



## HOW-TO Zipper Instructions

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### Step 1

Align the cut edge of the fabric with the edge of the zipper tape so that the right sides are facing each other. The zipper stop and zipper slider may extend from each end. Place the needle to the far left position. Stitch the length of the zipper with the All Purpose Foot leaning against the zipper coil.

### Step 2

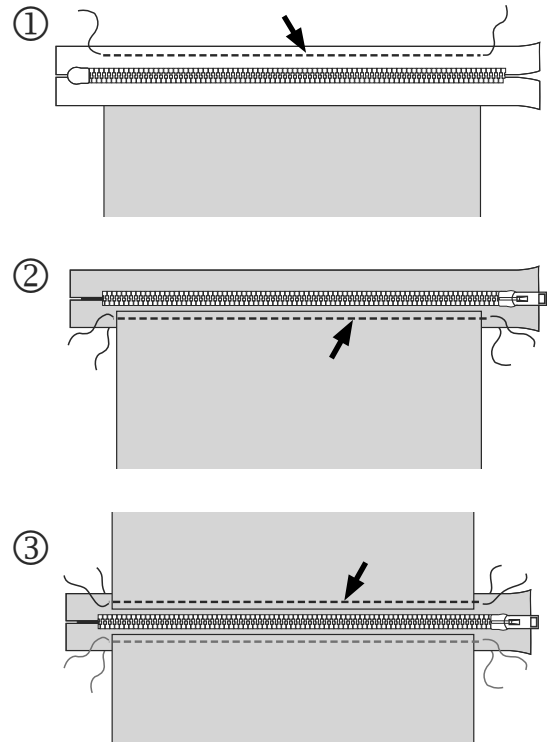
Fold the fabric over to expose the zipper coil. Position the Edge-stitching, Edge Joining, or Ditch Quilting Foot with the bar between the zipper coil and the fold of the fabric. Move the needle position slightly left of the fold, and stitch across.

### Step 3

Repeat this process on the other side of the zipper.

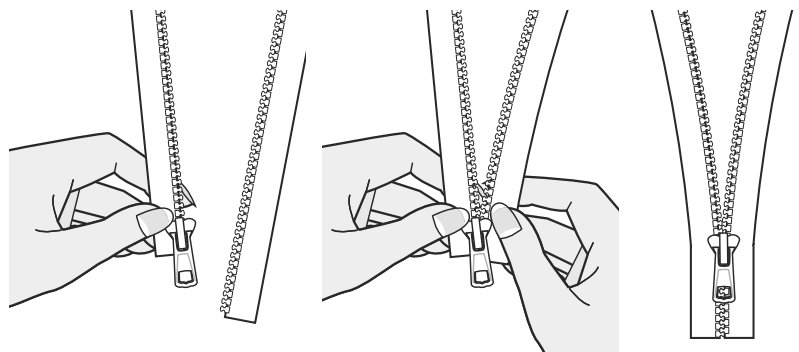
### Extra Zipper Tips

- Many times the zipper pull is in the way of accurate stitching. To maintain a straight stitching line, stop before reaching the zipper pull, leaving the needle in the down position. Lift the presser foot, unzip the zipper a few inches and stitch past the bulky area.
- To avoid melting the zipper coil on polyester zippers or scratching the iron with metal zippers, do not press the zipper coil. Use a medium to cool iron setting when pressing the zipper area of a project.
- Most zippers are a solid color. Combine 2 separating zippers of the same size and style teeth in coordinating colors to enhance the design of a project. Unzip them and swap the colors to create your own combination. It's that simple.
- Use leftover zipper parts to decorate pockets or make jewelry.



## Fix a Zipper

It is very easy to "fix a zipper" or add a slider to yardage. Place the slider on one side of the zipper teeth (chain) and hold with your thumb and finger. Place the other side of the zipper teeth into the slider and give it a little tug. You will feel the teeth catch in the slider. Pull the slider to close the zipper. Be sure to stitch over each end of the zipper to protect. This same instruction works with the coil type zippers.



