# Avery Dennison Microstitch® Operation & Safety Instructions

# Operating & Safety Instructions

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.

# **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.



- 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.

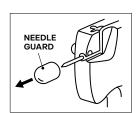


Figure 1

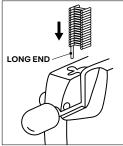


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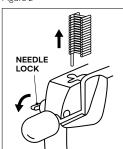


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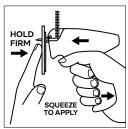


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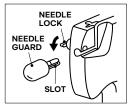


Figure 5



#### **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:

- 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.

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

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

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<sup>\*</sup>For details; see OSHA 3127 and 29 CFR 1910.1930.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Call for supplier information on protective tagging gloves.