

HOW TO SEW A BUTTON

There's no need to stop wearing your favourite shirt or trousers just because you've lost a button.



Here's a step-by-step guide to sewing them back on. It's easier than you might think!

STEP 1: Select your thread and cut it to a workable length – around 35-40cm should be enough, as you usually double the thread to sew on a button.

STEP 2: Double up the thread, and thread your needle.

STEP 3: Tie a small knot at the end of the thread.

STEP 4: Find where you want the button to be placed on the garment. You can use the previous button marks to help you.

STEP 5: Pull the needle right through until the knot reaches the back of the fabric.

STEP 6: Next, insert the needle into one of the holes on the button, pull the needle through.

STEP 7: Continue to sew stitches through the holes in the button, catching the fabric underneath each time.

STEP 8: When you feel the button is nicely secured, bring the needle between the garment and the button and wrap the thread around the base of the button tightly, 5 or 6 times.

STEP 9: Secure with a final few stitches. Using scissors carefully trim off any excess thread and neaten things up.

All you need to sew a button is:

- A needle
- A button to match the one that's missing
- Thread to match the colour of the button



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