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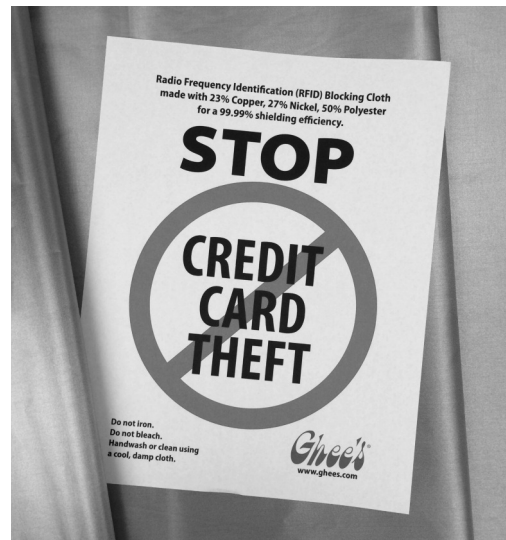
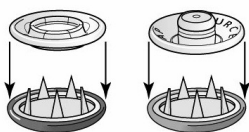
## #551 Caddy Bag

A useful carryall designed as a shopping/travel bag, crafting/sewing tote, festival tote, sleepover tote, or toy bag. A rectangular shaped bag, the Caddy is approximately 19 inches wide x 16 inches high x 6 inches deep. There are 2 outside pockets—one with zipper closure, one open patch style. Multiple pockets on the inside to organize, including an inside secret zipper pocket. Instructions included to add a zipper slider to a cut zipper chain. A triangular miter is used for shaping. Size chart included for smaller handbags or zipper bags using same style zipper closure.



## Ghee's Double Closure Cap Collection from the Snap Source®

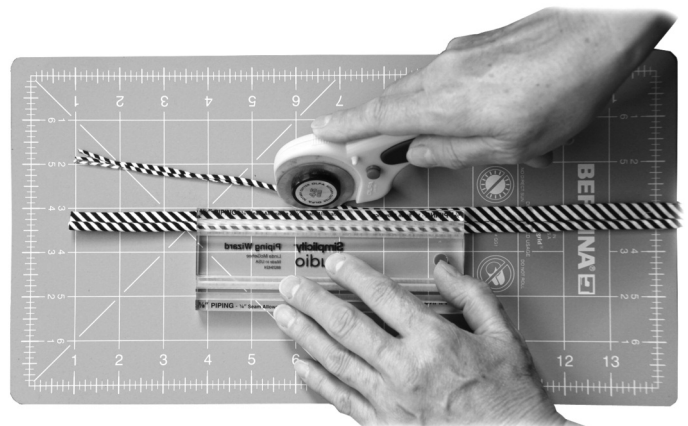
Use pretty snap caps on both sides of the project. Perfect for cord organizers, traveling bowls, jewelry, and other decorations.



*When making a wallet or bag that includes space for credit cards, passports, and driver's license, line that area with RFID Cloth.*

## RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Cloth

The concern is that some credit cards, passports, and driver's licenses now come with embedded radio frequency identification chips. When activated by an **RFID** reader, these chips transmit certain types of information wirelessly, so that you can verify your identity or even make a purchase without swiping your card. Shields or wallets marketed as **RFID-blocking** devices can make it more difficult for someone to acquire this information.



## Piping Wizard

The Piping Wizard was designed to make corded piping easier, fast, and accurate. There are grooves for  $\frac{1}{16}$ ",  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", and  $\frac{1}{4}$ " cord with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowances for each size cord. Simply cut the bias strips slightly wider than you think you need for appropriate cord. Fold the fabric over the cord and stitch using the Pearl's and Piping Foot, Cording Foot, or Double Welt Foot. Move the needle to the appropriate position for the size cord used and stitch using a longer stitch length. Next, lay the correct groove of the Piping Wizard over the corded piping you've just created to trim to either  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. It's that simple to have the perfect seam allowance necessary for the project!