blogspot.com](#)



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. My problem was knowing just how far to place the zipper tape away from the edge of the fabric. This clear tells and shows me. Thank you again!

On Apr 18th, Layla said:



While a good specialized foot may save time, and help you achieve great results without the learning curve, I'd like to mention that I have used my regular zipper foot to install invisible zips using the same instructions illustrated so clearly in this well-photographed tutorial. I've never melted a zipper, and ironing (mentioned on [sewing.org](#) which my zipper manufacturer coats and clark references on their invisible zip blog post) is a crucial step for me, using the regular zipper foot.

I appreciate Steph's frustration and the fact that her long experience with her method is highly successful. But I also agree that this is a case where this common method works for many people, is not technically inferior (as long as you watch the temp of your iron, probably the best take home point of this particular sidebar), and for people like me means you don't spend the money on another foot and can instead buy more zippers and fabric ;)

I continue to appreciate these clear tips from Colette Patterms – and I also enjoy the discussions they inspire.

On Apr 24th, Heather said:



So, what if someone was just now at the point of inserting an invisible zipper, and, never having done one before and having seen nothing in the pattern or pattern instructions indicating that a 5/8 seam allowance was required, is now left with a 1/4 seam allowance to work with? Is there anything wrong with using a smaller seam allowance?

Thanks for the great, and very timely, tutorial.

On May 16th, Christine said:



You've probably already figured out by now that you *can* use a smaller seam allowance, though it can make lining up the edges of the zipper tape and fabric more difficult (since you can't see through the zipper tape to the fabric below). If it's all you have to work with, then that's what you've got to use. I would suggest finishing the seam allowance with a triple zigzag stitch to minimize any fraying which might cause the zipper application to fail further down the road, and marking the seamline so you have a guide to line up the zipper coil against.

My preferred method for any type of zipper application, though, is to cut my seam allowances to match my zipper tape width (measured from outer edge to center of the coil). For example, if I am doing a centered or invisible zipper application, I cut my fabric out so there is a 1/2" SA the length of the zipper insertion (because my zipper tape width is slightly less than 1/2", and the rest is taken up with the turn of cloth). If I am using a commercial pattern, this usually means trimming 1/8" away from the SA. I find that it's so much easier to sew edges that match each other (an added bonus – I don't need to use pins!).

I learned this from the Fashion-Incubator.com website (which Caitlin referenced above). The methods described on that website are the *only* ones I use to apply zippers anymore.

On May 25th, this post was linked from:

[Inserting an Invisible Zipper](#)

[...] Colette Patterns – Installing an Invisible Zipper [...]

On May 25th, this post was linked from:

[Muslin is Actually Calico « VickikateMakes](#)

[...] by me, it's an invisible one and it ain't bad if I do say so myself! I followed this tutorial from Colette as it was straight forward and I got it, Sunni's method didn't suit me, [...]

On Jun 9th, this post was linked from:

[Secrets of the Invisible Zipper](#)

[...] I prefer to put the zipper in before the seam is stitched, I do love Caitlin's tutorial as well. I think her little helpful hints in the pink boxes is just the cat's pajamas! [...]

On Jun 14th, this post was linked from:

[Colette Patterns' Sewing Tutorials : Craft Stew](#)

[...] Craft Link : Colette Patterns' Sewing Tutorials [...]

On Jun 28th, Kelli said: | smalltownstitcher.blogspot.com



Just wanted to say thanks for the great tutorial. I haven't put in an invisible zipper since I was about 10 learning how to sew in 4-H and that was with help from my sewing leader, so I really couldn't remember how to do it. I followed your tutorial exactly except that I don't have an invisible zipper foot. I've got a Viking and didn't think to use my buttonhole foot, I used my blind hem foot. It's got the perfect ridge for the coil to sit in. I am bookmarking this for future reference. Y'all are great, keep it up!

