



# How to Remove and Replace a Zipper



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## Introduction

Changing a zipper slide is really very simple. Once you have the right tools and supplies it's easy. Note: zipper slides can not be replaced on pants.

## Instructions

**Difficulty:** Moderately Easy

### Things You'll Need

- New Zipper Slider
- Lider Stop
- Needle Nose Pliers

### Steps

#### 1 Step One

Select a slider that matches the one you are removing. The letters that are printed on the slide tell you what size you need. For example: xxy would be the size. You would need to find one that says "xxy"

#### 2 Step Two

At the top of the zipper, the side that the slider is on, there is a small plastic, or metal, stop. (It is a small piece that is u shaped and fits around each side of the fabric) This prevents the slider from coming off when you zip up. Use the pliers to remove this piece. It may take some elbow grease, but it will come off.

#### 3 Step Three

Slide off the old, or broken slide, and replace it with the new one. Then at the top, where you removed the stop, clamp down (using the pliers) a new stop. Your done!! Zip up!

## Overall Tips & Warnings

You can find zipper slider and stops at your local fabric or hardware store.

Choose a slide that is at least one shade darker if you can't find an exact match.

Use caution when working with the pliers, you don't want to damage yourself or the fabric.

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by **SunAlsoRises** on 2/15/2008

Great advice! I'm gonna definitely have to try this. Thanks for this article.



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