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Janet Pray demonstrates how to master the slot zipper.



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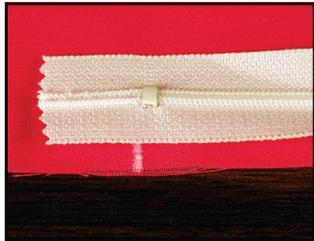
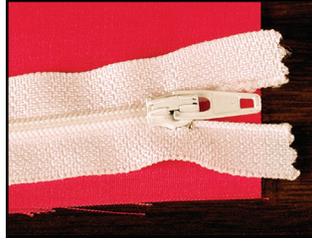


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MASTERING THE SLOT ZIPPER (method one)

The first method covers the basic slot zipper, with the opening centered over the zipper teeth.

Begin by marking the zipper's location. Lay the zipper down over the seam of the garment with the zipper pull turned up; align the zipper pull perfectly with the top raw edge of the garment.

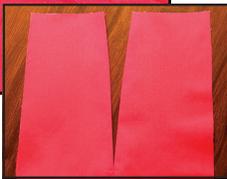


Mark the location by making a small clip or chalk mark on the edge of the seam allowance at the bottom of the zipper stop. Set the zipper aside.

Using a 5/8 inch seam allowance stitch the seam from the marking to the bottom of the seam, backtacking as you start, leaving the zipper opening unstitched.



Press open the 5/8 inch seam allowance from top to bottom of the seam including the unstitched portion.



Attach the zipper foot. Lay the zipper, right side up with zipper pull flipped up toward the

top of the zipper tape. Lay the garment, directly over the zipper. Align the top raw edge of the skirt with the extended zipper tab.



Holding the two firmly together, open the zipper. Still holding the top edges together and using the opened zipper as your guide, lay

the seam-opening over the zipper so the zipper teeth and the folded edge of the skirt are exactly flush.

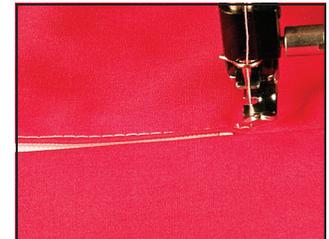
Start stitching from the right top approximately 3/16 inch from the folded edge of the seam.



Continue to sew, keeping the edges flush until approximately 1 to 1 1/4 inches from the bottom opening.

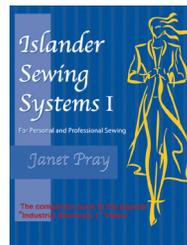
Leaving the needle down, close the zipper and continue stitching to just below the zipper stop, keeping the folded edge in the center of the zipper.

Again leave the needle down, lift the foot, turn the garment until the foot is perfectly squared at the bottom. Lay the other side of the seam opening right up against the finished side. Sew across the opening in a straight line, and stop the width that is equal to the first side. This is best accomplished by counting the number of stitches it takes to reach the center.



Leaving the needle down, lift the foot and turn again. Lower the foot, making sure you have cleared the zipper. Align the left side to the right side with folded edges butted against each other.

Stitch the same distance from the folded edge as on the right side. At a point 3 to 4 inches from the top, stop with the needle down and lift the presser foot. Unzip the zipper, lower the presser foot and continue stitching to the end of the edge.



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