

## How to Use Snap Pliers

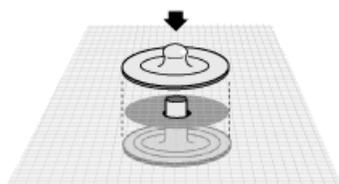
# Snap!

Would you like to embellish your jeans, purse or replace a broken snap on your jeans? Not sure how? Read more below for a quick How-To in attaching embedded snaps.

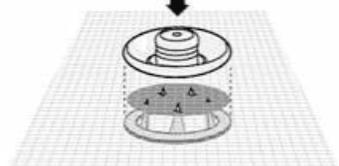
First, let's talk about the two different types of snaps available: **Post & Prong Style**.

- Post Style goes through the fabric with a single post. These are best suited for thick, dense fabrics (Denim, Canvas, Leather, etc.)
- Prong Style goes through the fabric with several teeth, or clasps. These are suited for loosely woven and knit fabrics.

There is an option of "Snap Tape", commonly used in infant and toddler clothing, and costumes. You can make your own snap tape, but you will still need to know the basics of fastening the snaps in place.



Post snaps attach through fabric



Prong snaps attach onto fabric



Snaps usually come several in a package. You can buy them decorative or plain. There are always 4 parts to a snap set.



Fastener Tool, common. Other tools to use are a hammer and punch.

## Get Started!

- I'll recommend you to waste a few snaps with practice. There is nothing worse than attempting to put snaps into your newly finished apparel or accessory, only to have it not work, fall out or worse, bend. Taking it out will leave a nasty tear and/or hole that you really don't want!
- Gather your supplies and a scrap piece of fabric.
- **NOTE: DO NOT MIX THE SNAP PARTS!** Manufacturers do not make all their parts the same. Extra snaps can be placed in envelopes or baggies.



These pliers have a round metal holder on one side, and a yellow plastic (moveable) piece that has a round plastic holder and a metal punch. The metal punch is for grommets and eyelets. Make sure this is turned away to the back for snaps.



Place your cover (outside) part on the fabric, with teeth pushing through the fabric. \* Remember, there are two types of snaps to use.



With your fastener tool, place the snap “head” into the slot without a post (The head will be the small post with a ball on the end).

Carefully slide fabric with cover snap into the tool with teeth over the snap head.



A good way to remember the order of snap parts:

### **Outside and Inside on Both Sides.**

Look close at the picture and you will see the top (cover) and the top of the snap portion. When these are unsnapped, the outside and inside are on both sides.



Repeat the process for the other two parts and your snaps are complete.

The most difficult part of using a snap fastener:

- Keeping the snaps in order (like brands together)
- Remembering the sequence of snap placement.

*Most manufacturers send instructions with their snap kits or they can be found on the backs of packages. Once you have tried a few, you will wonder why you never did this before!*