Attaching new, creative knobs is the quickest way to update an old cabinet or revitalize your drawers. And it is so easy! But what if the screws are too long? Cabinets and drawers are all constructed differently so it follows that the screws need to be different lengths as well. If the screw is too long, knobs end up loose and sloppy looking. You’ll be happy to know that the remedy is simple – breakaway screws.

These innovative screws have breaking points every 1/4” along the shaft of the screw to achieve the perfect length. Follow our easy instructions so that you too, can attach knobs perfectly every time!

You will need:
• Knobs with breakaway screws
• Tape measure
• 2 Pairs of Pliers – nose must be at least 3/8” wide
• Screwdriver
• Permanent marker
• Protective safety goggles

Safety Tips:
• Always protect your eyes!
• Follow instructions closely

Always protect your eyes when using breakaway screws. Glasses or goggles are a must!
1. The screws are designed to break between the threaded sections – about every 1/4”. Measure the depth of the drawer or cabinet door where the knob will be attached. Add 1/4” to this measurement for insertion into the knob. This total is the required finished length of the screw. Measure the screw from the base of the head to the determined length. (A) If your desired length falls within a threaded section, move up to the next shorter unthreaded space. This will be your breaking point. (B) The screw must be the required length or a bit shorter – never longer.
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2. Hold the screw just above the intended breaking point with one pair of pliers. Hold just below the breaking point with the other pliers. Notice that the pliers are at different angles.

TIP: To prevent thread damage, do not twist the screw within the grip of the pliers.

3. Holding the screw tightly with both pliers, bend the screw end upwards to break. If needed, bend the screw end downward to complete the break.
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4. Repeat this gentle up and down motion as needed until the end of the screw snaps off.

5. Insert screw through hole in drawer or cabinet door. Use a screwdriver to tighten the screw against the wood and the knob.