



Zippers

We've all had them—the zipper that sticks, breaks, loses teeth or pulls out of the seam; leaving us all quite flustered with the fashion emergency. This handy guide provides quick fixes for those sticky situations.

It costs less to have a zipper replaced than it does to buy a new pair of jeans.



Stuck Zippers -

- Check for fabric stuck in the teeth. If this is the case, gently tug the zipper tab back down while working the fabric out.
- If there is no fabric or threads stuck, it may need a little wax or bar soap. Gently tug the zipper tab back down, rub wax or bar soap over the teeth (not too much!). Give the zipper another try, gently easing up and down to work in the wax or soap.
- One final trick I found is rubbing a pencil over the teeth. This applies a coating of graphite, a natural lubricant to metals. This will not work on plastic zippers.

Zippers off Track—

- Using needle nose pliers, remove the stop at the bottom of the zipper (small metal piece holding two sides together (Pry the stop open as you would a staple)
- Slide the head (pull) of zipper to the bottom, holding hand in place at bottom so head does not come off. Straighten zipper top and bottom evenly.
- Slide head up toward top assuring teeth come together evenly. It may take a few tries.
- Once you are sure teeth are closing evenly you have two options: replace the stop at the bottom with pliers and close (clamp) in place or make a bar tack with needle & thread or on your sewing machine.

Loose Zippers On Jeans-

- Using a covered hair rubber band loop one end through the hole in the zipper tab. Now loop that end through the circle (hole) of the hair rubber band. It should be connected to the zipper tab.
- When your zipper is zipped loop top of hair band around top button on your jeans. This is a temporary fix until you can get the zipper replaced.

Zippers Missing Teeth—

- *A good rule of thumb is when teeth are missing, it is best to have the zipper replaced.*
- If you are in public and your zipper breaks—teeth pull out— a quick fix with a safety pin can keep the zipper in place until you are home to change.