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HOW TO FIX A STUCK ZIPPER

Zippers can become a nuisance when they start to encounter their signature problems like getting stuck. However, there are a few different options you can try to get it zipping again.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

- A graphite pencil
- Bar of soap or lip balm
- Vaseline

METHOD

OPTION 1. USING A GRAPHITE PENCIL

Start by using the tip of the pencil to coat the teeth along the closed zipper teeth with a light coating of graphite - this will act as a lubricant to help facilitate a smooth run of the zipper.

OPTION 2. USING A BAR OF SOAP OR LIP BALM

Try using a lubricating substance like a bar of soap, or a lip balm to make the teeth easier to slide through.

OPTION 3. USING VASELINE

When the above options fail, try using vaseline. Start by coating a light layer of vaseline to the outside of a cotton bud. Then, use the cotton bud to work the jelly into the teeth. This should result in helping to remove any smaller items that may be stuck in the zip as well as lubricating the teeth, making it easier to work the zipper out of its stuck position.

Please be careful if the zipper is part of a fabric item, the jelly can leave a greasy stain if not cleaned properly.