

Sewing a Fly Front Zip

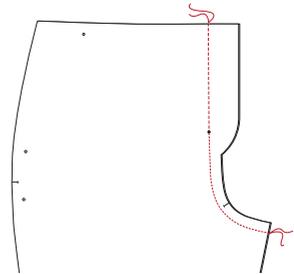
Method 1

This is the Ariel Method of inserting the fly which includes the grown on fly facing section.

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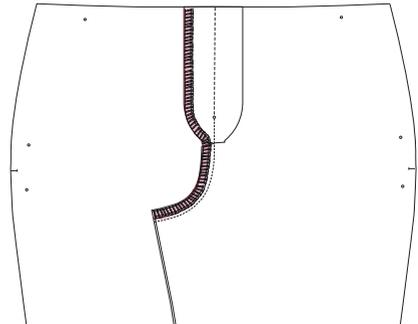
With the right sides of the trouser fronts together machine baste from the waist to the large dot.

Change the stitch length back to normal, sew a few reverse stitches and then sew the rest of the front crotch seam.



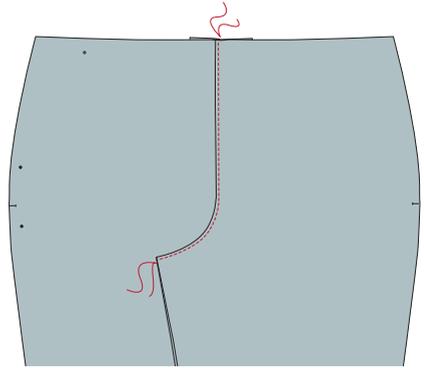
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On the right side of the fly extension snip into the seam allowance just beneath the curve. Press open the fly opening and press the crotch seam to the left. Neaten the left side of the fly extension and both sides of the crotch seam allowance.



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From the right side of the trousers, top stitch on the left side (as you are wearing the trousers) from the waist down the centre front and along the crotch seam through the seam allowance.



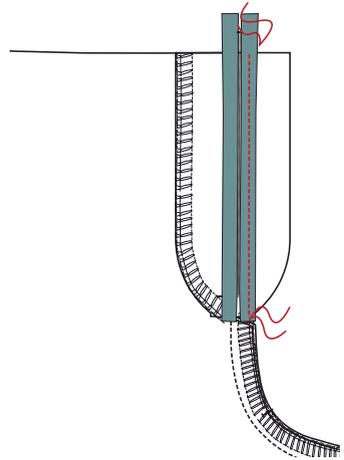
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Fold the right side of the trousers over to leave the right side of the fly extension on its own.

Lay the zip along the right side of the centre front so that the zip teeth are about 6mm from the seam itself and the zip stopper is 1.5cm below the large dot. If the zip is too long and hangs over the top edge, that's fine as you can trim it back later on.

Pin the zip to the fly extension ONLY.

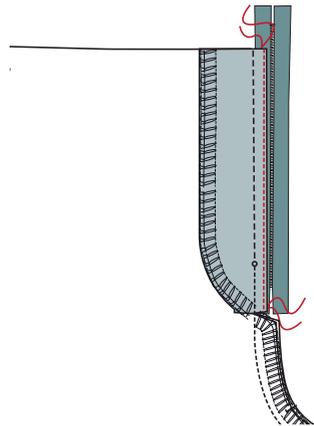
Using a zip foot sew along the right zip tape to hold the zip in place.



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Fold the zip underneath the zip extension so the fabric of the zip extension sits neatly close to the zip teeth.

Top stitch along the zip close to the zip teeth.



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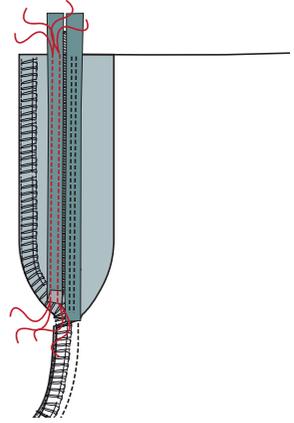
Open out the trousers and let the right side of the zip extension, with the zip attached, flop over on to the left side.

Fold the left side of the trousers under so the left side of the zip extension is on its own.

Fold up the left end of the zip tape.

Pin and sew along the zip tape close to the zip teeth.

Sew a second row of stitching close to the edge of the zip tape.



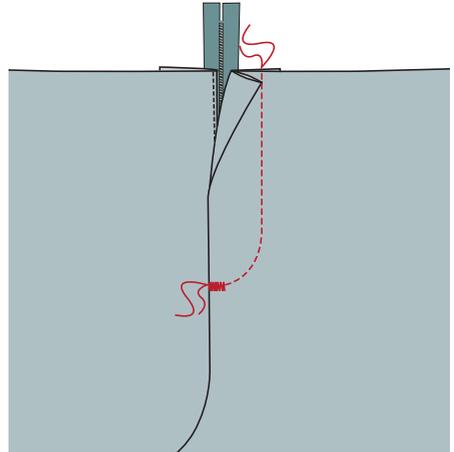
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Open the trousers out flat with the right side uppermost.

Mark on the line for the fly top stitching.

Following the marked line, using a normal foot sew from the waist down and stop exactly on the large dot.

Open up the baste stitching on the centre front and sew a small bar of satin stitch at the base of the zip on the large dot.

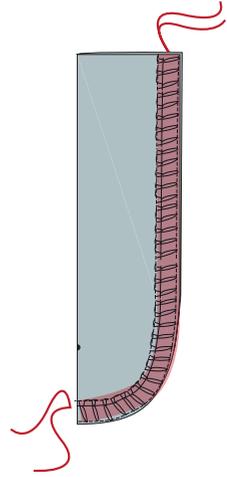


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From the wrong side of the trousers, trim back the excess fabric on the right side of the zip extension by about 1cm.

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Fold the fly extension in half with the wrong sides inside. Sew around the curved edge and neaten off. Or you can just overlock the two layers together.

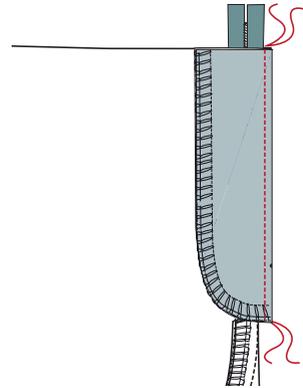


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From the wrong side of the trousers lay the fly extension over the whole fly section aligning the curved lines of the fly facing.

Line up the folded edge of the fly extension with the right side of the zip.

Fold the right trouser out of the way so you can pin and using a zip foot sew a through the seam allowance only.



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Secure the fly extension to the fly facing at the base and level with the large dot.

Make sure to only sew through the the fly pieces and not to catch in the trousers.

