

Centered Zipper on a Seam

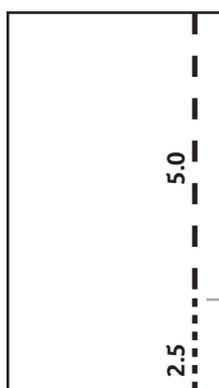
Centered zippers...

- Are hidden behind the two folded edges of the seam allowance.
- A casual, easy finish.
- Can be used for a wide variety of projects including dresses, skirts, and pillows.

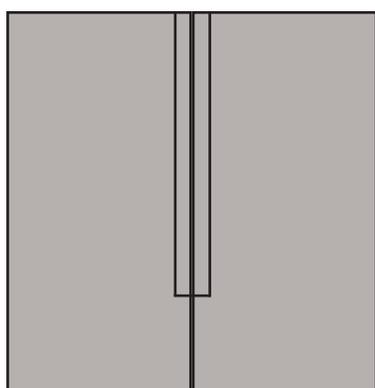
Centered Zipper Sample (7.75 H x 7.5 W)

Centered Zipper Sample Instructions

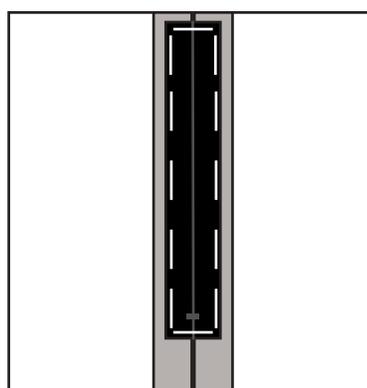
Supplies -
Scrap Fabric, One 5 inch zipper, Coordinating and Contrasting thread
Tools -
Sewing Machine, Basic Sewing Tools, Zipper Foot, Fabric Marking Tool, Grid Ruler, Seam Ripper, Iron, Hand Sewing Tools. (Optional: Serger)
Instructions - Refer to the instructional video by learncreatesew.com
Cut two 7.5 H x 4.25 W rectangles
Place the two rectangles right sides together
To mark the opening for the zipper, place the zipper along one 7.5 inch edge of the fabric so that the top zipper stops are about 3/4 - 1 inch from the top edge of the fabric.
Keeping the zipper in place, in the seam allowance on the fabric mark 1/2 - 1 inch above the bottom zipper stop. Then set the zipper aside.
Using a 5/8 inch seam allowance, sew a seam along the same 7.5 inch edge. Above your mark sew with a 5.0 stitch length. These stitches will eventually be removed.
Below your mark finish the 5/8 inch seam allowance using stitch length 2.5. Backstitch when you start and stop.
Press the seam flat to set the stitches. Then, press the seam open.
Finish the edges (optional). Do not trim the fabric.
Lay the fabric right side up. Use a vanishing marking tool to draw a line 1/4 inch away from the seam on both the left and right. Start at the top edge and extend the line to your mark, where the stitches changed size. Connect the two lines at the bottom creating 3 sides of a box that is 1/2 inch wide and centered at the seam.
Place the fabric right side down. Lay the zipper right side down on top of it.
Center the zipper on the seam so the top stoppers are 3/4 - 7/8 inch from the top edge.
Hand baste the zipper in place. Make sure the top tape extensions stay together at the seam. Basting stitches should NOT lie on your drawn lines.
Place the zipper foot on your machine. Stitch from the right side exactly on your drawn line using stitch length 2.5. Take care to push the zipper pull out of the path of the seam allowance while sewing.
Remove basting stitches. Both hand basting and the 5.0 stitches at the center of the seam.



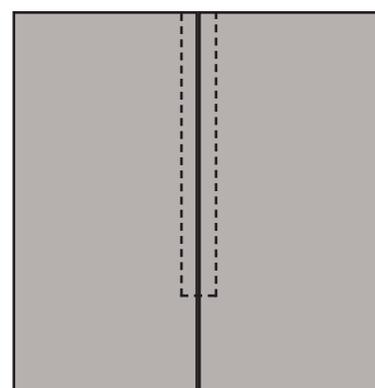
**Sew the
Seam**



Draw



**Place and
Baste**



Stitch