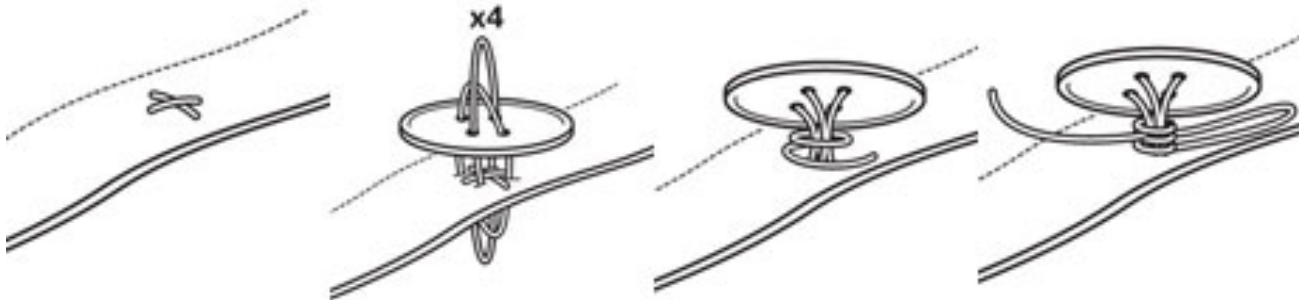


How to Sew a Button Easily

Because, at some point, one of your coats (or shirts) is going to lose one of its buttons. Here's how to remedy the situation without paying someone else.



Read more: [How to Sew a Button on a Shirt - How to Sew a Button on a Coat - Esquire](http://www.esquire.com/style/tips/how-to-sew-a-button#ixzz2Ogd0WsdS)
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- 1. Take twelve inches of thread**, knotted securely at one end, and thread your needle. Make a single stitch in the shirt in line with the row of buttons, about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch long, and then make another stitch perpendicular to the first.
- 2. Hold the button** about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch away from the shirt and thread the needle up through one hole in the button and down the diagonally opposite hole. Do the same with the other holes and then repeat four times.
- 3. Wrap the thread** tightly around the $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch shank that has been created between the button and the cloth to create a tight pillar.
- 4. Push the needle through** this pillar a few times and cut the thread close to it.

Shanked Buttons

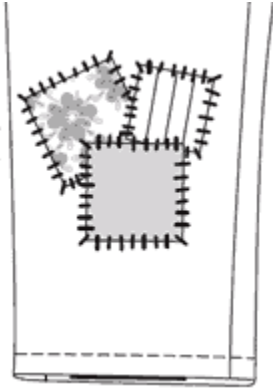
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Illustration, Guy Warley

Some buttons have a metal or plastic loop on the back instead of holes. These are very easy to sew on and are great for thick fabrics such as coats. Fasten the thread as before with the needle on the front side of the garment. Thread on the button and make three to four stitches through the garment and through the button's loop. Fasten on the reverse side.

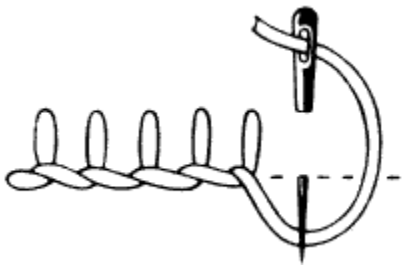
Sew on a patchwork



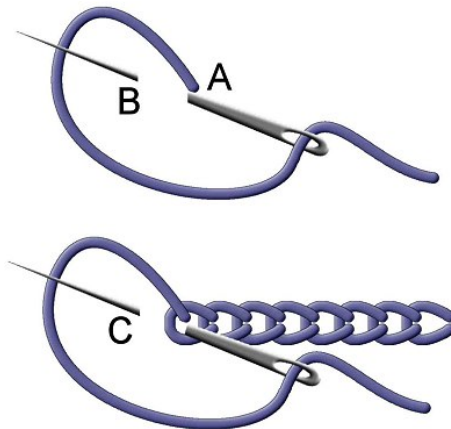
Simply sew them on using straight stitch...



or... Do some fancy things on the edges?



Buttonhole Stitch



Chain Stitch