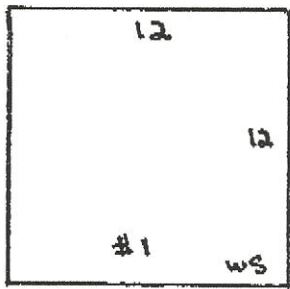


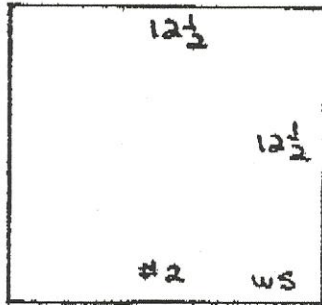
PUTTING IN ZIPPERS

WS = wrong side of fabric RS = right side of fabric

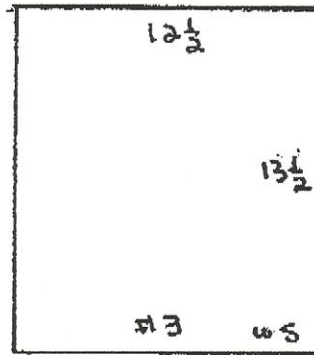
This technique can be used to insert a zipper in any application that requires a zipper in a flat area where there is a seam. Some uses are: pillow cover backings, garments and bags.



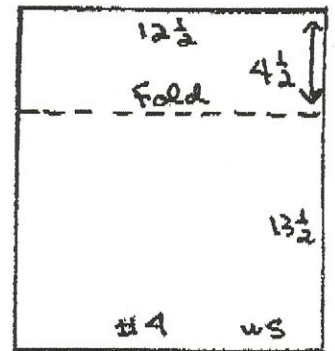
Insert an 8" zipper in a 12" x 12" square #1



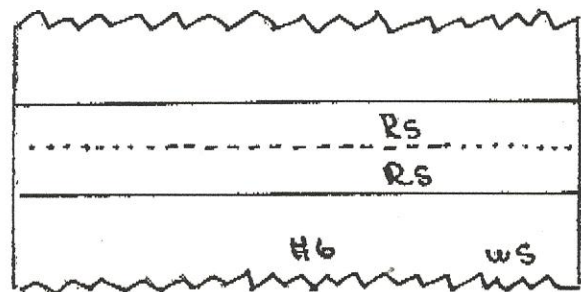
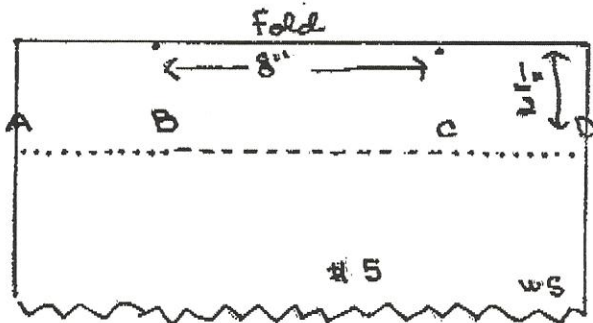
Add 1/4" to each side for seam allowance (width + height)
12 1/2" x 12 1/2" #2



Add an extra 1" to height:
12 1/2" x 13 1/2" #3



Measure down 4 1/2" on WS, mark, fold and press on dashed line with RS together #4



The space between B and C is 8" (or the length of your zipper). This should be centered on the width your fabric. Mark A, B, C and D. At 1/2" from the fold, sew from A to B and backstitch a few stitches. Do the same thing from C to D, backstitching a bit at C. The backstitching is going to lock the ends of the seam after the zipper is inserted. Using a long basting stitch, sew from B to C (still 1/2" from the fold). #5 Carefully trim off the folded edge so that it opens and press it flat. #6

Change back to a regular stitch and put on the zipper foot. Open the zipper and place it RS down, make sure that the "teeth" are lined up with your seam line and that the zipper lays between B and C. #7 Sew one side of the zipper, stopping before the end and close the zipper. Sew across the end and up the other side. As you get to the "zipper pull" it will be difficult to sew around, so stop with your needle down and push the zipper pull a bit to open the zipper and then continue to the end. When you get to the top, sew across it. #8 Remove basting stitches and open the zipper.

