



Sewing Buttons

Ever heard the expression, “They can’t sew a button on!” It’s true...and not many people really know the correct way to sew a button on and have it stay. Read on for more How-To Sew a Button.

Two Ways of Attaching Buttons:

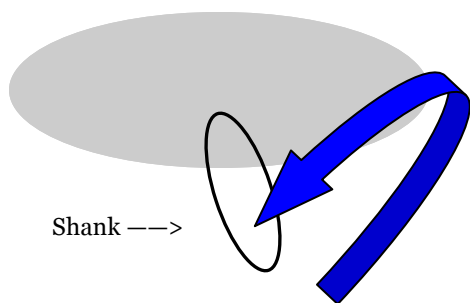
- Shank
- Flat (Sew Through)

Tips:

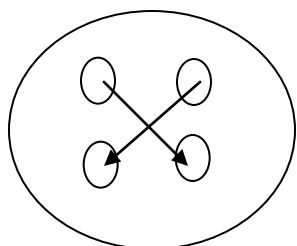
- Use button thread. It’s thicker, heavier thread designed to hold buttons.
- Use only one strand of thread (don’t double) when using button thread. If you have to use cotton or poly thread, use two strands.
- Always secure a knot before tying off.



Shank button



Shank —>



Flat button

- **Shank buttons** are sewn with an in and out direction. Push the needle through the shank (loop), through the fabric just under it, then back through the loop again. Repeat this several times (usually 5-6). Holding needle and thread, wrap thread around the loops of thread attached to the fabric (between fabric and shank). Secure thread by passing needle through thread and tying with French Knot. Cut thread.
- Flat buttons are sewn in an “X”. Up, across and down, then up and across and down again. Repeat this approximately 5-6 times. Secure button in the same manner as a shank—wrapping it around the thread between the fabric and button. Secure and cut thread.