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SPRING SNAPS

A QUICK REFERENCE

SIZES, DIES, AND INSTALLATION
USING A **TABLE PRESS MACHINE**

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SNAP SIZE REFERENCE

INTRODUCTION

Typically the stated size of the snap set is based on the diameter of the CAP. Most “sellers” refer to this stated size either in millimeter (most accurate) and/or also include the “Line #”. The manufacturer/supplier may also refer to the product with a set number (e.g. #655) . Not every manufacturer makes their set/line offering in exactly the same size even if the stated “Line#” is the same. This is because the Cap diameter can vary not only by diameter, but also by its curvature (how flat or how rounded, etc.). This is one of the reasons why in *most* cases it is good to purchase your **die set** from the same seller you buy your **snaps** from. Or look for the seller’s videos or statements related to which presses/dies their snaps are compatible with. It’s always a good idea to buy extra snaps so that you can test the compatibility of the snap set and die-mold along with the fabric you are using for the particular project.



KAMSNAPS.com

Sold in Sets of 50

Stated Sizes -

- Size 14: 9.7mm - 3/8"
- Size 20: 12.4mm - 1/2"
- Size 24: 15mm - 5/8"

MINKUS MARGO [Etsy.com]

Sold in Sets of 50

Stated Sizes -

- Size 16: 10mm
- Size 20: 12.5mm
- Size 24: 15mm

BUCKLE GUY.com

Sold in Sets of 100.

Volume discounts available. Short and tall post heights available for leather.

Stated Sizes -

- Size: 10mm
- Size: 12.7

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SETTING COMPONENTS: SNAPS AND DIES

To set a snap, you need a "die set" size that corresponds to the snap set size and to be sure the die set is compatible with the dimensions of the table press.* There are 4 die pieces to a snap and 4 parts to a die set. The Female is the CAP and SOCKET. The Male is the STUD and POST

SOCKET-snap sits with wrong side on top of fabric, and right side facing up into the die. (Picture shows right-side of socket-snap.)

STUD-snap protrusion goes face-up into the hole of the stud-die. (Picture shows snap-stud protrusion.)



CAP-snap sits right-side face down on the bottom die. (Picture shows right side of Cap-snap.)

POST-snap sits with opening-hole on top of the post-die; so that the protruding snap post is face-up (Pictures shows post-snap with protrusion face up.)

*About Die Set Compatibility With The Table Press

There are a number of reasons why a die set fits properly (or does not) into the table press. If you want to get technical it has to do with variables (to name a few) such as: the screw "pitch" (threading) for the upper die, the height/depth of the screw and the hole in the upper rod that it screws into, along with the diameter of the bottom hole where the "anvil" or bottom die drops in.

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HOW TO INSTALL - USING A TABLE PRESS

INTRODUCTION

While you can use manual hand tools to set a snap, most bagmakers own a table press. This only covers how to set a snap using your Table Press Machine.

HOW TO INSTALL

Ready Fabric by first making holes in your fabric for both the female CAP and the male POST to go into. In my personal opinion the most accurate way to align your hole and punch it cleanly is to use a *quality* manual hole punch driver. There is greater visibility to see where you are punching the hole. This is not to say you can't use a hole punch die. But in the time it takes to screw/drop in the hole die set, your two holes can be already be punched.

Female CAP and SOCKET

Die Components

1. Drop the female CAP "DIE" in the bottom hole of the machine
2. Screw the female SOCKET "DIE" into the upper screw rod

Install Female Snap Parts

- Put the CAP hardware on the bottom die (post facing up)
- Put the fabric with the hole over the post.
- Put the female SOCKET on top of the fabric (sitting on the post) or ideally into the top die (it should stay in place.)
- Press down on the handle of the machine.
- The female CAP and SOCKET are done.

Remove the female CAP and SOCKET DIES out of the machine . . .

Male STUD and POST

Die Components

3. Drop the POST DIE into the bottom hole of the machine
4. Screw the STUD DIE into the upper top screw rod

Install Male Snap Parts

- Put the snap POST in the bottom DIE of the machine.
- Put the fabric with the hole over the post.
- Put the snap STUD in the top DIE.
- Press down on the handle of the machine.
- The male STUD and POST are done.

The KAMsnaps.com Table Press is a popular machine for a reason. It is reliable, affordably priced, and there are a large number of dies and hardware options available to use with it.

Moreover, I have found Kam's customer service to be excellent, which is one of the main reasons I never hesitate to recommend this table press to everyone.



Unless you are predominantly doing leather-craft work, this machine will serve you really well for most all your needs.