

Mastering Safety Pins

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After the wheel and duct tape, one of the most important inventions in history is the safety pin, a ubiquitous little device Walter Hunt created in 1849. Before that, the human race had long struggled with pins that stick where they shouldn't, stick whom they shouldn't, and fall out when they shouldn't.

Because of Hunt's ingenious application of springs and levers, those maladies can for you be a thing of the past, and there need never be another poked baby or wardrobe malfunction. That is, if you master for yourself the applications of this wondrous device. But when you do, flags will stay forever fastened to their poles, blouses will stay forever bloused, vests will stay forever vested, and trousers will stay forever up.

The possibilities are endless, my friend, and you too can become an expert in this wonderful technology if you order my latest book, *Master that Safety Pin, Dummy!* For the low price of \$19.95, I'll ship it to you directly with no middleman, elegantly bound with my own wonderful system that holds the pages together brilliantly with, you guessed it, safety pins.

You will learn the principals of safety in safety pinning, how to strategically plan the point and direction of attack, effective insertion techniques, avoidance of the pre-clasp pinprick, proper closure, and celebrating the accomplishment with a victorious pat down. You will learn to wear safety pins discretely, or if you are of a carefree nature, proudly and in plain sight. You will learn effective extraction techniques, safety pin storage and security, and clever ways to carry spare safety pins in safety.

The book will teach you to pin pairs of hosiery together for laundering so you will never again end up with one sock, because if you lose one, you lose them both. Do your flip flops flip and flop? Safety pins to the rescue! Do your suspenders lack suspension? Reinforce them with safety pins! Does your hat fly off in the wind? Pin it to your ear!

You will learn to be the dashing hero ready with a safety pin if you, or your date, find something slipping. And, incidentally, if you actually read all the way to the end, you will find an exciting chapter on attachment disorders.

There are non-wardrobe applications for safety pins, too. In need of a trout? You can fashion a safety pin into a fish hook, although, to be honest, it is hard to find a trout that can pin it on by himself, or would even be agreeable to try. Maybe an octopus hook would be more practical because they have extra arms that work like opposable thumbs. But I digress.

Are the pins in your hand grenades getting loose? Replace them with safety pins (but do it fast, dummy!) And if grenades really are in your scope of interest, my friend, order today, and I will include my latest white paper on Safety Pins and the Second Amendment.