

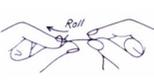
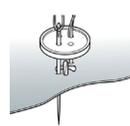
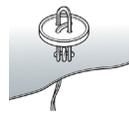
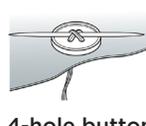
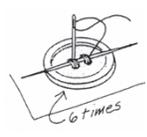
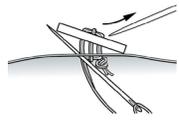
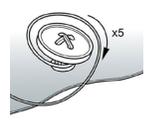
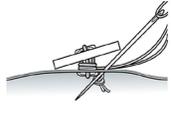


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HOW TO SEW ON A 2- OR 4-HOLE SEW-THROUGH BUTTON

Basic Supplies: sewing needle, 24 inches of thread, button, toothpick or pin, sharp scissors

			Cut about 24 inches of thread (hint: cut thread on an angle with sharp scissors). Thread the needle and pull the thread halfway through the needle eye. Pinch the ends of the thread together and wrap them around your index finger. Roll the threads between your index finger and thumb to form a knot.
			Your needle is now threaded with a double strand. Push the needle and thread up from the underside of the fabric to the topside of the fabric and pull the needle until the knot stops the thread. Sew an "x" to mark the spot where the button will be attached. Remember to always pull the needle and thread completely through the fabric.
			Place the button over the "x" and push the needle and thread from the underside of the fabric up to the topside of the fabric through a hole in the button. Pull the thread all the way up until it stops, then push the needle and thread back down through an adjacent hole in the button to the underside of the fabric.
		4-hole button	To create space under the button for a thread shank, insert a toothpick or pin between the top of the button and the secured thread. (A shank provides space between the button and the fabric so a buttonhole can easily go over the button.) Continue to bring the needle and thread up and down through the buttonholes and fabric - alternating buttonholes as you sew. <i>Remember to pull the needle and thread completely through the fabric with each stitch.</i>
		2-hole button	Aim to pass at least 3 times through each buttonhole (this equals 6 stitches for a 2-hole button and 12 stitches for a 4-hole button). Slant the needle toward the same general location where the thread came up through the fabric to the topside (this will help create a thin, rather than thick, thread shank). If a toothpick or pin was used to create space, remove it and pull the button snug to the top of the thread, forming a space under the button.
			After you remove the toothpick or pin and pulled the button to the top of the thread, wind the thread (still on the needle) around the stitches under the button about 5 times. Make a final pass of the needle and thread under the button through to the underside of the fabric. Pull the needle and thread completely through to the underside. Secure the thread with a few tiny stitches on the underside of the fabric before knotting it. Cut the thread close to the knot. Clean up, and you're done!

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