

How to Apply a Magnetic Sew-On Snap

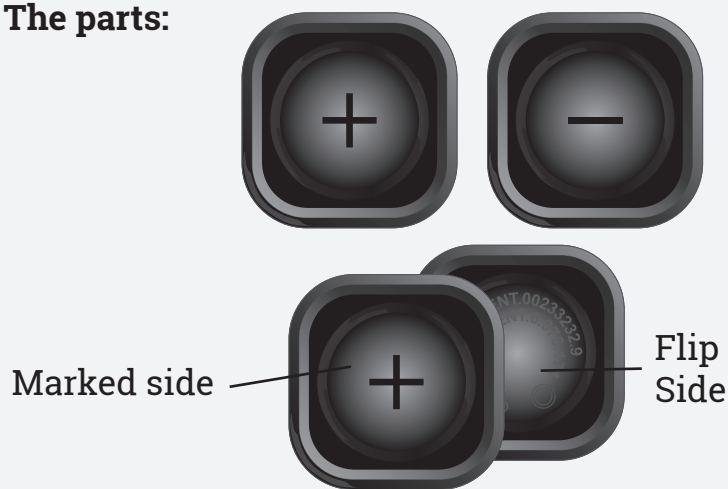
When you think of a magnetic snap, you usually think of shiny metal with bendable prongs. And you'd be right! But there is more to the magnetic fastener than that. Sew-on magnetic snaps are flatter, and they can be hidden. A magic closure that snaps shut invisibly! They are still great for totes, purses but even better for apparel! Try them out – here's how:

MAGNETIC ATTRACTION:

The polarity of the magnets is imprinted on the snaps as an aid to sewing them properly. The marked sides (+ or –) are the sides that should face the fabric. The flip sides (with printed patent information) should face each other. If you turn one piece over, you can feel the slight resistance in the pull. Flipping both sides will create a magnet that still draws together, but the attractive force is diminished.

Also for safety, you want the least magnetic side (with + or – markings) facing the machine bed when sewing. See the IMPORTANT note below and the one before Step 3.

The parts:



Sides with patent information face together for best results.

IMPORTANT

Follow instructions carefully when stitching. Always consult your sewing machine manufacturer for advice on the possibility of damage from a magnetic source.

You've never used a magnetic snap? Well, let us show you the basics. Tips included, of course!

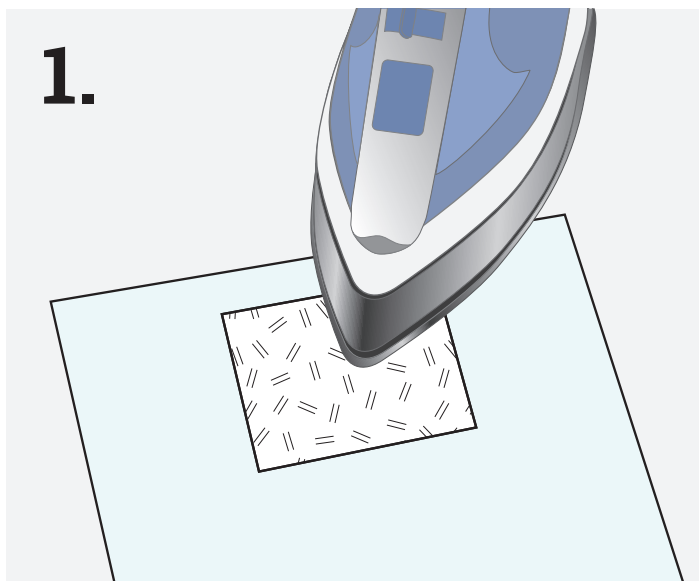


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1. Always use interfacing under the snap.

For apparel cut a 2" square of medium weight iron-on interfacing. Center it over the intended snap location on the wrong side of the fabric. Press to fuse.

For totes and purses cut a 2" square of heavy weight iron-on non-woven interfacing. Center it over the intended snap location on the wrong side of the fabric. Press to fuse.



You will need:

For Apparel:

- 1 set of magnetic sew-on snaps
- Sharp scissors
- Masking tape
- Sewing machine
- Your project
- Medium-weight Iron-on interfacing

For Totes & Purses:

- Replace the medium-weight with heavy-weight iron-on non-woven interfacing

Sew-On Snaps can be visible or hidden. Placing them under your lining or a facing is a great idea. But be sure to test first to ensure that thick or interfaced fabric does not restrict the magnetic pull.



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2. Mark the intended position for your snap. Center the snap over the mark. Use a piece of masking tape or cellophane tape to hold the snap in place. Do not cover it completely, as you will be pulling the tape off before stitching across it.

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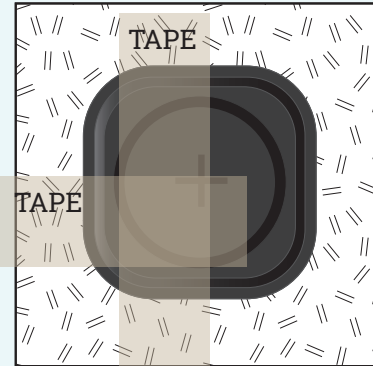
Follow instructions carefully when stitching. Keep several layers of interfacing and fabric between the magnet and the sewing machine's internal components.

Please keep in mind: Magnets and electronics don't mix. Do not leave magnets on the bed of your machine for any extended period of time, or use them to secure any tool to your machine. Always consult your sewing machine manufacturer for advice on the possibility of damage from a magnetic source.

3. Sew with a straight stitch to attach. Starting at the center of the untaped edge, stitch in the groove. Stitch all around the snap, removing the tape just before you stitch through it.

To stitch the smoothest corner, stitch the curve one stitch at a time. After each stitch, stop stitching with needle in the down position. Raise the foot, turn fabric and snap slightly, lower the foot, take another stitch and repeat. Be sure to take 3 stitches in reverse to finish, preventing snap from pulling loose.

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