

# Avery Dennison Microstitch®

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**WARNING:** Before using tool, read important needle safety procedures. Save these instructions where tool is stored. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Always test the fastening system on a small sample of each material to be attached prior to use.

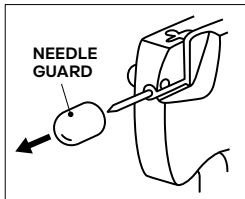


Figure 1

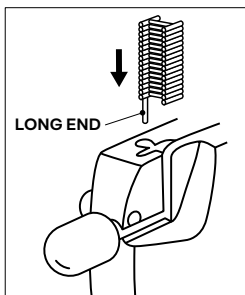


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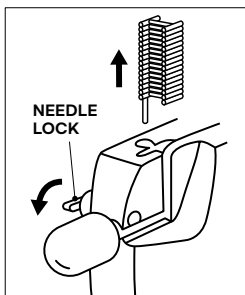


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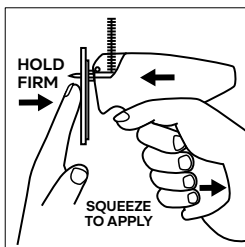


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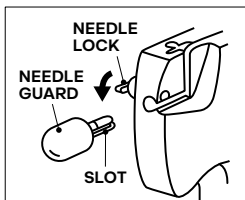


Figure 5

### REMOVING THE NEEDLE GUARD (Figure 1)

1. Remove protective needle guard before using.
2. ALWAYS cover needle with guard when tool is not in use.

### LOADING MICRO FASTENERS (Figure 2)

1. Insert the long end of the round connecting bar on the micro fastener clip into the round guide slot at the top of the tool.
2. Gently push the micro fastener clip into the guide until it “clicks” in place. Be careful not to distort the individual fasteners. The tool is ready for use.

### To remove a partially used clip (Figure 3):

1. Squeeze the trigger all the way.
2. Pull the clip out of the round guide slot.
3. Release the trigger all the way.
4. Check partial clip for damage before re-loading.\*

\*Always discard clips that have micro fasteners that are out of place, distorted or damaged. A damaged clip can cause feeding or jamming problems.

### INSERTING MICRO FASTENERS (Figure 4)

1. Push the needle of the tool through the items to be attached.
2. Hold the material firmly against the front of the tool and squeeze the trigger completely.
3. Release the trigger.
4. Withdraw the needle and tool from the material.
5. Material is now securely attached.
6. Always use the needle guard when the tool is not in use.

### INSTALLING AND REMOVING NEEDLES (Figure 5)

#### To install the needle:

1. Place the needle, point end first, into the needle guard.
2. Turn the needle lock towards the front of the tool as shown.
3. Insert the needle with the needle slot aligned with the slot in the tool.
4. Once in place, turn the needle lock 180° back towards the rear of the tool.

#### To remove the needle:

1. Place the needle, point end first, into the needle guard.
2. Turn the needle lock towards the front of the tool as shown.
3. Slide the needle out of the tool.

### HELPFUL TIPS:

- Make sure needle is pushed all the way through fabric.
- Keep layers smooth and flat while fastening.
- When basting a quilt, use a basting grate or quilting hoop for fabric support to eliminate the need to put your hand under the quilt.
- To remove the micro fasteners, use blunt-pointed scissors, cuticle clippers, or a quick pull with your fingers.

## MANY OTHER USES:

- Pleat curtains and other items
- Decorate garments and crafts
- Fix fallen hems, ripped seams
- Any place where you normally use a pin or glue

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS!

Read and understand all instructions and warnings before using the hand tool.

### WARNING

Needle sticks can transmit life-threatening diseases if tools are shared. Use only your own tool and needle. Protective tagging gloves recommended. Immediately discard any needle that sticks you (see instructions).

To discard a contaminated needle, immediately:

1. Use adhesive bandage to remove contaminated needle, to avoid contaminating needle guard.
2. Dispose of needle properly.

To reduce the chance of needle sticks:

1. Use a protective tagging glove while using tool.\*\*
2. Put needle guard on needle when tool is not in use and when installing or removing uncontaminated needles.

Following these warnings is important because:

1. Invisible traces of infected blood can remain on the needle for days after a needle stick.
2. Someone else could use your hand tool by mistake.
3. A contaminated needle can infect the next person who gets stuck, transmitting HIV, Hepatitis, or other blood borne diseases.

\*For details: see OSHA 3127 and 29 CFR 1910.1930.

\*\*Call for supplier information on protective tagging gloves.

**CAUTION: MICROSTITCH® BASTING TOOL IS NOT A TOY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

### WARNING

Ensure jam is fully cleared before re-activating tagging gun

Before using the tagging gun again, check and fully clear any jams in the mechanism. Rapidly pulling the trigger to clear a jam is not advised and may cause further damage to the tool. To clear the jam, please attempt to pull the clip out by the runner bar. Attempting to actuate the gun without properly clearing the jam could result in malfunctions or permanent damage. Always follow proper procedures for clearing jams to ensure the tool operates safely and effectively. Failure to do so could lead to costly repairs and workflow interruptions.

| Replacement parts:                             |  |                          |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 11172-0 micro fastener refill<br>— 1,200 white | 11173-0 micro fastener refill<br>— 1,200 black | 11215-0 micro needle kit |

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