



Replacing an Invisible Zipper

This guide will teach you how to replace an invisible zipper.

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INTRODUCTION

Breaking the invisible zipper of your fancy cocktail dress or everyday skirt doesn't need to be a tragic affair anymore. Following this guide will let you easily replace an invisible zipper and bring new life to the outfit gathering dust in the back of your closet. You will need a sewing machine and basic knowledge of how to operate it for this guide.

TOOLS:

- [Sewing Machine](#) (1)
- [Ruler](#) (1)
- [Seam Ripper](#) (1)
- [Fabric Scissors](#) (1)

PARTS:

- [Zipper](#) (1)
- [Invisible zipper foot](#) (1)
- [Sewing Pins](#) (12)
- [Thread](#) (1)

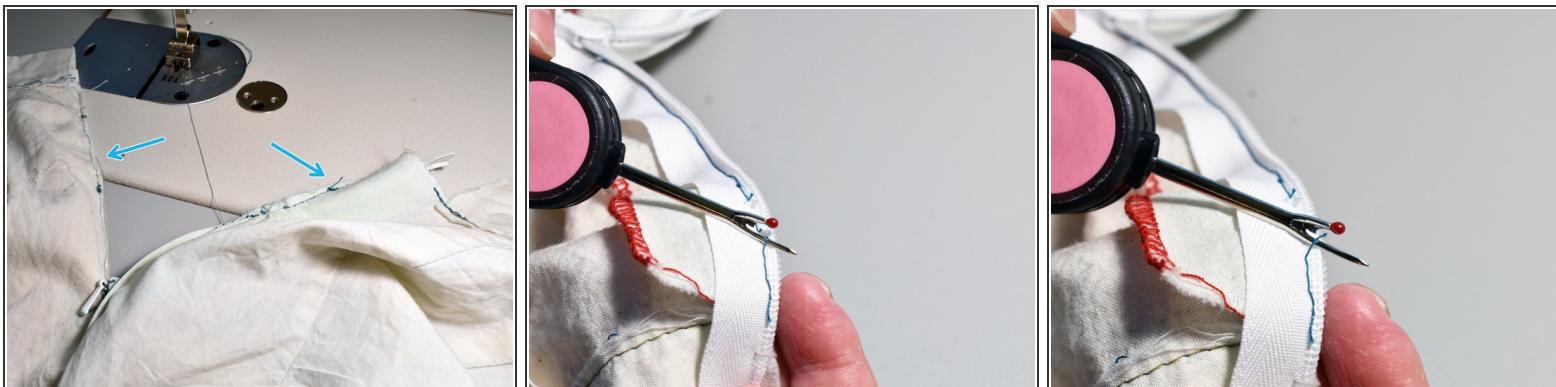
Step 1 — Invisible Zipper



① Prepare sewing machine with its compatible invisible zipper foot.

- Thread the needle thread through the invisible zipper foot hole.
- Pull the needle thread through the zipper foot hole.

Step 2



- Locate the stitch lines of where the broken zipper was sewn on both sides of your garment.
 - Use a seam ripper to carefully rip out both of the stitching lines.
 - [How to Rip a Seam](#)
- ⚠** Make sure to not cut through the fabric.
- Remove old invisible zipper.

Step 3



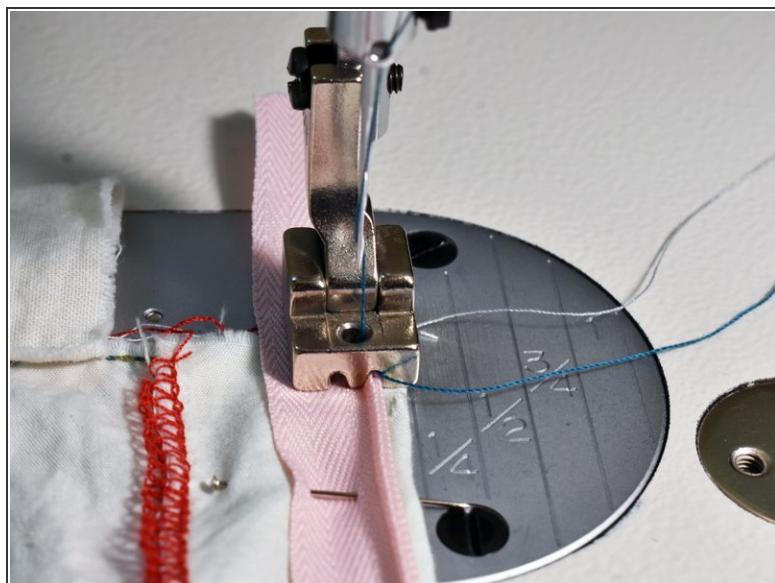
- Turn the skirt inside out.
- Place the replacement invisible zipper on the table, with the teeth side pointing up and the zipper pull facing down.
- Unzip the invisible zipper. Line up the left side of the tape of the invisible zipper with the left side of your fabric.
- *(i)* The zipper teeth should 1/8" away from the edge of the fabric.

Step 4



- Pin the tape of the zipper to your garment's fabric perpendicular to the invisible zipper.

Step 5



- Place the teeth of the left side of the zipper into the right side of the invisible zipper foot.
- When repeating on the opposite side of the zipper, place the teeth of the right side of the zipper on the left side of the invisible zipper foot.

Step 6



- Sew a straight line carefully, removing pins as you go.
- Repeat Steps 5-8 on the right side of your garment.

Step 7



- Turn the skirt right-side out again, so you don't see the zipper teeth.
 - Rotate the fabric so the zipper foot is perpendicular to the zipper tape.
 - Position the zipper foot on top of the fabric 1/8th of an inch from where the zipper tape meets the garment.
 - Sew back and forth at least 6 times to seal the end.
- (i)* This ensures that the zipper tab does not come off when you zip it up.
- Flip garment over to see the stitch line you just made. Cut off excess zipper tape.

Step 8



- Pull up your newly replaced zipper.
- Be proud of yourself! You've just replaced an invisible zipper!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.