

Supplies

- Thread to match the button or fabric
- Fabric
- Button

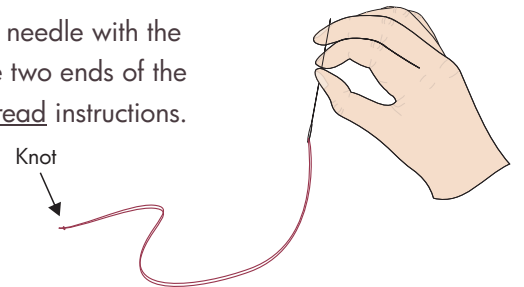
Tools

- Needle

Buttons are very useful and easy to sew onto fabric once you know how! It doesn't matter whether the button has two holes, four holes or a shaft, it can be sewn on with these instructions. See the two boxes on the second page for details.

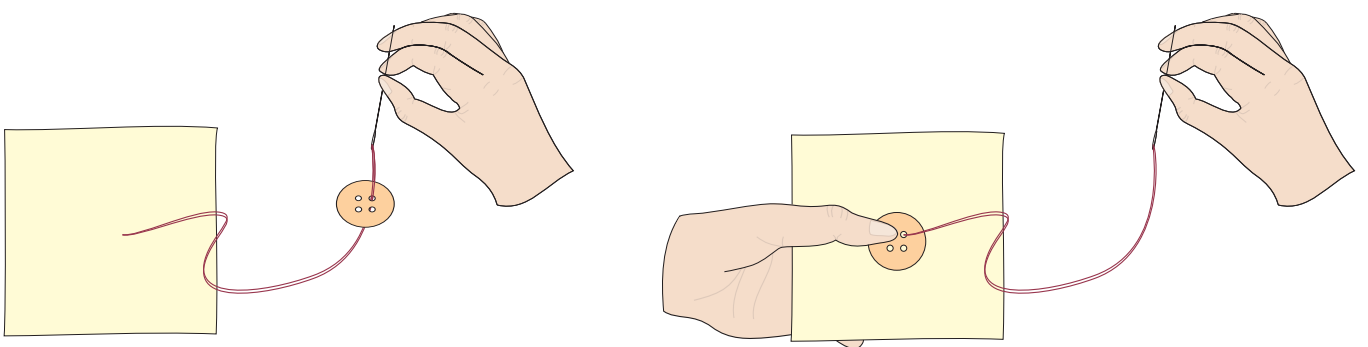
Before You Start

- Use one long strand of thread at least 60cm (23½ inches) long. Thread the needle with the thread and slide the needle along the thread until it is in the middle. Put the two ends of the thread together, and tie a knot at the end. See our [How to Tie a Knot in Thread](#) instructions.
- Have the threaded needle in the starting position (where you will put the button) on the fabric. Instructions for [starting a thread](#) with a knot can be found at imagine.makebelieve.com.
- When sewing, have the needle in the hand that you normally write or draw with and hold the fabric with your other hand.

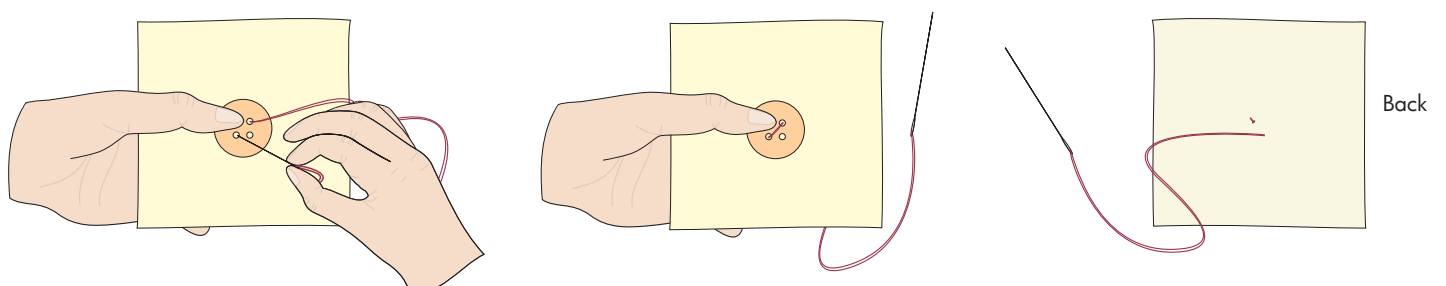


Instructions

1. Poke the needle through one hole of the button and slide the button down the thread. Hold the button firm against the fabric in the position (place) you want the button.




2. On the front, poke the needle through the button hole that is diagonally opposite, and then through the fabric, taking the needle and thread through to the back.

