

Category One: Creating your accessories around a YKK trend item.

Applicants should design three or more accessories, containing one or more of the following five YKK trend categories

Trend 1:

LUMINA SIZE 12



Lumina® is part of the YKK high end Excella® Range. Excella® Zippers are produced with symmetrical teeth which allow the slider to move in both directions. It is extremely lightweight and super smooth. Aluminium-made teeth are individually polished and anodised before being set one by one onto your choice of tape. This manufacturing technique allows numerous original options, like bi-coloured or mixed element chains!

YKK has just brought out its widest Lumina® chain to date; Size 12 Lumina®. The chain equates to roughly 1.2cm across. It's big, it's light and it's very flexible.

Choose your element colours: Blue, green, orange, purple, red, aluminium, stainless, black nickel, antique silver, copper, brass, random mix or colour combinations.

Choose your tape: Colour and material you want: polyester, knitwear or satin.

Choose your zipper function: Closed end: zipper doesn't separate. Open end: zipper separates. Moveable: zipper has two sliders. Choose your length: Custom made to your requirements.

Trend 2: FlexFix®



YKK FlexFix System



What is FlexFix®? Put simply, a stud and socket combined with a plastic inlay. This system gives the user greater choice in terms of colours and variety of designs available. FlexFix® conceals snap under parts and can be combined with a multiplicity of snap caps. Other platings and colours upon request. Last year Ali Forbes utilised YKK FlexFix® system to create her unique range of macano inspired accessories.

Trend 3: **Prifa®**



PRIFA® zippers are YKK zippers with personalized graphics applied

We are giving the chance for applicants to design a graphic directly onto the zipper tape. When sending us your design, please follow the instructions below:

Please use Adobe® Illustrator® CS or a higher version when making the design
(When using McIntosh®, please save the data in a format that is Windows® compatible)
Please set to RGB colour system when making the design
(The color may change when converting CMYK into RGB.)
Please save any “letters” as an “image”. This will prevent any garbles from appearing
Please use the “outline” function in Adobe® Illustrator®
Please keep the design size to the following parameters (35mm width x length 300 mm)

If you are chosen as a finalist your graphic will be featured on YKK (size 5) reversible coil zipper. If you prefer, a transparent polyurethane film can be applied (matt or shiny) to the coil zipper upon request. If you are not sure what transparent polyurethane film would look like, see Aquaguard® zippers, located in Products Section of www.ykkeurope.com main site)

The printing design will be repeated every 300mm. so please keep your design within this parameter.

NB. Prifa® may take up to EIGHT WEEKS to receive after ordering. If you are chosen as a finalist please plan for this eventuality.

Trend 4:

Metaluxe™

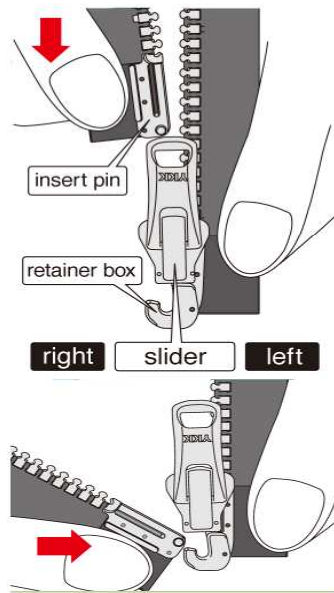


A fashion and sportswear fusion, the all new Metaluxe™ is 50% lighter than standard metal zippers. It's lighter and more flexible because it is made out of Vislon (plastic injection). Appearances are deception because Metaluxe™ is a luxury product, shaped and made to look like our high end Excella range. Metaluxe™ is available in; matt black, gold, antique silver, antique brass and golden brass finishes. Size 5 (roughly 5mm across width of teeth when closed) open and closed end. The tape colour is up to you.

Trend 5: Ez-Trak™

World first!

Easy zipper insertion from both the top and the side
A new style of zipper



YKK Ez-Trak™ is the first zipper of its kind in the world, allowing both top and side zipper insertion. Child's play and very useful if you are wearing gloves! This is a brand new product - only Size 5 is currently available (5mm width across teeth when closed). Ez-Trak™ greatly reduces puckering making it that much easier to sew. Tape and teeth are available in a myriad of colours. You choose.

What you need to prepare.

Applicants should provide the following two sketches for each design.

- an artistic sketch
- a technical sketch

This technical sketch must include all necessary information for sampling requests: fastening size, length, colour (if there is a choice) function (if there is a choice). Also include information about how you intend to attach the YKK products to your designs)

Remember, if you are chosen you will need to prepare a prototype!