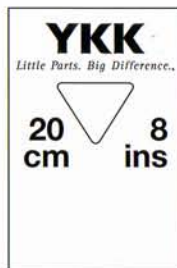
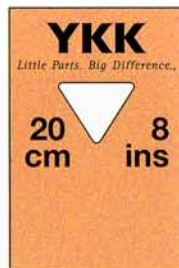


Know your zips



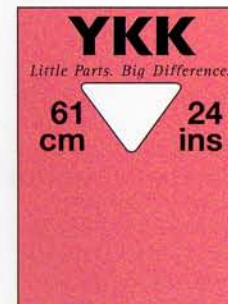
WHITE:
Nylon Dress & Skirt
Coil zip ideal for dresses, skirts and trousers.
10 LENGTHS



PEACH:
Concealed Standard
concealed zip, provides the professional finished seam. Ideal for fitted garments, evening and bridal wear.
4 LENGTHS



LIME:
Vislon Open End
Strong heavy-weight chunky moulded tooth zip. Ideal for use in sportswear, jackets and ski-wear.
7 LENGTHS



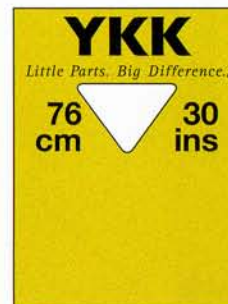
DEEP PINK:
Vislon Flip-Over
Open end mediumweight moulded tooth zip. Reversible slider ideal for jackets and any reversible garments.
3 LENGTHS



CORAL:
Beulon Concealed Lightweight
The ideal concealed zip for lightweight fabrics.
4 LENGTHS



RED:
Metal Trouser
Strong metal tooth zip with auto-lock slider and heavy metal teeth.
3 LENGTHS



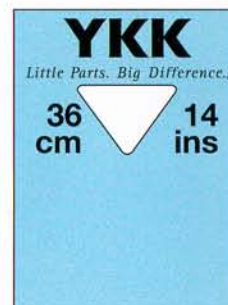
LIGHT GREEN:
Strong Metal Tooth
Open end heavyweight metal tooth zip for use with heavier weight fabrics including leather and suede.
3 LENGTHS



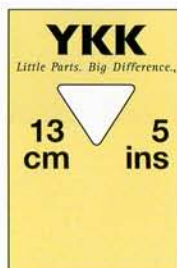
CREAM:
Lightweight Open End
Nylon coil zip with open end. Ideal for bridal and evening basques, lingerie, childrenswear and knitwear.
4 LENGTHS



GREEN:
Sleeping Bag Zip
Open end coil zip with reversible slider for mending or making sleeping bags.
1 LENGTH










BLUE:
Nylon Open End
Mediumweight nylon coil zip. Ideal for knitwear, babywear, jackets, cardigans and sportswear.
11 LENGTHS



YELLOW:
Brass Jeans
Semi-autolock zip slider. Suitable for fitted trousers, jeans and cords.
3 LENGTHS

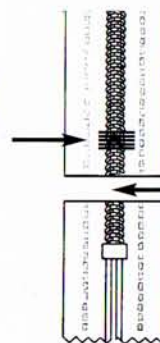
Selecting the right zip and how to insert them

The instructions which follow are a guide to the best zip insertion method and zip for the job. The methods mostly depend on the zip being inserted in a seam which has been temporarily closed with machine tacking stitches which are later removed. This keeps the zip in a stable position and prevents a mismatch of edges. At the end of each instruction is a list of appropriate YKK zips for the method. Here is a key:

-  Right side of fabric.
 -  Wrong side of fabric.
 -  Interfacing on fabric.
 -  Zip teeth stop position on fabric.
 -  Zip foot, needle on right.
 -  Zip foot, needle on left.
 -  Masking or quilting tape.
- Left and Right**
As seen in the diagram.

Shortening a nylon zip

- 1 To shorten a nylon zip (eg YKK Beulon, Concealed or Nylon) use the widest zig-zag stitch on your machine, stitch length set to zero and zig-zag on the spot, across the coil, approximately 10 times. Or hand sew tightly around the coil the same number of times.



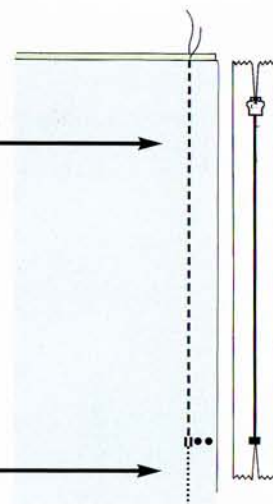
- 2 Now cut the zip 2.5cm below the stitches.

