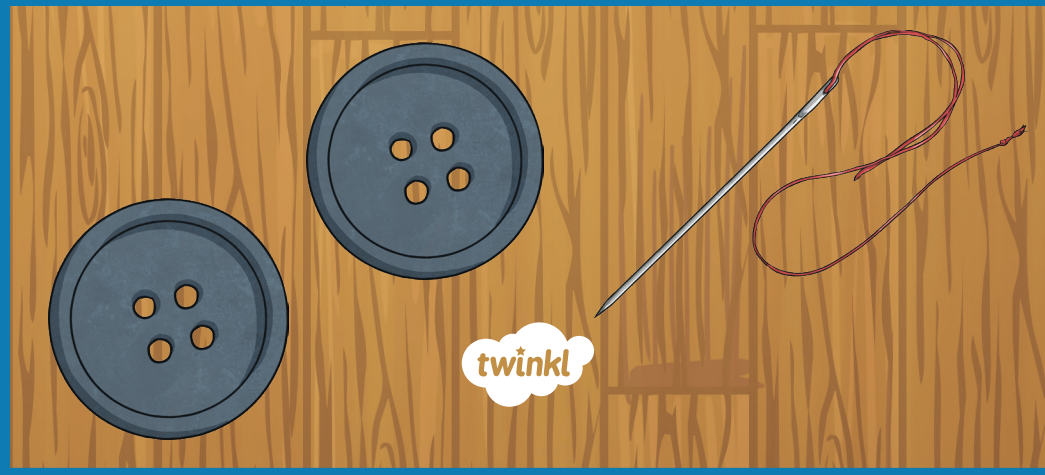


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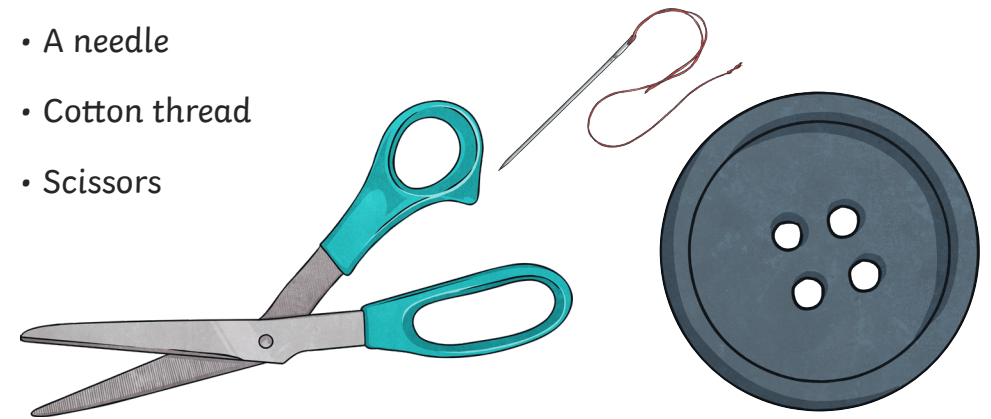
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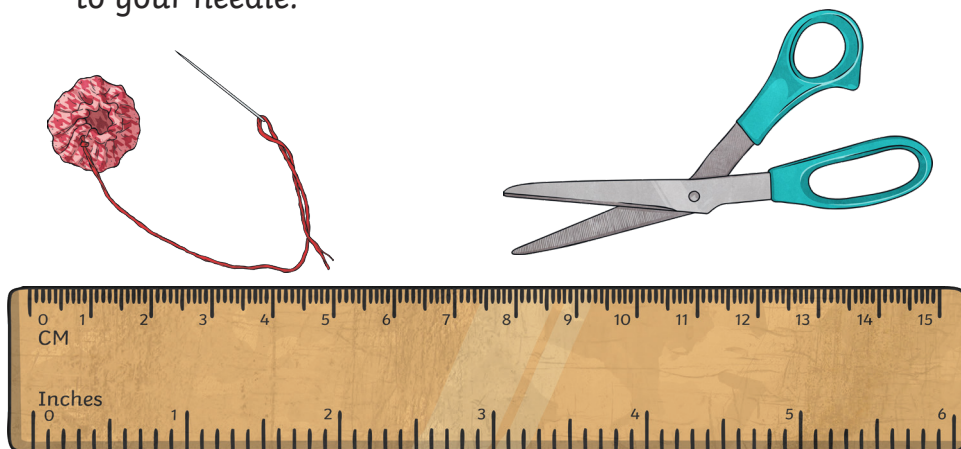
- A button
- Fabric or the item of clothing to sew the button on to.
- A needle
- Cotton thread
- Scissors



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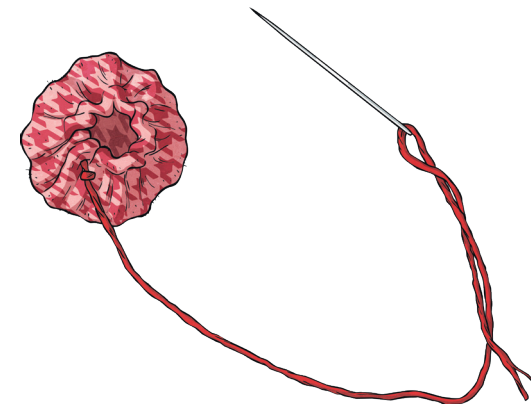
Instructions

