



SNAP FASTENER DIRECTIONS

Snap fasteners are sold in packages with directions, and an applicator, or you can buy the pliers-like tool separately. They consist of 4 parts: a socket piece, a stud piece and two pieces with prongs. They are strong and long wearing when applied correctly.



1. Mark position of snaps on overlap and underlap of garment.



2. On right side of garment overlap, push prong into fabric at mark. Tip: use a pencil eraser to push fabric, from wrong side, onto prongs.



3. Place prong, point side up, and fabric on a flat surface.



4. Place socket, raised center side down, over fabric and prongs.



5. Carefully place tool down over socket.



6. Pound with hammer several times.



7. Repeat for stud and prong on underlap of garment. Making sure the stud is on the outside of underlap.

Definitely easier than sewing a buttonhole and sewing on a button.

Q: How can you tell the right from the wrong side of the socket?

A: Simply take a socket and put it between your thumb and first finger. Rub the socket between your finger and thumb. One side of the socket is slightly raised and the other side is slightly indented. The raised side of the socket is meant to be placed next to the prongs.

An excellent tutorial for using the Dritz plier tool can be found at:

<http://sewmamasew.com/blog2/?p=1075>

Snap fasteners can be purchased at your local fabric store, or please visit my blog for some online resources: <http://jocole.blogspot.com/2010/04/snap-fastener-directions.html>