Centred method

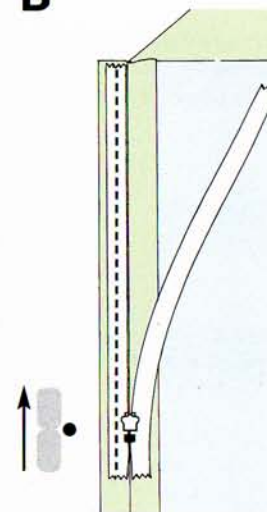
Centred zips are ideal for the back of dresses or skirts and can also be used for soft furnishings (cushions).

A

- 1 Temporarily close the seam in which you are inserting the zip with large machine stitches to zip teeth stop position.
- 2 Set stitch to regular size, backstitch 3mm then sew the rest of the seam.
- 3 Press seam open.

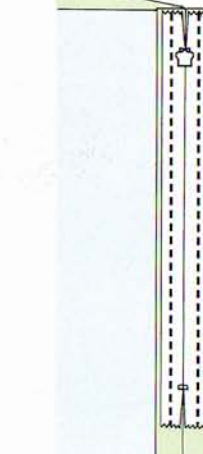


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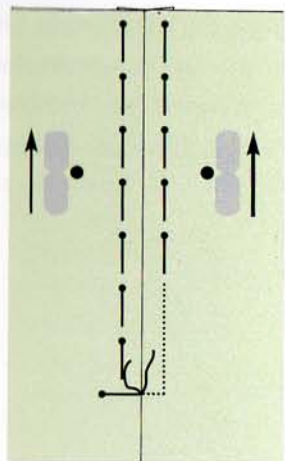
- 4 Open zip and place it face down on the open seam.
- 5 Pin the left hand zip tape to the left hand seam allowance lining up the teeth precisely with the centre of the seam.
- 6 Using the zip foot, needle on right, and a large stitch machine left hand zip tape in place (tacking stitches).

C



- 7 Close zip.
 - 8 Pin the right hand side of the zip tape to the right hand side of the seam allowance.
- CAUTION!** Make sure the zip is laying flat against the seam allowance.
- 9 Using the zip foot, needle on left, and large stitch, machine right hand zip tape in place (tacking stitches).
 - 10 Turn seam over to right side and press flat.

D



- 11 From right side, pin around zip so it lays completely flat:
- NOTE! direction of pins.
- 12 Set stitch to regular size, use zip foot, needle on right and starting at seam, sew around zip 7mm from centre.
 - 13 Repeat on left.
 - 14 Run threads through to back and tie them off.
 - 15 Unpick tacking stitches (see 1, 6 and 9).

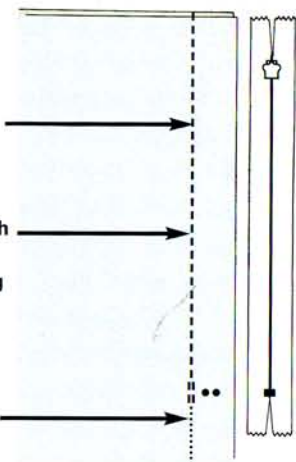
YKK zips suitable for this method: Beulon, Nylon, Zip & Sew, medium weight Vislon zip with closed end.

Lapped method

Lapped method zips are used in the side seams of dresses, skirts and trousers and it is also the preferred method in cushions. **NB: lapped method zips always go in the left hand side of the garment.**

A

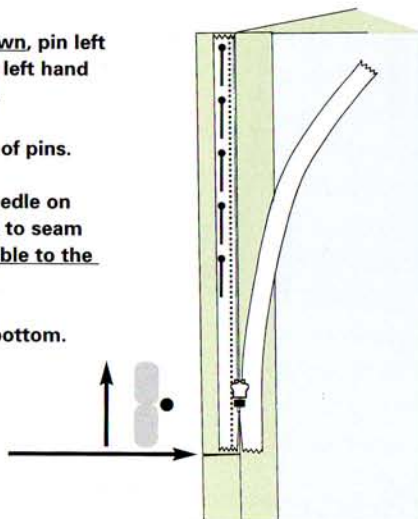
- 1 Always allow a bigger seam, eg: a 2cm seam.
- 2 Close seam with a large machine stitch to bottom of zip teeth stop. (Tacking stitches).
- 3 Set stitch size to regular size, backstitch 3mm, then sew the rest of the seam.



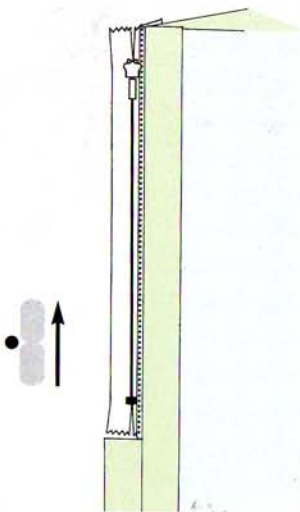
- 4 Press seam open.
- 5 Open zip.

