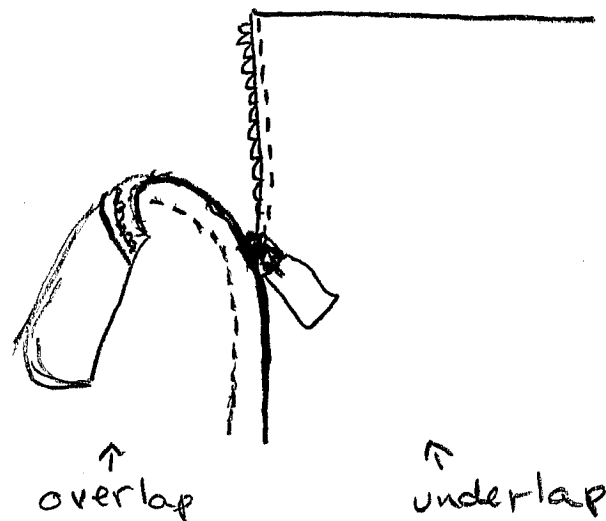


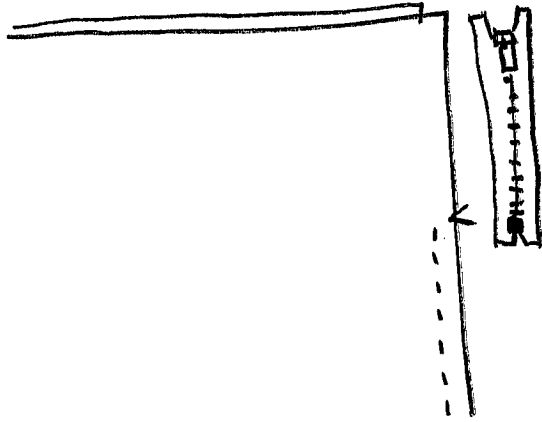
Lapped Zipper



The zipper is hidden under a fold of fabric, so it is invisible when closed. The fold, called the overlap, will be on the left, unless you decide to place your zipper on the right side of the garment. (It is also on the left when the zipper is in the center back.)

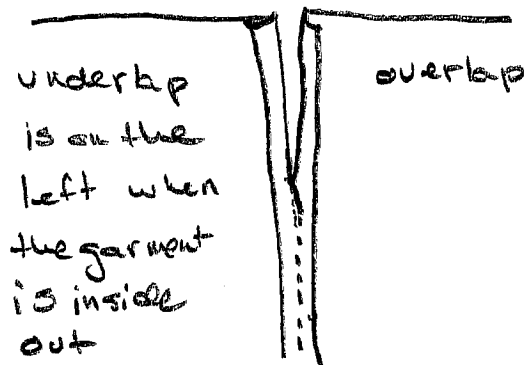
The following illustrations show a lapped zipper application when a waistband is attached above the zipper.

Step one -



Stitch the seam from the bottom of where the zipper will be (marked with a notch on the pattern, or figured by lining the zipper up with the top raw edge and marking the location of the zipper stop on the fabric.)

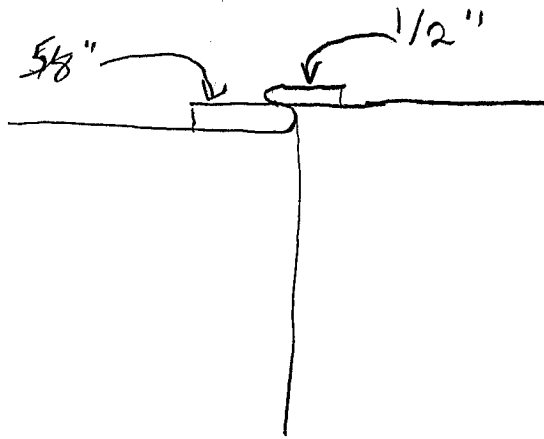
Step two -



turn the garment wrong side out, Press the seam open. Fold over $5/8$ " on the overlap side and press. Fold over $1/2$ " on the underlap side and press. There will be a little bump at the top of the seam, but it won't show on the outside, so don't worry.

