**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.

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**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.