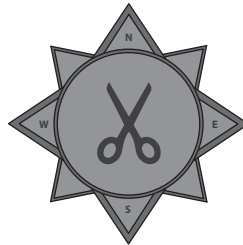


HOW TO SEW ON A BUTTON

Ever lose a button on a shirt? It's annoying to say the least, because then you can't wear the shirt. Are you going to throw the shirt away? Are you going to pay someone a bunch to sew on a new button? Not if you are a SkillTrekker, you're not.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

Sew three buttons to a piece of old material.

So this is how we'll sew on a button:

1. Find a button and some thread that matches the buttons that are still on the shirt.
2. Next, thread a needle with the colored thread you selected. Push the thread through the eye of the needle and pull it through. Measure out so you have an equal amount of thread on either side of the needle, probably around 15" for each.
3. Tie a good knot in the thread at the end. This will be at the opposite end of the thread to the needle.
4. Now, place the button in the desired position and push the needle up through the back of the material and through one of the holes.
5. Push the needle back down through one of the other holes. Note: if your button has four holes, you'll work on two and then on the other two. Copy the pattern that was previously used if you want continuity.
6. At this stage, many people like to lay a pin between the holes to prevent the button being sewed too tightly. As the thread comes to the end of its pull, it will grip the pin underneath the thread.
7. Continue this circular sewing until you have threaded through the button holes five or six times or until you are sure it is secure.
8. Finally, thread the needle through the material at the rear, but this time not through the button. Wrap the thread three or four times around the thread behind the button and then thread one more time piercing the material behind the button so that the needle and thread are both on the backside.
9. Finally, pierce the material in the rear with the needle, but this time don't pull it all the way through. Thread the needle through the loop you have created, pull tight, and cut off any excess with scissors.

