

Tips for KAMsnaps® Multi-Functional Presses

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KAMsnaps® presses, dies, and fasteners are specifically made to function together. **We cannot guarantee compatibility with tools or fasteners purchased elsewhere.**

- Presses and dies may have cosmetic blemishes from the manufacturing process, as disclosed in the product listing. This will not affect function.
- Most “KX” dies are interchangeable between our pro-handheld, pro-standup (mini table press), and table presses.
- It is normal for the handle to wiggle side-to-side. This is intentional.
- Mounting is optional with flat-based presses but will help with stability. Presses with flat bases have holes so you can easily bolt the press to a small, portable board.
- Threaded dies screw into the top hole of the press. They need not screw in completely to be functional.
- The spring and die threads should be lubricated periodically, as needed.

For DK93 Table Press Only:

- Use press on a firm, completely flat and smooth surface, free of even small debris. **Any unevenness or minor bumps under the base may cause breakage.** Optional: Bolt the machine to a small, portable board.
- **Do NOT tighten the top die all the way.** Untwist 1-2 rotations so that the die hangs down a bit but is still stable. This will help to prevent the **top** die from jamming in the press when excessive pressure is applied.
- Insert the DK93-KX **adapter base** into the bottom hole of the press prior to using any KX-series die. The adapter has a hole through the center and is included with the table press, unless you specifically selected “no adapter.”
- Vertical screw behind the handle controls the force of the press. Screw can be raised to prevent over-pressing if needed, but otherwise should be low enough so that the handle does not hit it when pressed down.
- Check die alignment: hold handle down so top & bottom dies touch. Top die should be centered over bottom die.

Installing Fasteners: Always practice on scrap fabric first!

- Visit [KAMsnaps.com/pages/tutorials](https://www.kamsnaps.com/pages/tutorials) for complete video instructions. Please only follow instructions provided by KAMsnaps® to ensure they apply to your specific model of dies. Dies from other sources may work differently.
- When working with thin or stretchy fabric prone to tearing, always reinforce with a sturdy, non-stretch material.
- For best results, create a hole in your fabric first. Insert the fastener stem through the hole prior to pressing.
 - If installing **grommets** through fabric with stretch/give or that frays/unravels at the cut, make a hole **smaller** than the inner hole of the grommet. The more your fabric stretches, the smaller the hole should be since the hole will enlarge. (Fabric should also be reinforced with a sturdier material.)
- In most cases, the stem/prong of the fastener (the piece that flattens) should face **upward** in the bottom die. Placing a fastener, especially a grommet, upside down may cause damage to the die.

- **Plastic snaps only:** Enough pressure should be applied so that the rubber on the top die **bulges out**. If you have trouble applying this amount of pressure with your **table press**, place press on a lower surface or stand on step stool so you can straighten your elbow **completely** when depressing the handle & lean your body over the press. (Be careful not to over-press **shaped** snaps – ie. hearts, stars, butterflies, and flowers -- to avoid breakage.)
 - The flattened prong should be **low enough** so that it doesn't get in the way when trying to close the 2 sides of the snap & **wide enough** so that it won't slip through the center hole in the female/male piece.
 - For size 20 plastic snaps (most common size), regular length is recommended for light- to mid-weight fabric, and extra long for double layers of vinyl.
 - Snaps falling off? Snaps are **too short** for your material thickness. Use longer prongs.
 - Snaps not closing? Snaps are **too long** for your material or not enough pressure applied. Try applying more pressure or use shorter prongs. (You can trim the prongs before installation to shorten them).
 - Visit kamsnaps.com/pages/troubleshoot for more tips on common snap problems. Removal dies are available for safe & easy plastic snap removal.
- **Metal fasteners only:** Metal fasteners don't require much pressure. You should **not** press as hard as you can, as you might with round plastic snaps. Metal fasteners tend to have a quick "give" once you press down. If you continue to press beyond that give, you risk crushing/denting the fastener.

Some dies may differ in appearance from shown but will function the same
 Once you have your press (and adapter for the DK93 table press), adding dies is easy!
 Just select the dies that are named after the corresponding fasteners.

