Common Sense Fasteners

Installation Instructions

Common sense fasteners are best installed in two to three layers of fabric. A patch can be added if desired for an extra layer of reinforcement. These patches can be made from fabrics like Sunbrella, Top Gun, Boat Top, or Coverlight.

Installation is rather simple. Install the eyelet using a knife to cut four small slits in the fabric for the eyelet's teeth. For correct positioning of the slits, make indents in the fabric by pressing the teeth of the eyelet into the fabric (a phone book provides a good surface for making these indents), and push the teeth through the slits. Add the "washer" or backing plate behind the fabric and inside the eyelet's teeth. Use pliers to bend the eyelet's teeth over the washer. The fabric in the center can be cut away with scissors or a hot knife. If an acrylic fabric is being used for the project, cutting the fabric with a hot knife will help prevent raveling. (There is a specialized hole cutter that can cut out the fabric center and the small slits at the same time.)
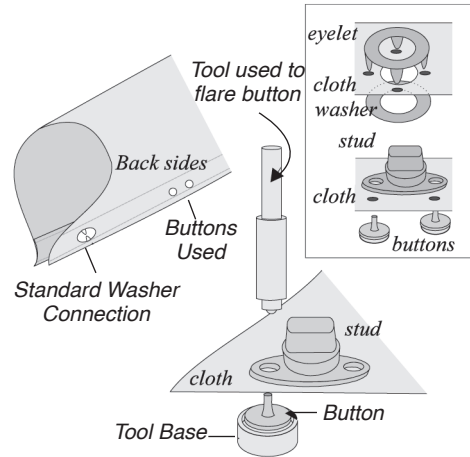
There are four different stud options:

Installation of the **CLOTH-TO-CLOTH** stud with two teeth is identical to the installation of the eyelet portion of the fastener except there is no opening in the middle with fabric to be cut away.
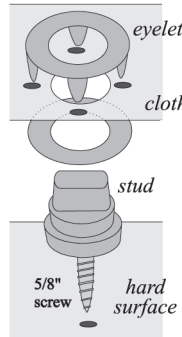
In the **CLOTH-TO-CLOTH (WITH BUTTON)** configuration, a stud with a two hole screw base is used. To secure the stud in place, insert two snap fastener buttons in each hole from below (as shown) and flare the ends out with a snap fastener setting tool.

In **CLOTH-TO-SURFACE** applications, use either the stud with a two hole screw base or the stud with a single screw base and screw them in place.
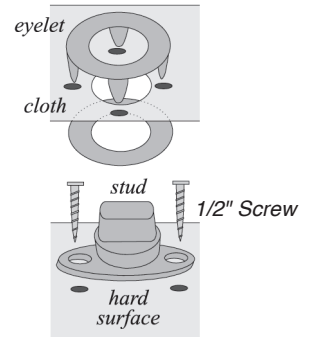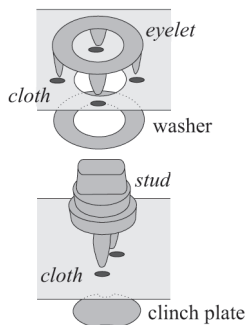
CLOTH-TO-CLOTH (WITH BUTTONS)

CLOTH-TO-SURFACE (SCREW BASE)

CLOTH-TO-SURFACE (FLAT BASE)

CLOTH-TO-CLOTH