

Zipper Front Mini Skirt

Bare legs, tights, long legs, or short legs...who cares? This edgy skirt will take you through any season, and have heads turning!



Instructions

Title: Zipper Front Mini Skirt

Design: [Lutterloh Pattern Supplement 306 NO.54](#)

Any non-stretch skirt pattern can be used, here is another example: [Burda 6480](#)

You can also draft your own pattern using [the shape of fabrics tutorial](#).



YOU WILL NEED:

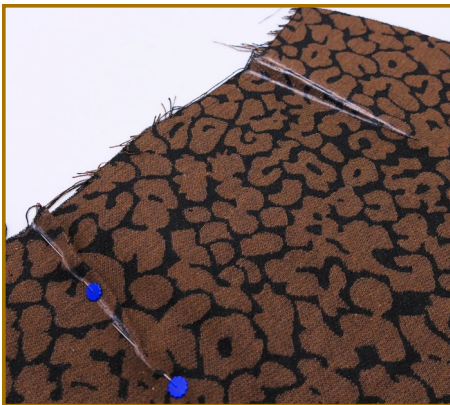
Materials

- >> Pattern cut out
- >> Decorative thread
- >> Ruler/straight edge
- >> Chalk/erasable pen
- >> Coverstitch foot (standard foot can be used)
- >> Open end zip, the length of your chosen skirt

All done using your wonderful babylock combination machine, or overlocker and cover stitch.

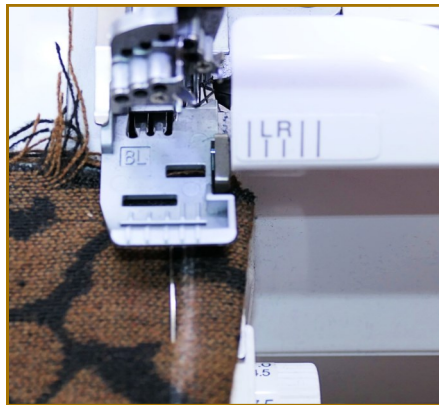
TIPS AND TRICKS

Overlocker darts can help reduce bulk when working with thick fabrics, use these tips to help achieve the perfect dart.



Mark the darts.

Fold the darts, matching the lines, and pin.



Line the chalk line with the left needle marking on the foot. A 4 thread OL is used, it is stronger than a 3 thread.



Follow the chalk line and the needle marking until you run off the end.



Carefully unpick the threads.

The longer threads are the looper threads.

GENTLY pull the upper looper thread, this will tighten the loops that are hanging off.



To secure the dart, tie the loose threads.



Press the darts towards the CB.

Here is your finished Overlocker dart, less the bulk.



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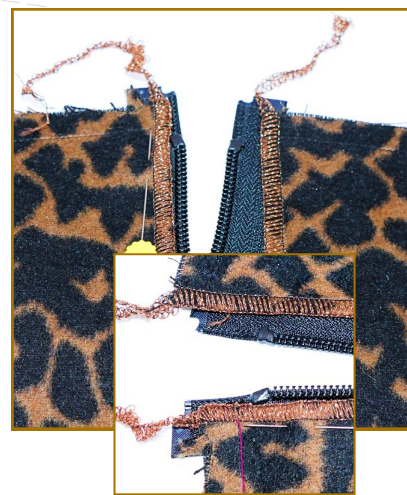


You can use the DF on your overlocker to control the fabric and stop it from stretching.

If not, a chain stitch, your sewing machine or an iron on tape can be used to stay stitch the waistline.

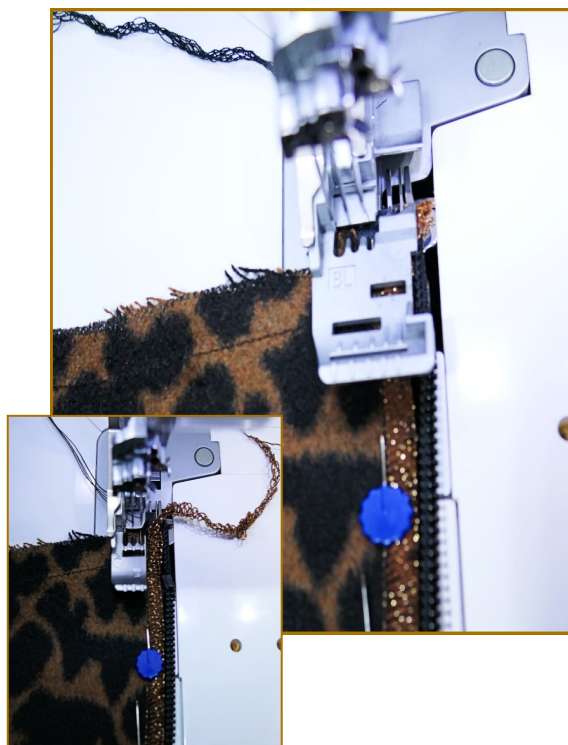


Finish the edge along the zip with a decorative stitch. You can use the wave stitch, a rolled hem, or anything that adds a decorative edge. Used here is a wide 3 thread overlock, with baby lock metallic textured thread.



Line the zip up with the stay stitch line. The top stop should sit just under the stitch line.

Once lined up, pin the zip in place all the way down.



Set your machine up for cover stitch, the triple cover stitch has been used for this skirt. This is to attach the zip the skirt.

If using the standard foot, line the left edge of the decorative stitch with the left overlock needle marking. The cover stitch foot has been used, and allows the edge of the foot to butt up against the decorative stitch. The cover stitch foot is shorter and narrower than the standard.



Finish the edge of the facings with a 3 thread overlock. You can use the same decorative thread or use a matching one.





Pin/clip facings to skirt pieces. Sew, using a 4 thread overlock.



Press seam allowance towards the facing, understitch using a chain stitch. This will prevent the facing rolling outwards.



Pin/clip the skirt side seams together. To ensure a sturdier seam, use a 5 thread safety stitch.





Snip the seam line up to the chain stitch line, and press in opposite directions.



Press the facing down. Using a little hand stitch, stitch the facing near the zip and on the side seams. This will ensure it stays in place.



Finish the hem using the 3 thread wide overlock with decorative that was used before.



Ta Da! Now go and strut your stuff!





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