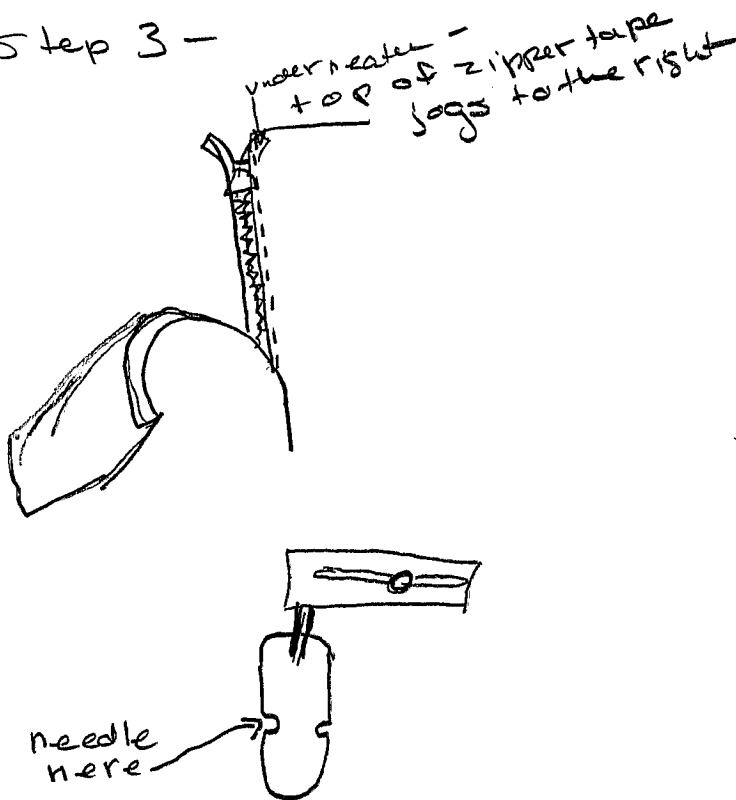
Lapped zipper 3

Step 2 continued -



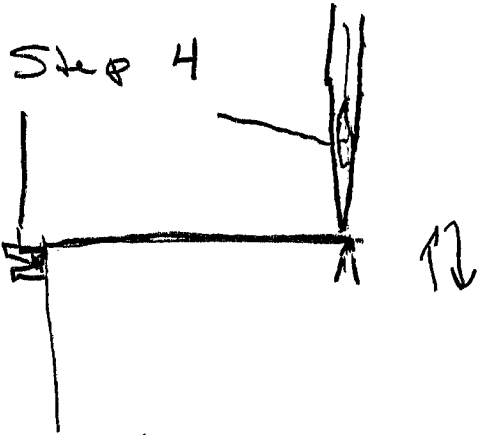
From the outside, you will see that the fabric will overlap slightly when laid flat. The fold of the overlap is a continuation of the fold where the seam is pressed open.

Step 3 -



Working from the outside of the garment, lay the fold of the underlap over the right hand side of the zipper. Use an adjustable zipper foot, set so that the needle of your machine comes down to the left of the foot. Keep the fold about $1/8$ " to the right of the zipper teeth, so that the pull can go down without catching fabric, and stitch as close to the fold as you can.

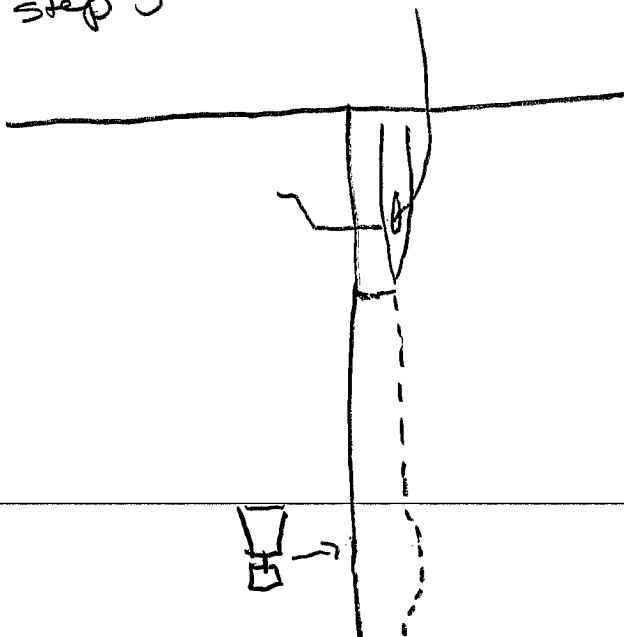
Lapped zipper 4



* Use nylon zippers - you can stitch through them. If the zipper is too long, you can cut off the extra at the bottom. Don't stitch through the metal stop, or metal zipper teeth!

Place the fabric on the machine bed with the zipper running left-right, starting about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the overlap fold, and holding the overlap fold so it just covers the stitching on the underlap, back-stitch to the fold, then stitch forward until the needle is past the zipper teeth.

step 5



With the needle down through the fabric, lift up the presser foot and rotate the fabric counterclockwise so the zipper pull is closest to you. stitch straight down, placing the fold of the overlap to just cover the stitching on the underlap as you go. When you get to the zipper pull, jog out to the right, then back, and off the end of the fabric.