

ABACUS TIP

Here's a quick tip that will make your abacus go together quickly and easily.

Tear off a 4 to 5 inch piece of 3-inch-wide masking tape for each abacus. Holding the front piece of the abacus, place the black pegs into the slots from the top, and place the tape over the top of the pegs. Press the tape gently to make sure it adheres to the tops of the pegs as well as the abacus to keep the pegs in place but not so tight that it will pull the pegs out when removed.

Flip the front piece over, and turn the "legs" of each peg to a horizontal position so the ridge on the bottom of the abacus will slide in the notch of the pegs. (You should be able to turn the pegs with the tape still attached to the front of the pegs.)

Snap the back piece of the abacus to the front piece, and gently remove the tape.

