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Zip & Skip Number Line

With these unique counters, children can zip right through basic counting concepts.

Materials

- 2 20-inch zippers in a light color
- ruler
- black ultra-finepoint permanent marker

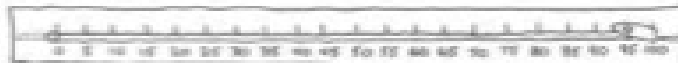


Making the Zip & Skip Number Line

- 1 Working from the bottom to the top of the zipper (not the zipper tape), measure and mark one-inch intervals on the zipper tape along the length of the zipper. You will make 20 marks, with the last one falling at the top of the zipper.
- 2 Label the bottom end of the zipper "0." Then label the first mark "5," and each consecutive mark with a multiple of five, ending with "100" at the top mark.
- 3 To make a 10s skip-counting line, measure and mark the zipper tape at 2-inch intervals. Then label the zipper from 0 to 100 in multiples of ten.

Skills and Concepts

- ⊗ skip-counting
- ⊗ sequencing
- ⊗ number values
- ⊗ money skills



HANDY HINTS

- A For durability and stability, mount the zippers on a fabric-covered piece of sturdy cardboard. To do this, squeeze a thin line of fabric glue along the edges of the zipper tape. Wipe away any excess glue, making sure it does not ooze onto the zipper teeth. Then carefully press the zipped zippers onto the fabric board. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly before using the zippers.