B

- 6 With zip face down, pin left hand zip tape to left hand seam allowance.
- NOTE: Direction of pins.
- 7 With zip foot, needle on left sew zip tape to seam as close as possible to the teeth.
- TIP! Start from bottom.
- 8 Clip into seam allowance here.
 - 9 Close zip.



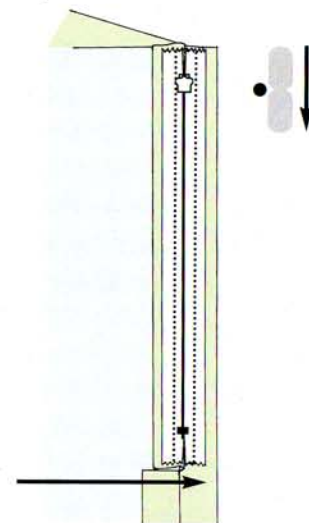
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- 10 Pull zip away from seam and neatly machine along the fold formed in the left hand seam allowance.
- TIP! Do this by using the zip foot, needle on the right, from the bottom.

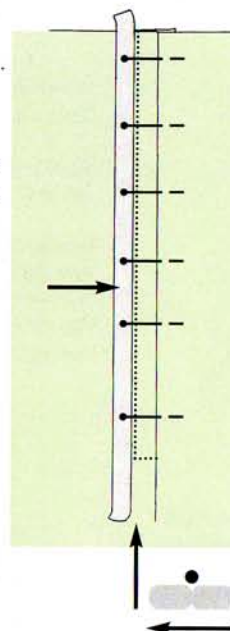
D

- 11 Pull zip across and stitch to right side seam allowance.
- TIP! Make sure zip is flat against seam allowance and sew from top to bottom, needle on left side of zip foot.



E

- 13 Lay a strip of thin masking or quilting tape 1.2cm from left hand side of seam as a guide to sewing.



- 12 Turn seam to right and press flat. Pin zip as shown.
- 14 Start at bottom, zip foot, needle on left and sew along bottom and up side of zip. Take pins out as you reach them.
- 15 Unpick large (tacking) stitches.

YKK zips suitable for this method: Nylon, Metal Trouser, Zip & Sew.

Concealed method using zip 1/2 foot

This method is not possible without the special concealed zip - other types of zips will not work. Concealed zips can be used in medium to lightweight fabrics for dresses, trousers and skirts. They are ideal for bridal wear. **TIP!** The seam below the zip is sewn after the zip is inserted.

Follow stage A-C as for centred method, except in A close the whole seam, with large stitches.

D Unpick tacking stitches in A - (the ones temporarily closing the seam). Make sure all pieces of thread are removed. Open zip. Turn seam right side up.

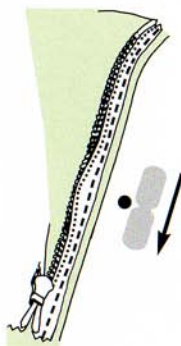


E

1 **THREE RIGHTS:**
Right side of fabric.

Right hand side of zip tape
(zip wrong side).

Needle on right hand side,
sew along zip as close to
the teeth as possible. NB:
The zip slider will prevent
sewing the last 3-4cm.



F

2 Again working on the right
side of the fabric, needle on
the left of the zip foot, sew
down the left side of the
zip tape.

3 Remove all tacking stitches.

G



4 Zip end - pull out of way.

5 Use the zip foot, needle on
right and sew from the
bottom of the seam up to
the zip stitches.

H

6 Finally hand or machine sew
the bottom of the zip tape to
the seam allowance only.
This will prevent the zip
seam stitches taking all the
strain when you use the pull
to close it.



YKK zips suitable for this method: Concealed, and light-weight concealed for flimsy fabrics.

Concealed method using special foot

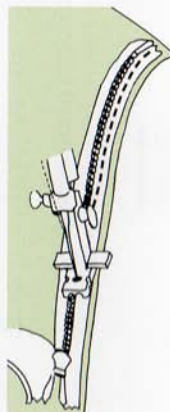
A special "concealed zip" foot can be used to insert the concealed zip. Follow stages A to D of the zip 1/2 foot method.

E

1 Using special
foot right side
of seam, right
groove in
foot. Foot
straddles
the zip teeth
and holds
them away
from the path
of the needle.



F



1 Left side of seam,
left groove in foot.

Inserting a zip in a fly front

This method is used in the centre front of skirts and trousers - instruction shows the ladies' application. Position zip on the right for menswear. When cutting out trousers / skirts with fly fronts add 3cm extra to seam allowance in the zip area, ending this 2cm below the zip teeth stop position.

