

Zippers In Pillows with Donna Cash



In this PDF you will learn

- Designs by Donna's system for selecting zipper applications for pillows
- What the size # refers to when ordering zippers and why it matters
- When to use *invisible* zippers and three applications for *regular zippers*
- What a completed zipper should look like
- When it's okay to break away from the system

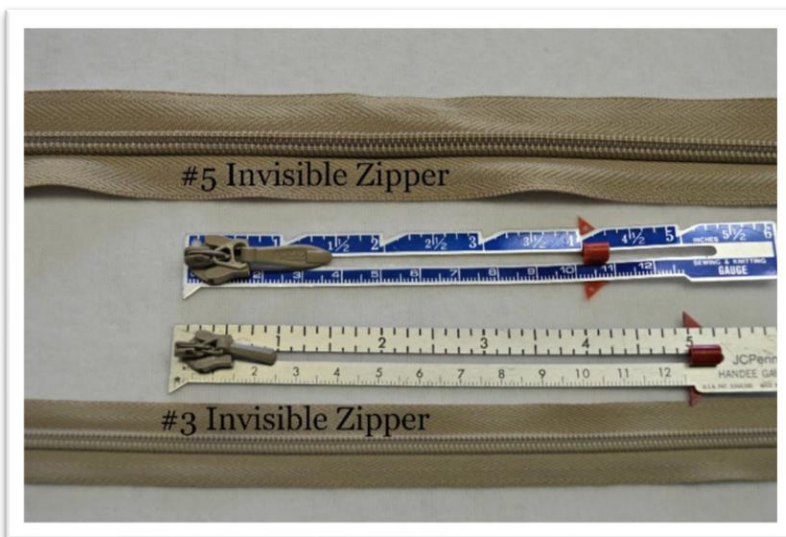
Zipper Size – What does the size # refer to?

- The zipper teeth are measured in millimeters



• Does zipper size really matter in pillows?

- Regular zippers
 - #4.5 nylon coil zippers for most light, medium, and heavy weight fabrics
- Invisible Zippers
 - #3 invisible zippers for light to medium weight fabrics
 - #5 for upholstery weight fabrics



Zippers for clothing may not work well in custom products, especially invisible zippers.

The pillows shown below are good examples of when to use invisible zippers in pillows.

Note: When an invisible zipper is sewn, the only thing that shows is the zipper pull.



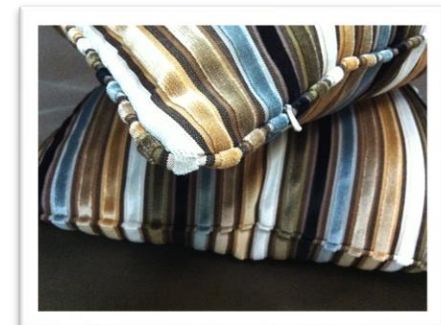
Knife edge pillows with no trim



Bolsters



Boxed pillows with no trim



Knife edge pillows with trim



Knife edge pillows with flat flange



Boxed pillows with no trim



Knife edge pillows with trim



Lapped Zipper

- A lapped zipper has an extra strip of fabric which allows the zipper to be inserted about an inch above the seam.



Knife edge pillows with brush fringe



Use a 'zipper strip' to insert the zipper above the seam



A lapped zipper inserted along the bottom of a pillow



Pillows with contrast mitered flange



The lapped zipper is inserted between the flange and the pillow back

Learn the basics first.

And then, get creative with techniques once you understand the method.



Boxed pillows with trim



Zipper hidden by decorative band



Diagonally placed lapped zipper

Zipper next to decorative braid cord or welt

- A folded flap at the bottom of the pillow back covers the zipper and meets the welt without covering it.



Folded flap covers the zipper



The flap does not cover the welt



Zipper in vinyl - no ironing, no pinning, I just got lucky!

Zipper next to flat welt



Folded flap covers the zipper



This flap covers too much of the flat welt



Breaking away from the norm.....

Bound Zipper

- A dressmaker detail in used in pillows where the pillow fabric goes all the way across the back of the pillow.



Bound zipper above the flange on pillow back



Flange on pillow wraps from pillow back to pillow front



Use a bound zipper as a functional embellishment



Use a bound zipper in any type of pillow!

Once you understand the basics, you'll be ready to make exceptions and use your favorite zipper insertion method.



And to recap:

- Use the correct zipper size
- Understand fabric weight and which size zipper to use
 - Learn the different zipper applications
 - Practice, practice, practice
 - Create a system that works for YOU
- Have fun breaking out from the norm!!!

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