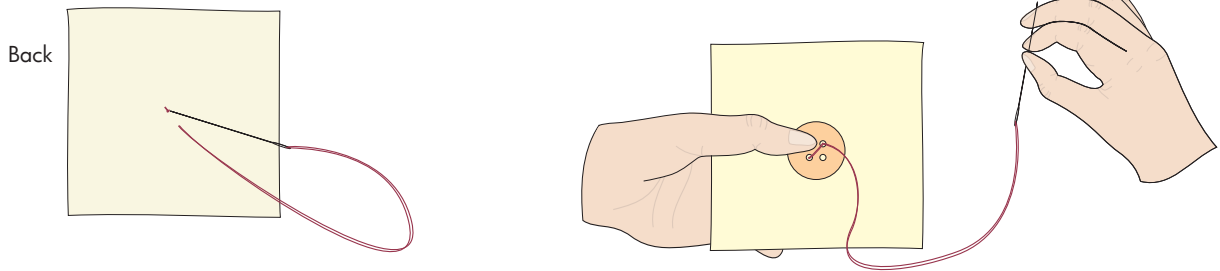


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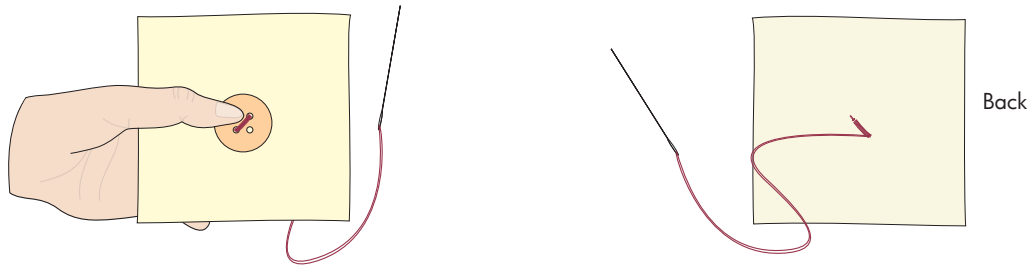


Buttons with holes in a shaft can be sewn on the same way, by going through the hole 4 or 5 times. 

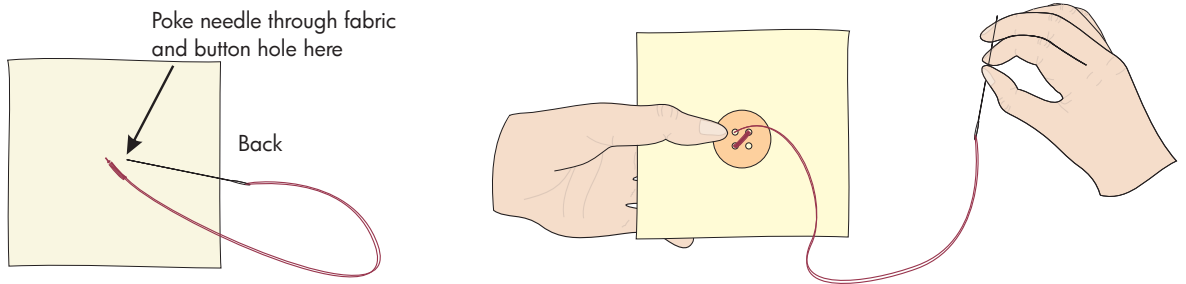
3. Next to the starting position, take the needle and thread back up through the fabric and the button hole.



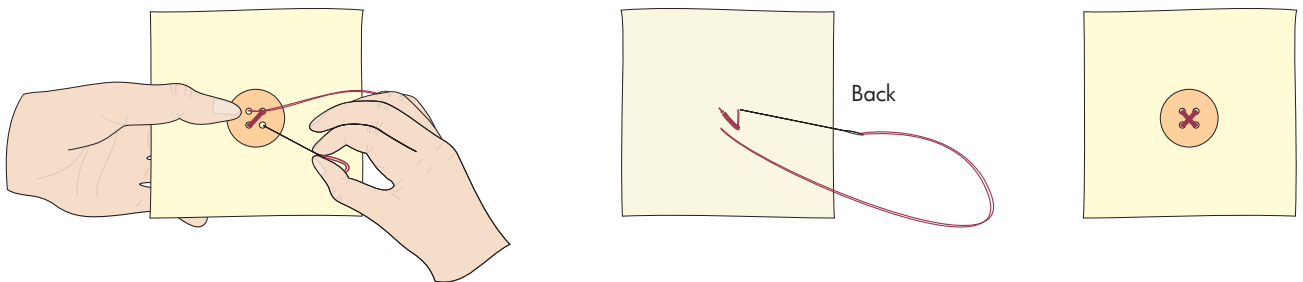
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until 4 or 5 stitches have been stitched over the button on the front, and finish with step 2.



5. On the back, poke the needle through the fabric and an unstitched hole in the button, taking the needle and thread through to the front.



6. Repeat steps 2 - 4, until all holes have been stitched.



6. End off the thread with a knot on the back and cut off the extra thread, leaving a short 1/2 - 1 cm (3/16 - 6/16 inch) tail.

Buttons with only two holes can be sewn on the same way, using steps 1-4, by going through the two holes 4 or 5 times.