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## Show#2108-1 Zipper Tips Part One

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In this show we'll explore tips for both slotted and lapped zipper applications. Zippers used in this show generously provided by Coats & Clark™. Learn more about their products at [www.yarspirations.com](http://www.yarspirations.com).



Supplies featured in this show:

- [Coats & Clark](#) Dual Duty XP Polyester thread – Note: It's essential to use good quality thread when sewing zippers. Choose thread that closely matches your fabric when you want the stitching to fade into the fabric. Use contrast colors when you want zipper stitching to stand out and be noticed.
- [Coats®](#) Polyester All Purpose Zippers – Note: These zippers are crafted from 100% polyester tape and coil. The patented coil is split resistant. Zipper pulls and bottom strips are perfectly matched to the zipper tape.
- Brother Zipper feet:
- SA161 Brother Adjustable Zipper and Piping Foot – Adjustable for variable positions.
- SA208 Narrow Zipper Foot – Uses either far left or far right needle position.
- Zipper Foot "I" (part No. X59370021) included with many Brother model machines – Uses straight stitch center needle position.
- Lightweight fusible interfacing to stabilize zipper area.
- Pinking shears for trimming edge of fusible interfacing.
- Wash-out basting tape for temporarily holding zipper in place.
- Quilter's quarter inch marking tool for marking even stitching lines on slotted zipper.

### Zipper tips for lapped and slotted zippers:

1. Begin by interfacing entire zipper area, extending it slightly below the full measurement of the zipper tape.
2. Once you've determined the placement for your zipper tape opt for hand basting or using basting tape to temporarily secure tape while you stitch. Pins tend to distort the fabric and cause more trouble than they're worth while stitching most zippers.
3. When drawing your stitching line, be sure to test marker or chalk on fabric before using.
4. To avoid bumping into zipper pull while stitching, begin with a zipper at least 2-inches longer than pattern calls for, having the zipper pull tab extend beyond the edge where your facing or waistband would be.
5. If you have the Brother sew straight laser guide, set it so it lines up with your center seam and use it as a guide to keep sewing straight while topstitching the zipper.
6. Tie a string to your zipper pull tab to make it easy to open and close the zipper while you're stitching.
7. Place a safety pin at the top of your zipper to remind you not to cut it until you have sewn on your facing or waistband.

Download detailed, step-by-step zipper tutorials, from the It's Sew Easy TV Series 2100 tab on my website.

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