SEW ON

BUTTONS

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Wouldn't you like to learn to sew on buttons that have come off your clothes? It will be nice to do it for yourself and not depend on your mother to do it for you.

This is a good way to sew on the buttons so that they will stay on for a long time.

▸ Mark the position of the button this way. Lap the edges of the garment properly and pin into position. Mark the exact position of the button with a pin stuck through the finished buttonhole. The center of the button usually comes about ¼ inch back from the edge of the buttonhole, as shown.

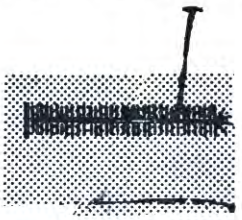

Figure 19.

▸ Use a double thread so that you will not need to make so many stitches. Fasten the thread by taking several small stitches on the right side where the button is to be placed.

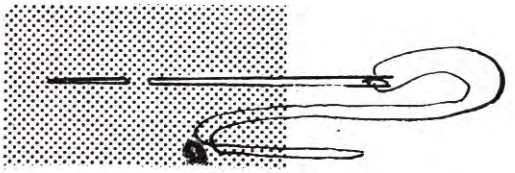

Figure 20.

▸ Put the needle through one hole in the button, back through the other hole and through the cloth to the wrong side.

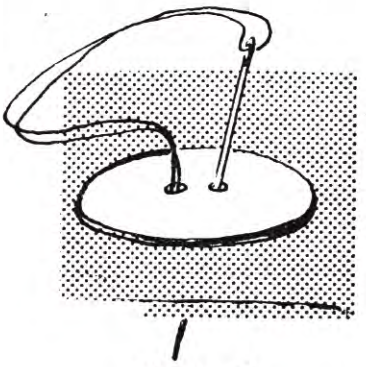

Figure 21.

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▶ Place a pin under the stitch.

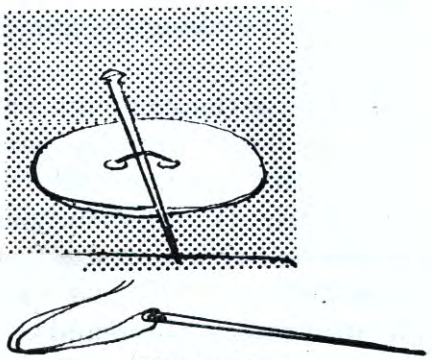

Figure 22.

Sew over the pin and down through the cloth three or four times.

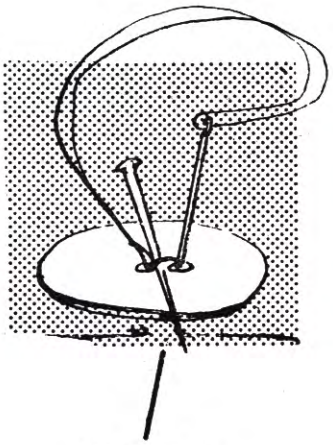

Figure 23.

▶ Bring the needle up through one hole of the button and down through the second, but not through the cloth.

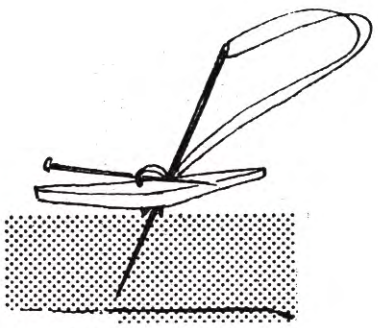

Figure 24.

▶ Remove the pin. Pull up the button as far as the slack will let it come.

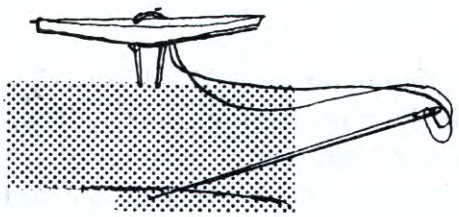

Figure 25.

Wrap the thread from the needle around this slack several times without putting the needle through the cloth.

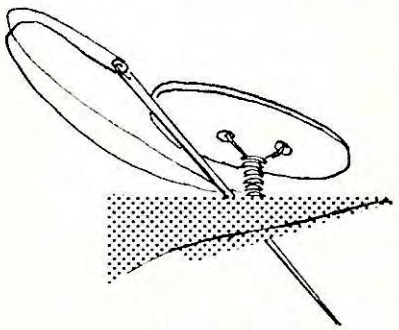

Figure 26.

Start wrapping near the button and continue until the wrapping thread meets the cloth. This is called making a "shank" for the button. Most buttons are sewed on with a shank so that the buttonhole will lie flat and not pucker when it is buttoned. Too, buttons are less likely to pull the cloth and tear out.

Bring the needle to the wrong side, putting it through the cloth close to the shank. Take three little stitches on the wrong side in the same place to fasten the thread.

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