On Jul 5th, Lizzy said:



I'm doing a decent job with the invisible zippers now but cannot for the life of me make a clean finish at the top with a hook and eye. Any tips for that?

On Oct 1st, Christina Draper said:



You need to make sure the hook and eye are set with the top of the hook and the top of the eye even to the edge (fold) of your fabric. The edges of your fabric will meet and there should not be a gap between them. If this isn't your problem, then your zipper may not be stitched on properly. A lot of people make the mistake of leaving the zipper zipped up when they stitch it on. You should have the zipper unzipped when you are stitching the top part on. If it is left zipped up, the zip part of the zipper will get in the way of your sewing and create a little wave in your stitch line. Sometimes this will force the two top ends of the zipper out, rather than in.

On Jul 5th, Amber said: | amber-elayne.blogspot.com



Thank you so much! I've never actually seen this so easily done!

On Jul 6th, Claudia said: | customwearsbyclaudia.com



Thank you for another great tutorial! I recommend this blog to all of my sewing students and look forward to each new post. I guess I am with the few who do not use the plastic zipper foot. I roll the teeth of the zipper as 'open' as possible, press and use my sewing machine's regular zipper foot. I always have great results and have never damaged a zipper with the iron.

On Jul 17th, Duckie said:



Huzzah! Just used this tutorial to put the (non-invisible) zipper into my nearly-finished Ginger skirt and after 5 years of sewing, it's the neatest gosh-darned zipper I've ever inserted. Glorious.

On Aug 15th, this post was linked from:

[Pretty Little Plaid Skirt Tutorial](#) | [Sweet Little Chickadee](#)

[...] Sew up one side of the skirt, then tackle the zipper. Colette Patterns has a good invisible zipper tutorial here. [...]

On Aug 16th, this post was linked from:

[DIY: Sewing Up A Sea of Turquoise](#) « [Sheila Zeller Interiors](#)

[...] on how to install an invisible zipper... 3 different sets of instructions! In the end I used this tutorial by Colette Patterns along with a few extra tips from my trusty old Reader's Digest Guide to [...]

On Aug 16th, Lisa said: | GracieLouDesigns.Etsy.com



Thank you, THANK YOU! In my 15 plus years of sewing, I've lost track of the number of times I've been aggravated from installing invisible zippers, and I've never been happy with the results....until I read your instructions! There are so many helpful tips that I had just never come across in any other instructions before. I just finished installing the zipper on my Ginger skirt, and I am pleased and satisfied beyond words! You are never too old to learn a better way of doing something!

On Aug 18th, Lyne said:



Yay ! my first ever invisible zip ! thanks now feel confident to finish my parfait

On Sep 4th, this post was linked from:

[Cartoon-esque Roolbos](#) || [Scruffy Badger Time](#) [Scruffy Badger Time](#)

[...] been. Now, invisible zip sewing is a new one for me, & I also followed Colette Patterns online tutorial. It was very clear, but didn't stop me messing it up first time. Never mind. I am [...]

On Sep 7th, this post was linked from:

FO: Simplicity 2452 « The No-Method Method to Happy, Healthy Children

[...] I used this tutorial to insert the zipper, although this one at Colette also looks good. I'm pretty happy with it. There's a slight bulge at the bottom left, [...]

On Sep 9th, Gayle said:



This is a great tutorial. It's wonderful that all of these things are available online, and I must say that the Coletterie, as it's now named, is the first spot I check for tutorials, as the pictures and writing are crystal clear.

I teach private and semi-private sewing classes, and was looking for an invisible zipper tute to send to a friend in another country, as I'm lazy and knew I could find it online rather than have to take pictures myself! I bring up the classes, as I teach basic zipper installation in the first two hour class. Once you can sew a straight line, you can install a zipper, so far as I'm concerned, and I think that so many of (myself included!) scare ourselves with the perceived difficulty of sewing tasks, psyching ourselves out. I spent years of my sewing doing anything and everything to avoid installing zippers, and could have kicked myself once I finally "manned up" and did it, as it was so easy, not the monster I'd considered it to be. Which I guess is a long and round about way of thanking you for demystifying sewing for so many people.