A

1 Interface fly extension to sewing line.

2 Large stitches to bottom of zip teeth stop.

3 Small stitches below zip mark.

4 Clip to seam (left hand only).

B

5 Zip face down (wrong side up).

6 Line up right side of zip tape with C.F. seam.

7 Machine left side of tape to extension only close to the teeth.

C

8 Lift right hand side of zip and hold it away from main pieces of fabric.

9 Machine along the fold formed on extension.

D

10 Pull zip across to right side.

11 Machine zip (right side) to right side of extension only.

TIP! Make sure zip is flat against seam allowance.

E

12 Size 3.5 top stitching.

TIP! Use thin masking tape or quilting tape as a guide to this stitching. Draw the curve in chalk.

13 Unpick tacking stitches.

F

Zip guard: 12cm x length of zip + 1cm folded.

G

14 Sew guard to left extension only. (Not through to front). Zig-zag seam together.

15 Bar tack from right side. (A row of close zig-zag stitches).

YKK zips suitable for this method: Metal Trouser, Brass Jeans Autolock or Brass Jeans Semi-Autolock.

Open ended zip method

This method is used for the front of coats and jackets and for inserting or replacing a zip in a sleeping bag.

A

1 TIP! Use a larger machine needle - size 90-100 and machine carefully over the plastic ends of the zip.

2 Separate zip.

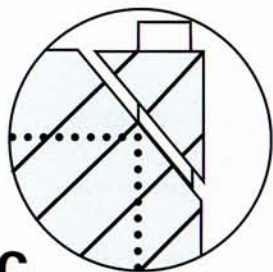
3 On right side of fabric. Machine tack the zip sections in place as shown with the zip teeth face down towards the body of the garment and not the edge.

NOTE! It is important to leave a seam allowance above the top of the zip teeth and the end of the zip. If the zip is too long, the top can be sewn in with the top facing or the top of the sleeping bag.

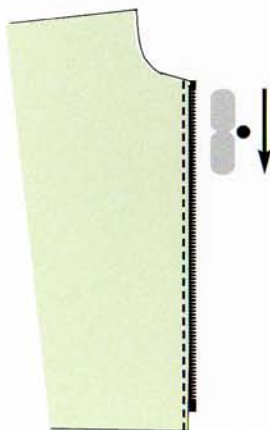
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- 4 Place the interfaced facing on top of the zip and pin around neck and front edge.
- 5 Use zip foot, needle on left to sew around neck and front edge, accurately, close to zip teeth.

NOTE: If this method is used for a sleeping bag, the zip is sandwiched between the main fabric and lining.

**C**

- 6 Clip corners top and bottom (also sleeping bag corners at start and finish of zip). Try not to cut zip tape at top.



Lapped zip in a cushion using Zip & Sew

A

Plan the size of your cushion then cut your Zip & Sew plus one slider to the width of the cushion.

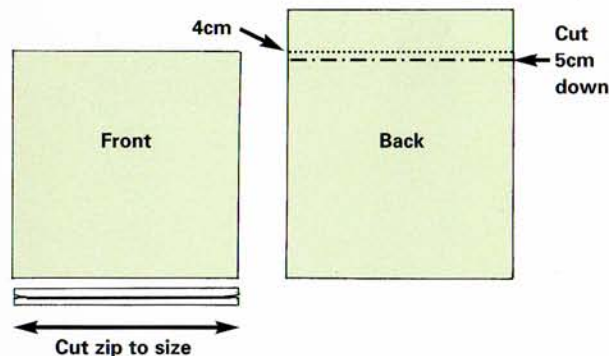
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Secure the teeth 1.5cm from the end below the slider with the "shortening a nylon zip" method (see earlier instruction). **BEWARE** the zip slider does not come off the top of the zip.

NOTE: Lap should go towards the edge. 1st stage will be on the narrower piece of fabric.

C

Cut the back of your cushion 4cm longer than the front. Cut the back fabric 1cm below this line (5cm from top) and insert zip using the lapped method.

**D**

Once zip is in place, the front and back cushion pieces can be sewn - right sides together.

NOTE: Remember to open the zip prior to sewing.

E

The centred method can also be used. In both methods, the top and bottom of the zip will be sewn in with the cushion's side seam.

Hot tip...

For putting a facing on the top of a skirt or trousers with a zip inserted in the lapped method.

A

- 1 Insert the zip by lapped method but 1cm down from top. Open zip.

B

- 2 Cut 1.5cm down to sewing line just to the right hand side of the right side of the zip tape.

- 3 Trim top of seam allowance 1cm down.

C

- 4 Fold in seam allowances at top of zip to face each other and hand stitch in place (sewn edge should line up with sewing line).
- 5 Facing can now be attached to the sewing line.
- 6 It will be necessary to sew a hook and eye at the top of the zip.