



Zip & Skip Number Line

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

Materials

- 2 Zip-it zippers in a light color
- ruler
- black sharp/fineliner permanent marker



Making the Zip & Skip Number Line

- Working from the bottom to the top of the zipper (on 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.
- Label the bottom end of the zipper "0." Then label the line mark "5," and each consecutive mark with a multiple of five, ending with "100" at the top mark.
- To make a 10x 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

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