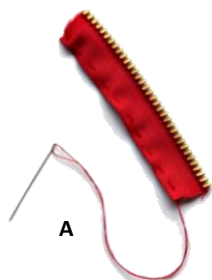


ZIPPER FLOWER

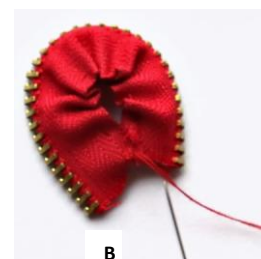
You need: 80cm metal zipper (one zipper makes two flowers)
Scissors
Needle and thread to match zipper tape
Small piece felt to match zipper tape
Hot glue gun (optional)



STEP 1. Split your 80cm zipper into two pieces

STEP 2. Cut 7 x 8cm pieces from one side of zipper. You will have 24cm remaining which is used for the centre of the flower.

STEP 3. Knot your thread and stitch a running stitch along the edge of the zipper tape on one 8cm piece of zipper (A). Pull to gather; this forms your petal. Join both sides together by stitching through both gathered edges, leaving metal edges open (B). Repeat this process for the remaining 7 pieces of zipper.



STEP 4. Cut a circle of felt a bit larger than a 50¢ piece. Stitch (or glue) down the first petal, leaving the centre of the petal exposed above the edge of the felt. Lay the next petal over the first, leaving the centre exposed. Continue around the felt circle, layering petals. One edge of the last petal should be tucked under the first petal (C).



STEP 5. The 24cm piece of zipper is used to create the rosette centre of the flower. Begin by folding down one end of the tape as illustrated; make a few stitches to secure the end and then start sewing a running stitch along the edge of the tape (D). After about one inch, stop and roll the tape to begin forming the rosette (E). Take a few stitches to secure and continue with the running stitch, working one inch at a time. Continue to loosely roll the tape until you have formed a rosette. Tuck the end under to hide the raw edge of the tape.



STEP 6. Secure the rosette in the centre of the flower. Cut a second circle of felt, the same size as the first. Place it over the first felt circle and stitch around the edge, stitching through both layers of felt and the zipper tape.

