



# Be Crafty.

## Technique Tutorial

### How to Sew on a Snap

There are many types of fasteners. Each has an ideal use. Sew many fasteners – Sew little time! (We couldn't resist...) Here, we explore the Sew-on Snap.

Sew-on Snaps are one of the simplest fasteners ever designed. They are two sided with one side attached to each edge of an item requiring fastening. Use them on cuffs, or tabs and pocket flaps. Snaps are flat and usually meant to be hidden. But, it is sometimes fun to let them show – especially the big ones! Or plan to use them as decoration! Hand Sewing is the preferred method of attachment. See below.



#### TIP



What size or style of needle should you use? The style of needle can vary. What is your favorite? If you prefer a large eye, use an Embroidery Needle. Need a tiny hole in the fabric? Use a Between. For fat thread or yarn use a Chenille or Tapestry Needle.

Choose a needle sized for the thread and fabric. The finer the fabric or thread, the smaller the needle should be. Use a larger needle for heavier fabric or thread. But check to make sure the needle fits through the snap holes! If not, reduce the needle size so it passes easily through the holes in the snap.

#### TIP



##### ALIGNMENT:

Most Sew-On Snaps have a small hole in the center. Use this to help align the position of the two sides of the snap.

Measure and mark the desired position on your fabric. Sew on one side. Snap on its counterpart. To ensure perfect alignment, insert a straight pin from the opposite side through the center holes, extending through both sides of the snap. Separate the snap, keeping the unstitched section hooked onto the straight pin. Stitch in place. Perfect alignment.



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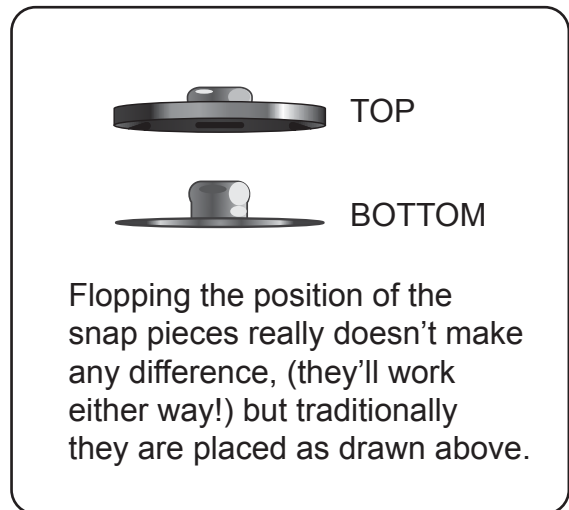
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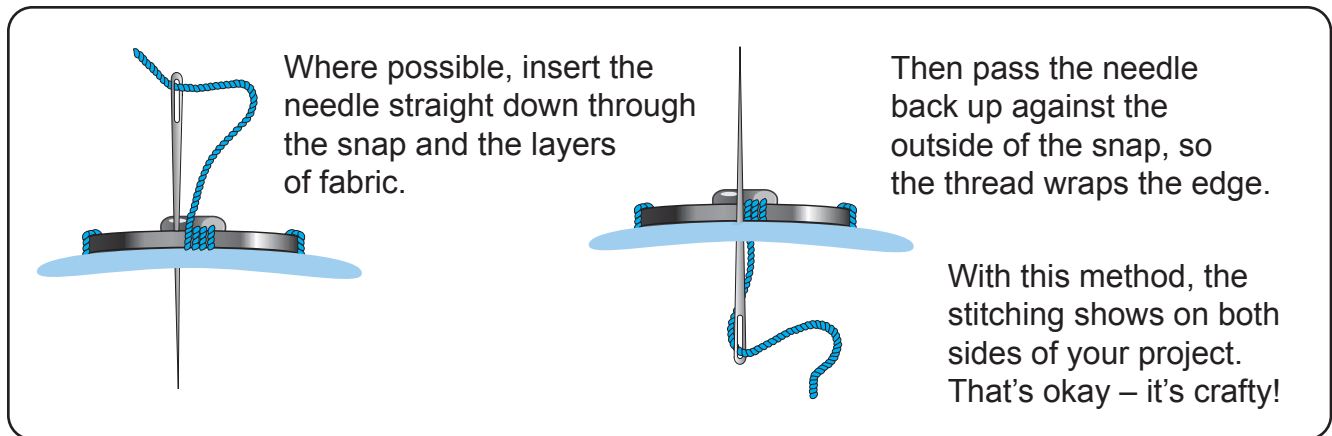
**Supplies:**

- Your project
- Any size or color of Dritz® Sew-On Snap
- Hand sewing needle
- Thread to match your project
- Scissors
- Optional: Tape measure & pins to mark placement

Sewing a snap is easy. Just decide how you want it to look. Thread should wrap the outer rim of the snap, not cross the center. The stitches can show on the opposite side of your project, or be hidden within the layers. Your choice! See below.



This is the crafty method. Stitching shows on both sides of your project. Use matching or contrasting thread. Red thread on cream fabric would be fun!



**TIP**



We are showing the stitching with one thread through the needle for clarity. But, we advise using a double thread for strength when sewing on snaps.



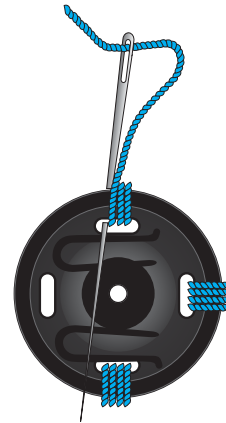
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This is the couture method. Use this when you don't want anyone to know the snap is there. Stitching doesn't show on the outside of your garment.

If you don't want the thread to show on the opposite side of the project, manipulate the fabric so the needle can pass through only the snap layer – not the layers underneath. The finished effect is the same on the inside, but on the outside, nothing is visible. It's a secret snap!



For this method, it is easiest to pass the needle *down* on the outer edge of the snap and *up* through the hole. Repeat several times per hole. Then pass the needle through the layers to the next hole. Repeat.

NOTE: Snaps have different numbers of holes depending on size. We have drawn our steps with only 4 holes for simplicity.