Making a 30th Anniversary B&B Rose from a Zipper

Note: New zippers are often sold cheaply in thrift stores, as are second hand glue guns, glue sticks and other supplies. Zippers should be fine-toothed and lightweight. One zipper will make two roses.

1. First take a zipper - plastic or metal, in the colour you wish. The one used in this project is a white, 12 inch (30 cm) plastic invisible zipper. This is the minimum size. A longer one will produce a larger rose.



2. Open the zipper to its full length, then clip off the plastic stop at the end so you can slip off the zipper pull. Turn the zipper so that the zipper track is facing you.



3. Starting from the middle of the rose, bend the fabric beyond the top end of the zipper and fold the zipper track to join the bottom of the fabric. Use a dab of hot glue to hold it in place.



4. Fold the zipper into two or three V's, close together, seal with glue, keeping the sealed fold to the back. These form the first rose 'petals'.



5. Carefully wind the folded section around the centre and position it slightly higher. Put a dab of glue between the rounds to attach them. Create the next 'V' fold after you glue one. Offset each fold slightly from those in previous row. Bend the cut end inwards and glue it under the rose.



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6. Now turn the rose over and lightly glue down any folds that stick up, including the centre one.



7. Place the rose on a piece of felt, cut around it, then glue the felt to the back, covering the folds. Then glue on a brooch clip or safety pin.



You have now made a perfect rose pin. Make a second for a friend. They can also be made using fine metal zippers.





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