



Clever uses for...Paper Clips

Fun Facts

Nearly 20 million pounds of paper clips are produced each year in the US; many of them manufactured on Original machines from the 1930s.

1. **Help Fix a Hem** - No straight pins? Use a paper clip to keep folded-over fabric in place when sewing a simple hem. Just slide it along the material while you work.
2. **Repair Sunglasses** - Replace the missing screw in your favorite pair of shades by sticking a small, opened paper clip in its place. Snip any excess metal with scissors or wire cutters and you're ready for the sun.
3. **Dye Easter Eggs** - Use a large paper clip to dip eggs in the dye bath for an even color. Open up the clip; bend one end into a circle, then push the other end up to make a handle. Place a hard-boiled egg in the circle and dunk.
4. **Make a Banner** - Craft a quick garland for a birthday party. Create a chain of colorful paper clips and attach photos every few inches. Hang it at eye level so folks can appreciate the pictures (and your handiwork).
5. **Keep Tabs on Tea Bags** - Prevent the paper tab on your tea bag from slipping into the hot water by weighing it down with a small paper clip. Dangle it over the side of the mug until you remove the bag.

Did you know?

The popular Gem-style paper clip hasn't changed in over a century, since William D. Middlebrook of Waterbury, CT, patented it on November 9, 1899. Why this shape? He designed it with round edges so papers wouldn't tear.

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"Off hand, I'd say you're suffering from an arrow through your head, but just to play it safe, I'm ordering a bunch of tests."



"My memory is so bad."

"How bad is it?"

"How bad is what...?"

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

(Anonymous).