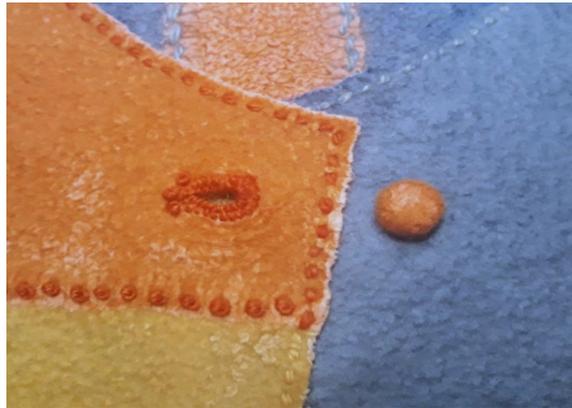


BUTTONHOLE



Hand stitched buttonholes give a refined artisanal finish to a garment.

First lay the finished vest in front of you with the shoulder seams flat. The right side of the vest is overlapping the left side, as shown on the photo below.



On the right side of the vest mark the place for the buttonhole with a sewing pin.

On the sample garment the buttonhole is placed 1 & 1/2" from the top and 1 & 1/4" from the side.



Measure your button width and height.

On the photo the button measurements are $3/4$ inches wide and $3/8$ inches high.



With a different color tailor's chalk, draw a rectangle on the marked place.

The rectangle length is the button's width, in this case it's $3/4$ ".

The rectangle width is the button's height, in this case it's $3/8$ ".



Draw a center line lengthwise.

Double thread a sharp needle with a sewing thread, and tie a knot at the end of the thread.



Using a running stitch, go around the outer line of the rectangle, as shown on the photo below.



Now go back around with the running stitch and sew the space between the first stitching. See photo below.



This is for stabilizing the buttonhole.



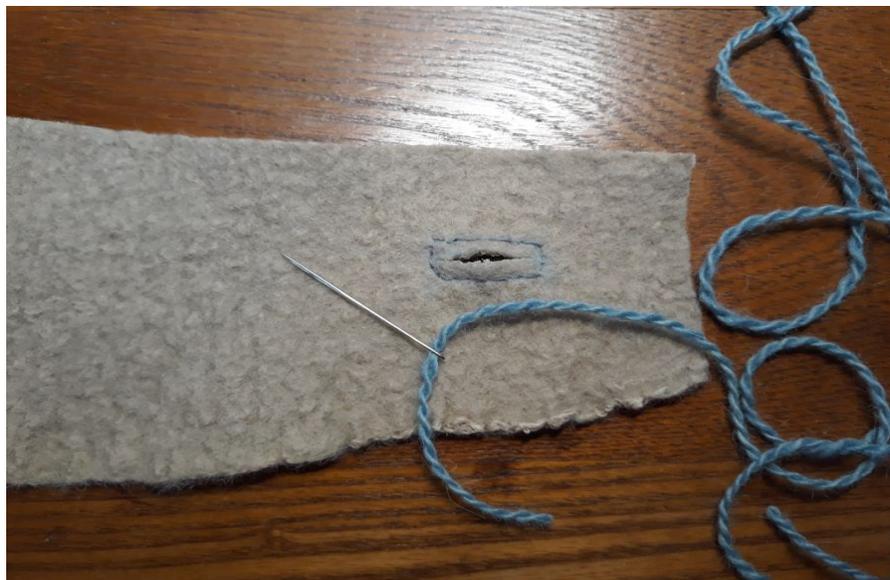
This is how it looks when finished. Knot at the end and cut off the remaining thread.



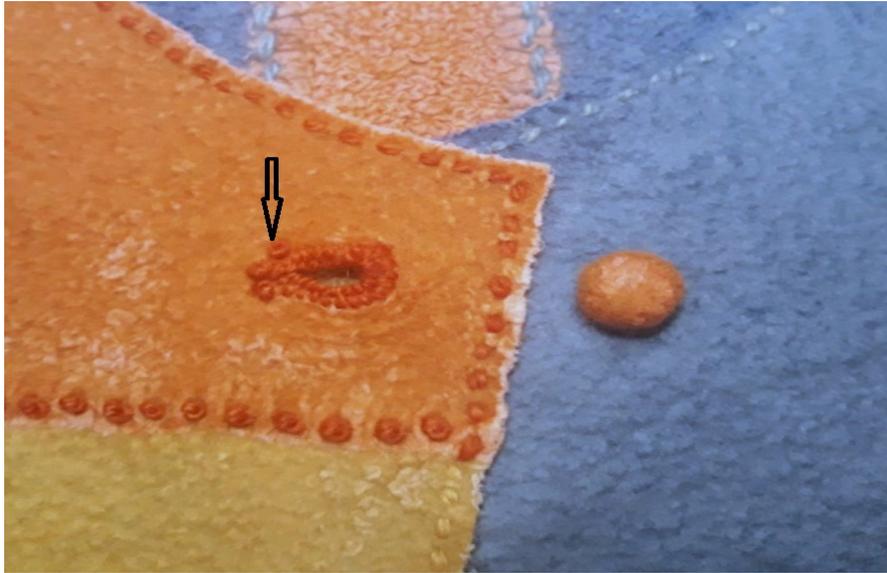


Now carefully, with sharply pointed scissors, cut open the center line close to the stitching.

Before you proceed make sure your button goes through the hole smoothly.



Single thread the embroidery needle with the 2 ply embroidery yarn.



You have to begin the buttonhole stitch where it is marked with the black arrow.



With your needle, come up from the back and leave a 3" tail.



