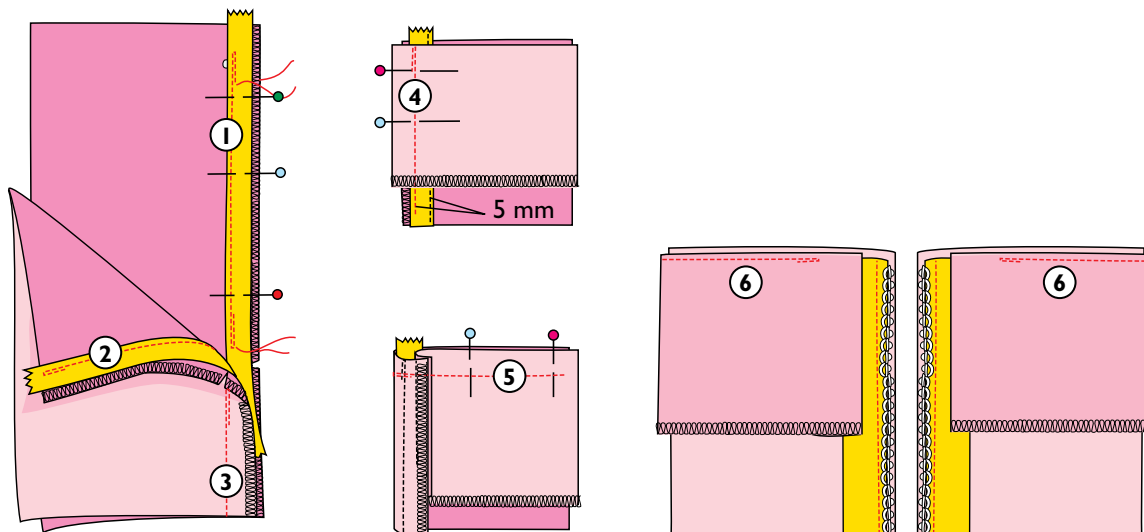


INVISIBLE ZIPPER

at a neckline finished with a shaped facing



Serge or zigzag raw center-back edges of back panels and shaped facing as well as raw outer edge of shaped facing.

1. Open zipper. Pin one zipper tape to garment's center-back edge right sides together and stitch it in place using invisible zipper foot. There is a groove on the underside of the invisible zipper foot that accommodates the zipper coil and allows it to slide through smoothly.

If you use a regular zipper foot for applying an invisible zipper, open the zipper and carefully press the coil open with the point of an iron. Stitch the zipper in place close to the coil. Check that the zipper slider moves easily.

2. Stitch the other zipper tape to the other center-back edge in the same way.

3. Stitch center-back seam as far as bottom of zipper placket.

4. Pin and stitch center-back edges of shaped facing to garment's center-back edges, right sides together and with zipper in between. Place stitching 5 mm away from stitching line that attaches zipper.

5. Pin shaped facing to garment's neckline right sides together, fold all center-back seam allowances onto shaped facing and stitch neckline seam.

Trim excess ends of zipper tapes. Trim neckline seam allowances slightly and clip them along curves. Turn back neckline corners right side out.

6. Understitch neckline seam allowances to shaped facing close to seamline, stitching as far toward back neckline corners as you can reach. Understitching will prevent the facing and seamline from rolling to the right side of the garment and doesn't itself show on the right side either.

Press neckline. Attach outer edge of shaped facing to shoulder and center-back seam allowances with a few hand-stitches. Press center-back seam open and press zipper placket gently.

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