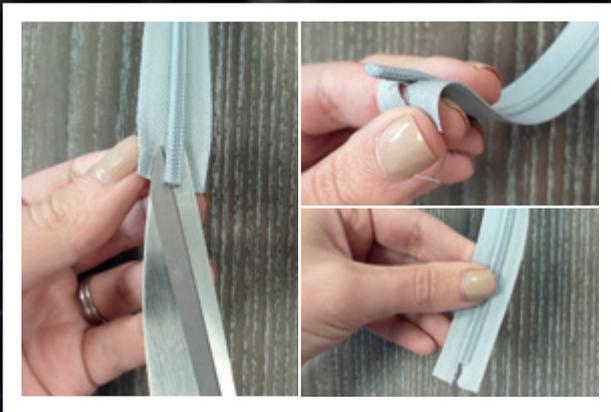
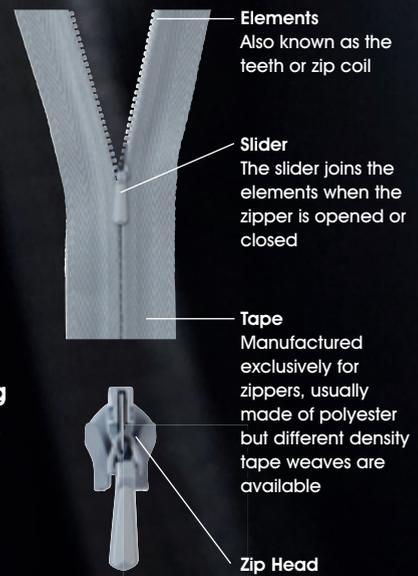


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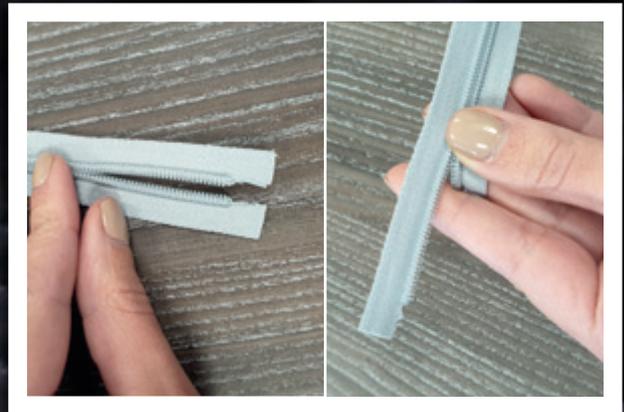


Attach a Zip Head to Concealed Zipping

Many of you like to use concealed zipping, and continuous concealed zipping is a great, economical solution for cut zips, cut any length of minimal wastage. Zip Sliders can be fiddley to attach, especially on Concealed zipping, so we asked YKK to share their hints and tips to make it easier to attach the zip sliders. With a bit of practise, you'll soon get the hang of it. Don't be discouraged, just try, try and try again and you'll soon be whizzing through them...



1. It's easier to attach the slider to the element with a little tab of tape to hold on to, so the first step is to neatly cut away a small section of the zip coil so you are left with two tabs of fabric.