Turn the work over and go down with the needle very close to the yarn and before you pull through, insert the needle in the small loop from the back as shown on the photo below.



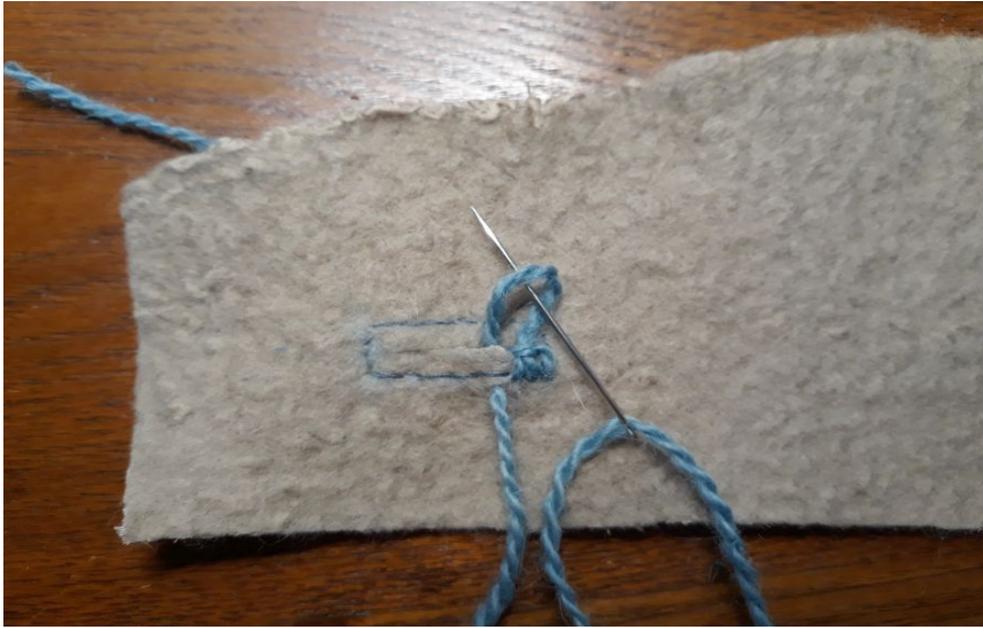
Pull through and that is the first buttonhole stitch.



Go up from the back very close to the first stitch.



Put the needle into the small loop from the front and pull through.



Continue in the same manner.

Come up from the back and put the needle in the small loop from the front and pull through.



Make sure the small loop is not twisted, as shown on the photo above.



The loop always should look like this.



After the entire opening is stitched around with the buttonhole stitch, finish the last stitch.

With your needle, pick up the first stitch and pull through, as shown on the photo below.



This is how the buttonhole should look from the front.

The needle is on the back side.



Now come up with the needle in the same corner and pull through.

We'll make three decorative stitches, the Chines knot stitch, shown on the photo below.



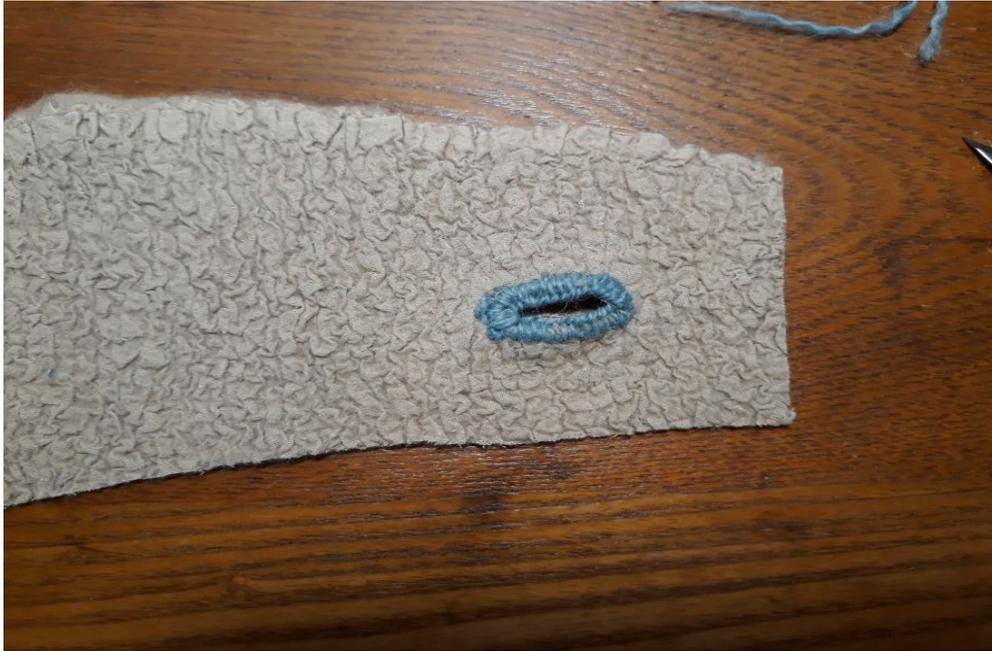


Turn your work over to the back side and cut the thread leaving a 3" tail.



Split the 2 ply yarns and make double knots on each.

Thread a small needle and finish the ends by threading through the buttonhole stitches.



Finished buttonhole from the back.

Now lay the vest in front of you with shoulder seams flat and position the finished buttonhole on the left side where you'll sew the button.

Marked with a pin.





Double thread the sewing needle and tie a knot at the end.

Put your small fabric circle wrong side down and in the center pull through the needle and on the right side, begin to sew on the button.

When you finish, bring the needle back to the wrong side and with the remaining thread, fell stitch around the circle to secure the side of the circle.



Finished buttonhole with the button.