

1. Interface fly flaps, stitch crotch seam, baste stitch center seam



2. Clip at base of fly



3. Open fly



4. Line up zipper with basted seam (center seam)



5. Stitch zipper on tape away from centre



6. Fold back flap and top stitch zipper



7. Bring zipper over to second fly flap



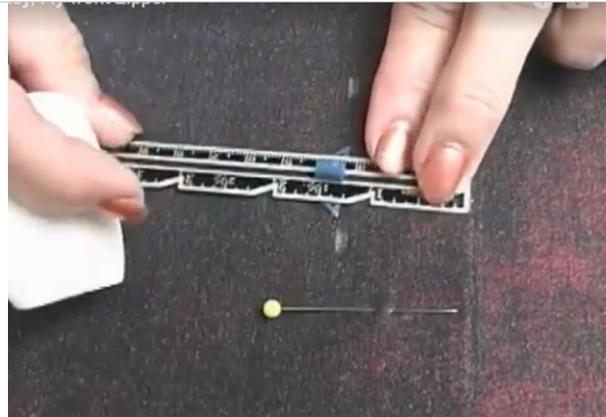
8. Lay second side flat and pin



9. Stitch side two



10. Mark top stitching 1 1/4" from seam line (mark zipper stop at bottom with a pin), curve bottom of fly stitching below zipper stop



11. Pin zipper beneath flat to hold while stitching, then stitch starting at the bottom curve



12. Open basted center seam



13. Press toward fold



with Sandra Betzina

If a pair of homemade slacks look "homemade", it's probably because of the way the zipper was inserted. Sandra Betzina, TV host and author, advises, "Ignore the instructions that came with your pattern. Most are so complicated, you'll give up and switch to a lapped zipper insertion."

In her book *Power Sewing Step-by-Step*, Sandra gives detailed instructions for converting any zipper opening to a fly front, and in this video she demonstrates the procedure.

In preparation, **ensure the that existing extension is 1-3/8 in. wide and 8 in. long**. If converting, merely add the extension beyond the center-front cutting line.

Read more: <http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/3831/video-an-easy-flat-fly-front-zipper#ixzz3P5ZjPiPu>