1. Cut a length of cotton around 40cm long and thread it on to your needle.



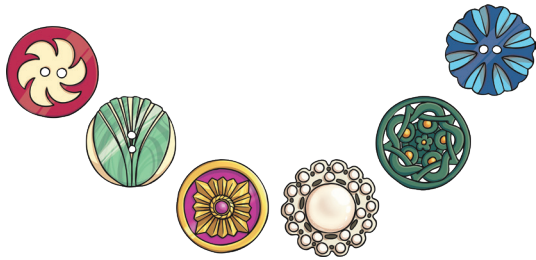
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2. Pull the thread through so that the needle is half way along and tie the two ends together. You now have a double thread which is stronger for sewing on buttons.



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3. Choose where you want your button to be and mark it there by pushing the needle through the fabric from the back to the front. The knot in the cotton should stop it coming all the way through...if it doesn't then make the knot bigger and try again until it doesn't pull through the fabric.



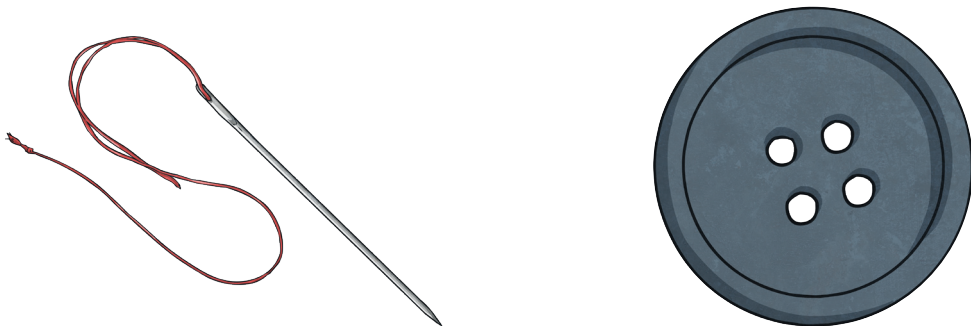
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4. With the cotton secured in the fabric, thread your button onto your cotton by putting the needle through from the back of the button to the front of the button.



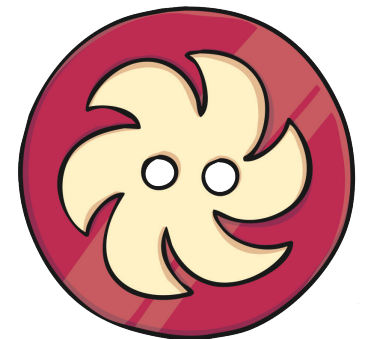
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5. Your button should now be sitting on your fabric. Now, while holding the button still, push the needle down through a different hole in the button and back through the fabric to the back.



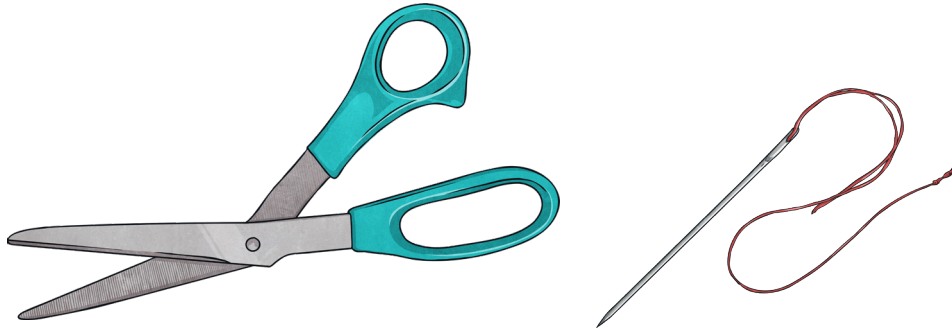
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6. If you have a button with two holes you will just be sewing round and round the same two holes (up one and down the other). If you have a button with four holes, you will work diagonally from one set of diagonal holes and then to the other.



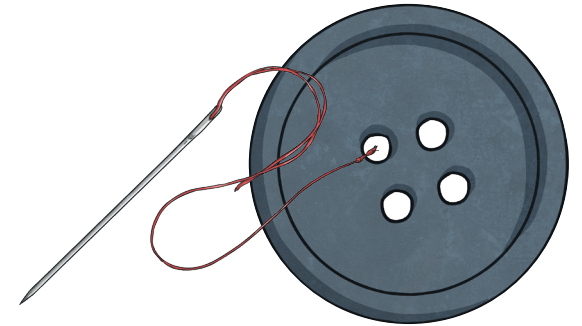
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7. Repeat the steps of going from back to front through one hole of the button and back down a different hole and through the fabric to end up at the back again. Do this lots of times until the button feels secure on the fabric.



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8. When your button is secure, make sure the needle is at the back of the fabric and make a tiny stitch just at the back of the fabric but before all the cotton is pulled through, put the needle through its own cotton loop. This will make a knot. Repeat this a couple of times and then cut off the spare thread.



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Why not:

- try this on an actual button that has fallen off an item of clothing.
- use a number of buttons to make a pattern on some fabric.
- make a felt purse with a button to close it. Cut a slit in the felt to make a button hole for your button to go into.

