How To Sew A Zipper With or Without A Zipper Foot

Whether you have a dedicated zipper foot or not, sewing in a zipper can be approached with confidence. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you conquer the zipper insertion process, regardless of your available tools.

Materials You'll Need

- Fabric with a zipper opening
- · Matching thread
- Zipper (appropriate length for your project)
- · Sewing machine

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Step 1: Preparation

- 1. Align the fabric pieces where the zipper will be inserted.
- 2. Pin the zipper in place, ensuring it's centered and the right sides of the fabric are facing each other.

Step 2: Attach the Zipper Foot

- 1. If you have a zipper foot, attach it to your sewing machine.
- 2. Adjust the needle position to the left or right, depending on your machine.

Step 3: Stitching the First Side

- 1. Begin stitching from the top of the fabric, getting as close to the zipper teeth as possible.
- 2. Stitch down until you reach the zipper pull, leaving a few inches unstitched.

Step 4: Switch Sides

- 1. Close the zipper and move the slider below the stitched section.
- 2. Stitch the other side using the same technique.

Step 5: Finishing Touch

- 1. Secure the stitches at the beginning and end.
- 2. Trim any excess zipper length.

How to Sew a Zipper Without a Zipper Foot

We have shown 3 methods in the following video.

Method 1:

The first method is appropriate if you are looking to sew a zipper in the back of a dress i.e. in the back of a Kurti or the back of a dress. Basically, this method is appropriate to sew a zipper on any cloth which has a half-pointed slit.

Method 2:

The second method is appropriate if you are looking to sew a zipper in a pillow cover or cushion cover, the side of a blouse, or a shoulder opening. If you are looking to sew a zipper in the front opening of a jacket-like garment crop-length top, then follow this method. Basically, this method is appropriate for sewing any cloth with an open slit area.

Method 3:

The 3rd method of how to sew a zipper is also appropriate for any front opening. But it is more appropriate for any bottom ware. For example, a pant or a trouser.

Conclusion

Regardless of the method you choose, practice and patience are key. Experiment with scrap fabric before tackling your project. With these steps, you'll confidently sew zippers, adding a professional touch to your creations, whether you have a zipper foot or not.

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