Supplies needed: -Two pieces of your sample fabric 4” by 10”

 -One 7” (any color, not invisible) plastic zipper, if it is longer, we can shorten it

 -Thread and bobbin

 -Shears, pins, chalk/marking pencil

 -Zipper foot

1. Serge one 10” edge of each fabric piece.
2. Mark a dot on the back of your fabric about 2” from the bottom of one the 10” sides you just serged.
3. With right sides and serged edges together, pin the two pieces together perpendicular to the serged edges.
4. Machine baste (set machine to longest stitch) from the top stopping at the dot you marked. You do not have to backstitch.
5. Regular stitch (2.5 length) with a 5/8” seam allowance from the dot down to the bottom of the serged edge being sure to backstitch at the dot and again at the bottom.
6. Press the entire seam open.
7. Open the zipper.
8. Place the zipper tape (the fabric part of your zipper) face down on the seam allowance with the metal stop at the dot and the coil lined up with the basted seam. Pin in place.
9. Using a zipper foot, machine baste down the center of the zipper tape.
10. Close the zipper keeping the pull tab up.
11. Open the fabric pieces and lay flat so that you are looking at the “outside” of the garment.
12. Place pins parallel to one another across the seam. These pins will straddle the zipper coils on the back. Pins will be perpendicular to the seam. The last pin should be directly below the bottom stop of the zipper.
13. Get a piece of ½” wide scotch tape the length of the seam. Center the tape directly over the seam. The tape will serve as a stitching guide.
14. Continuing to use the zipper foot, stitch around the tape pivoting at the bottom of the zipper. You may take your pins out as you sew. Make sure you are sewing on the very outside of the tape and not catching the tape in your stitching.
15. Remove the tape and your original basting stitches.
16. Staple to this direction sheet.