zippers

At your notions counter you will find many kinds of zippers with detailed sewing instructions in the package. If you use the zipper foot, you will find it easy to form an even line of stitching close to the zipper.

STRAIGHT STITCH ZIPPER INSERTION

- Stitch Width Selector: **1**
- Needle Position: **C**
- Stitch Length: **10 to 15**
- Throat Plate: General Purpose or Straight Stitch
- Presser Foot: Zipper Foot

When the zipper is to the **right** of the needle:

1. Loosen the thumb screw at the back of the foot, and slide the foot to the **left** of the needle.
2. Check the position of the foot by lowering the needle into the side notch of the foot, making sure it clears the foot.
3. Lock the foot into position by tightening the thumb screw.

When the zipper is to the **left** of the needle, adjust the foot to the **right** of the needle in the same way.

**BLINDSTITCH ZIPPER INSERTION**

- **Fashion** Disc: **8** (Blindstitch)
- Stitch Width Selector: **2½ or 3**
- Needle Position: **C**
- Stitch Length: **12**
- Throat Plate: General Purpose
- Presser Foot: Zipper Foot

On chiffons, velvets, and sheer fabrics, you can blindstitch the final step of a zipper insertion to give a fine finish that is almost invisible.

1. Allow a ¾-inch seam allowance.
2. Start the insertion in the regular way, but omit the final step.
3. Work from the right side of the garment and pin the zipper tape into position. Pin through all layers, smoothing the fabric as you pin.
4. Baste a line about ¾ inch from the seam line to provide a guide for blindstitching. Remove pins.
5. Adjust zipper foot to proper side as described in “Straight Stitch Zipper Insertion.”
6. Turn garment inside out.
7. Place zipper tape over feed and turn back the front section of the garment to the line of basting, creating a soft fold.
8. Adjust stitch width selector and position work so that the straight stitches go through the seam allowance and zipper tape, and the sideward stitches pierce a few threads of the fold.
9. Lower zipper foot and stitch slowly.
10. Remove basting and press.