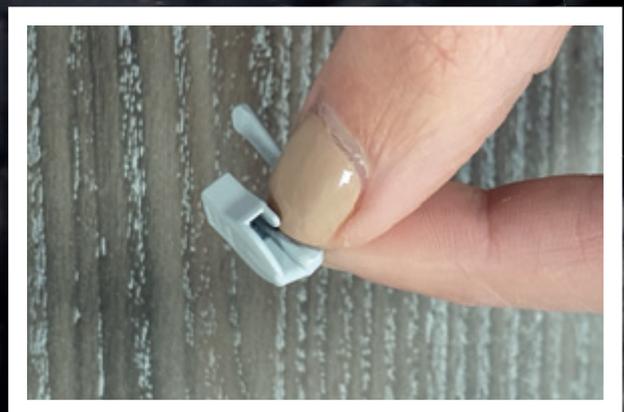


2. Pull apart a section of the zip teeth, and take hold of one of the zip with the teeth facing you.

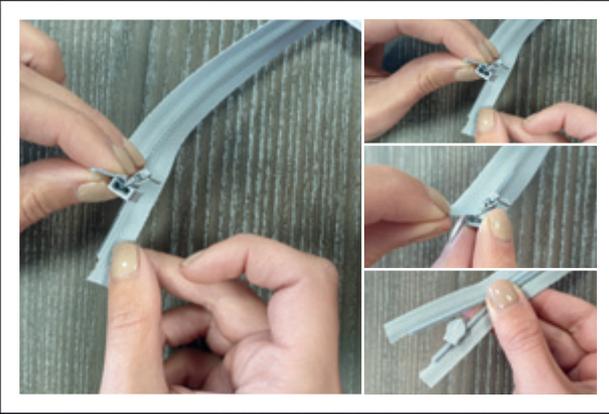
Note: The side of the zip which shows the zip coil or teeth is the back of the zip on a concealed zip and the side where the tapes are just visible is the face.



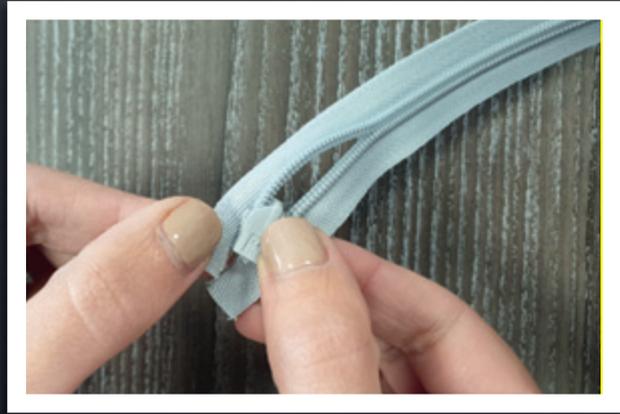
3. Holding one side of the zip with the teeth facing you, gently push/roll the teeth away from the tape, this will make it easier to attach the zip head.



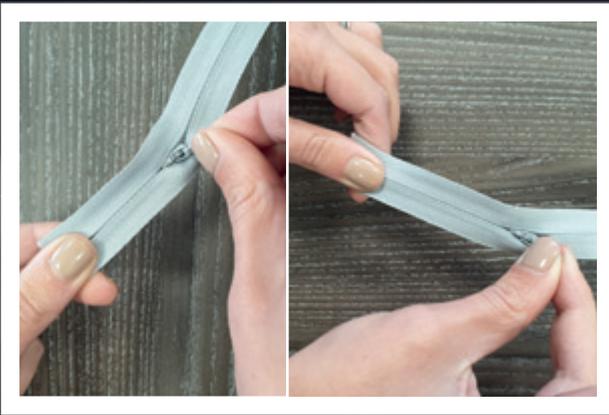
4. Take hold of the zipper in one hand, with the top of the zip facing out.



5. Turn the slider on its side and line the gap on one side of the zip slider, making sure the zip pull is on the opposite side to the teeth. Feed the teeth into the slider, making sure you feed into the top of the zip slider.



6. Once you have one set of the teeth inserted, carefully turn the zip over and repeat step 3 and 5.



7. Once both sides of the tape and teeth are engaged in the zip slider, grab hold of both tapes firmly at the bottom and pull the zip head up the length of the tape to close the section of zip you had pulled apart to put the zip head on. Don't worry if your tape ends are not even in length from side to side, simply cut the zip straight at the end.



8. Having trimmed the cut ends of your zip so they are level, measure the zip to your desired length, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch. Take your zip over to your sewing machine and sew across the teeth at your required length to create a stop, to prevent the zipper slide coming off. Sew over the zip coil a few times to reinforce the stop. Then cut your zip $\frac{1}{2}$ inch passed your stitch line.

What is the difference between Concealed & Invisible zips?

An invisible zipper has very fine teeth and it's sewn in such a way that it makes the zipper invisible, hidden in a seam. The only part left visible is the pull tab and that tends to be smaller or less obtrusive than other types of zippers.

True invisible zips are really designed for clothing, as they are not very strong. If you wanted the look of an invisible zip in your soft furnishings then it is better to use a concealed zip, as they are designed to take the strain and stress that a cushion may get once nicely plumped and full of fillings.

A concealed zip is just as strong as a standard zip but manufactured so that the teeth are used on the reverse of the zip. So once sewn in the only part visible is the pull tab.