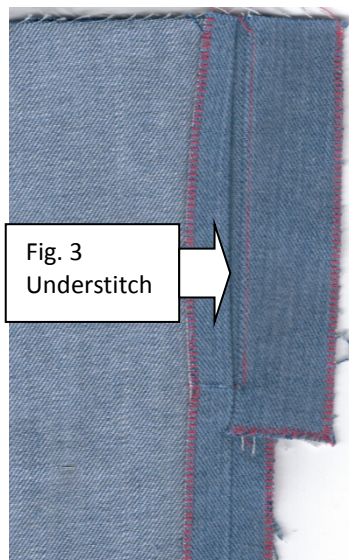
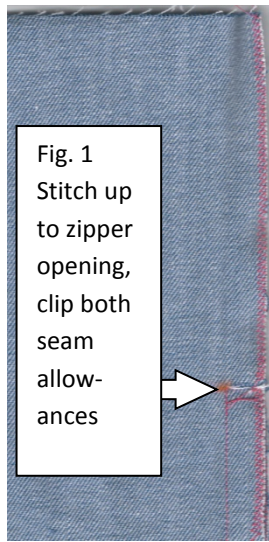


Fly Front Zipper with Facing and Shield

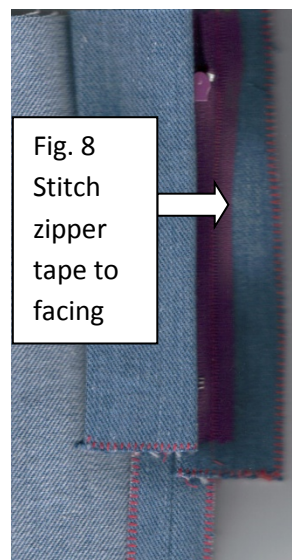
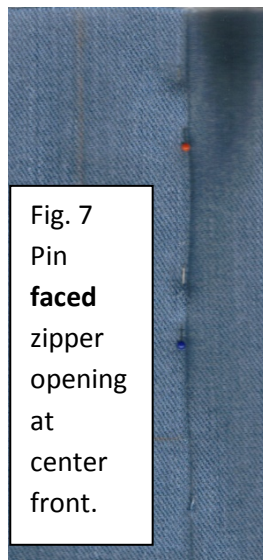
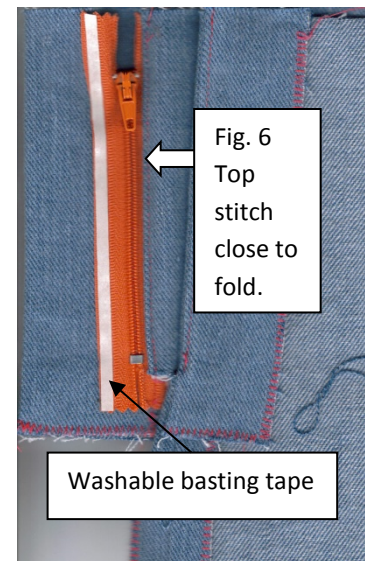
Use this method to convert a plain center front seam to accommodate a fly front zipper for a skirt or pants. Cut a separate facing piece that is 2 inches wide and the length of the zipper tape. Cut the fly shield 4 inches wide and the length of the zipper tape. Transfer the fly top stitching line to garment front (right front for women and left front for men). On the wrong side of the garment seamline, mark the bottom of the zipper opening. Apply interfacing to both the facing and the shield. Optional notion: Use washable basting tape.

1. Stitch center front/crotch seam up to the bottom of the zipper opening. Clip both seam allowances to stitching at this point (Figure 1).
2. Overcast seam allowances and facing edges. With right sides together, sew facing to zipper opening along seam line, ending at the clip (Figure 2). Sew to the right front for women and the left front for men.
3. Grade facing seam allowances, turn facing away from the garment and flip seam allowance toward facing. Understitch 1/8 inch from seam line through facing and seam allowance, ending stitching at marked point (Figure 3).
4. Fold fly shield in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press. Overcast raw edges together.
5. Place zipper face up along overcast edge of shield. Place the right side of garment seam allowance to right side of zipper. The clip in the seam allowance will allow the open seam to expose the zipper tape at the lower end of the zipper. Using a zipper foot, stitch close to the zipper coil through all thickness for the entire length of the



zipper. Be careful not to catch facing or the seam allowance below the clip in the stitching (Figures 4 and 5).

6. Turn back garment front and top stitch close to fold and zipper coil. Apply washable basting tape to edge of remaining zipper tape (Figure 6).
7. Lay faced zipper opening down over zipper and shield, matching center front lines. Pin faced edge along center front through all layers (Figure 7).
8. Turn to inside of garment and fold back shield revealing unstitched zipper tape. Pin shield out of the way of stitching. Remove paper backing from basting tape to allow zipper tape to stick to the facing. Stitch zipper tape to facing only (Figure 8).
9. With shield still pinned, turn garment to outside and top stitch facing to front along marked line, ending at center front seam and back stitch. Be careful not to catch the shield in this stitching (Figure 9).
10. Unpin shield allowing it to lie flat under the zipper. Stitch bar tacks at lower edge of zipper opening and bottom curve of top stitching through all layers (Figure 10).



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