

## BUTTON LOOP



Hand sewn button loops are an easy and decorative way to button up a garment.



Position the button close to the edge on the left side of the garment and secure it with a few temporary stitches.



Measure out 33" of the hand spun embroidery yarn and single thread your needle.



On the right side of the vest, close to the top edge come up and pull through the needle and yarn, leaving a 3"-4" free tail as shown on the picture below.





To make the loop, leave approximately 3/8" in between and come up with the needle from the back side.



Line up the two sides and make a loop around the temporary sewn on button. Make sure the loop easily slides on and off from the button. If you are satisfied, then pull the yarn off the button and that will be your loop size.



Hold the loop with your finger and go back to the top and pull through again from the back, and now you have two loops. Make another loop in the same way, so at the end you'll have 3 loops as shown on the picture below.





Pull the yarn so you have equal tension on all three loops.



Now you can start the button loop stitch.

With your needle go under the loop and come back to the front and pull the yarn through until you have a small loop, as shown below.



Now with your needle go from the front to the back in that small loop



and pull through as shown on the above picture.

Tighten the knot and this will be the first button loop stitch.





Repeat until you cover the entire loop with the button loop stitch.

1. Back to front
2. Front to back





Pay attention to the loop and make sure it's not twisting, as shown on the above picture. This is the wrong way.



This is the correct way to go through the loop.





When you finished all the button loop stitches and your loop is nice and tight, you can finish it off. Your needle should be at the back side of the vest.



Cut the threads leaving approximately 3" tails.



This is a 2 ply yarn, split it and make a double knot on both tails.



Thread a small embroidery needle and work off all the ends by picking up small pieces of the fabric and sew through. Make sure the yarn is not visible on the front side of the vest.





Cut the yarn.



This is how the finished button loop should look.

The loop is on the right side of the vest.

Now, on the left side, you can sew on the buttons, starting at the top with the first button.



In your kit, you have 3 small piece felted circles, these are to stabilize the vest fabric under the buttons.



Put the fabric piece on the wrong side of the vest right side up. Double thread a sharp needle, tie a knot at the end, pull at the center of the circle to the right side and begin to sew on the button.





Before you sew on the buttons, make sure the right and left side of the vest align into a closed position, as shown on the above picture.



When you finished sewing on the button, come up on the wrong side of the vest. If you have enough thread in the needle, then sew the edge of the circle to the vest with fell stitch, but make sure the thread will not be visible on the right side.

If you don't have enough thread in the needle, then finish it off and thread the needle again and proceed with the fell stitch and finish off the button.

Continue and sew on the other 2 remaining buttons spacing them 4" apart.

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