On Sep 15th, this post was linked from:

Invisible Zipper Foot to the Rescue « Sew Well

[...] with this magical foot. I do have to give due credit to both Sunni's tutorial and the Colette Pattern's tutorial for why everything finally went so [...]

On Sep 23rd, PDX Gretchen said:



Thanks to your wonderful tutorial, I've just installed the nicest invisible zipper I've ever done. On a Ginger, to boot. Thank you for such clear instruction, in your tutorials and your patterns.

On Sep 27th, this post was linked from:

Ginger Skirt in Candy Trees « Night Knitter

[...] I also like the thorough tutorials on the Colette blog. I used the tutorial on how to insert an invisible zipper to make the Ginger skirt (Colette 1016). I've sewn in my fair share of zippers, but I need [...]

On Oct 1st, Christina Draper said:



I've always just used regular zipper feet to install invisible zippers. Really, the most important part of it all is pinning everything EXACTLY. Then get as close as possible to the teeth of the zipper.

On Oct 9th, Faye Lewis said: | fayessewingadventure.blogspot.com



Thank you very much for this tutorial. My application is still not as easy as eating cake, but I'll keep practicing and maybe one day it will be.

On Oct 16th, Marie said: | asewingodyssey.blogspot.com | @MarieK83



Just wanted to say that I used to hate and mess up zips every time I attempted them, until I found this brilliant tutorial...many thanks!

On Oct 30th, donna said:



thank you for this great tutorial. i made a soft wool ginger skirt and the zipper looks professional! i have never had a zipper to come out so perfectly. i don't have an invisible foot so I used my clear plastic foot that i use when making small tucks/cording. it worked fine.

On Nov 27th, Faye Lewis said: | fayessewingadventure.blogspot.com



I really need to thank you each and every time I insert an invisible zipper. Just did another one – THANKS!

On Dec 8th, Mary said:



Have yet to try your advice, which is more thorough than what I had been given elsewhere. However, nowhere do you (or my other source) state whether one is starting to install the zipper on the left or right half of the garment. Considering you start with the zipper upside down and then flip it over, there is an inherent possibility of confusion, and some of us manage to sew despite of a severe lack of spatial relations

On Dec 8th, this post was linked from:

[Colocando um zipper invisível « Falando com os meus botoes](#)

[...] Achei esse post num tutorial de blog, e colocar zippers é sempre chato, e complicado para quem não tem experiência. Se for invisível é ainda mais chato o endereço é este aqui: <http://www.coletterie.com/tutorials-tips-tricks/tutorial-installing-an-invisible-zipper> [...]

On Dec 23rd, this post was linked from:

[almost finished dress! « Look, I made A Dress!](#)

[...] I finally have a decent dress! I followed grosgrain tutorial here to make the dress and used this awesome zipper [...]

On Jan 12th, this post was linked from:

[Pretty Quirky Pants | 50's Skirt Adventure #1 - DIY Pleated Skirt](#)

[...] essential. The series of photos below demonstrate how I attached it and the following links show a pictorial tutorial on how it is done and a very informative video explaining the different types of zipper foots along [...]

On Jan 23rd, Jo said:



I have just made a skirt tonight and followed this tutorial to install the zip. It worked! The only thing was that I could have got closer to the teeth so the zip was more hidden, but I am absolutely stoked with my first go!!

On Jan 27th, this post was linked from:

[Colette Sewing Handbook: Meringue Skirt | Right Side Wrong Side](#)

[...] You have to switch to a regular zipper foot to complete the invisible zipper. I found the Coletterie invisible zipper tutorial to be helpful. The instructions in the Sew Everything Workshop were also good, as was this [...]

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