

Q Snaps – What Are They & How Do I Use Them

QSnaps are like embroidery hoops but in a different shape (square or rectangular) and you attach your fabric differently. They are great for embroidery and cross stitch.

Qsnaps are made in the USA . Their material make up is round plastic tubes which make up the frame and they come with half round hard plastic covers / snaps with ridges on the inside which grips the fabric in place.

They are available in the following sizes:

- 6 inch square
- 8 inch square
- 11 inch square
- 17 inch square
- 11 x 17 inch rectangle

The parts of a qsnap fit into each other in order to create the frame. The covers snap on over your fabric, thereby keeping your fabric taut. The covers determine the tension. Once placed over the fabric and snapped in place, they are rolled outwards to create tighter tension on the fabric.

A nifty trick in order to keep your fabric from marking is to place a piece of felt in between the clamps / snaps and the fabric.

Qsnaps also have extension frames. These are sold separately and allow you to extend the size of your existing q snap. For example, a 17 inch can be extended to create a 20 inch qsnap frame.

Because a Qsnap is made up of lose parts which can be lost, misplaced or chewed by the dog, Qsnap also provide replacement parts. Certain sections of the frame as well as the clamps / snaps are available as replacement parts.

Needlework Emporium regularly imports Qsnaps and will soon be offering the extension frames as well as replacement parts. Visit www.needleworkemporium.co.za or email info@needleworkemporium.co.za Contact number: 073 599 3581

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