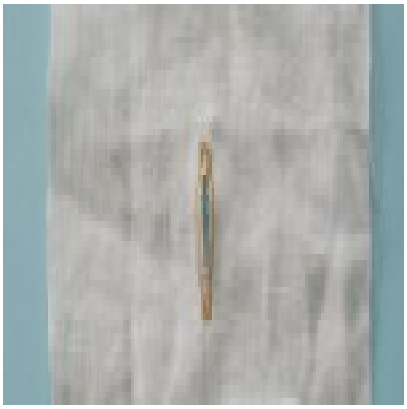


How to sew buttonholes

Description



Sometimes people will avoid sewing their own buttonholes as much as possible, because it can be quite daunting, however with this tutorial you will be able to master this skills in just a few steps. It will teach you how to utilize your sewing machine and learn how to make a buttonhole, with or without a button sewing foot.

Tools



Fabric

Button

Sewing Thread

Tape Measure

Pins

Seam Ripper

Erasable Fabric Marker

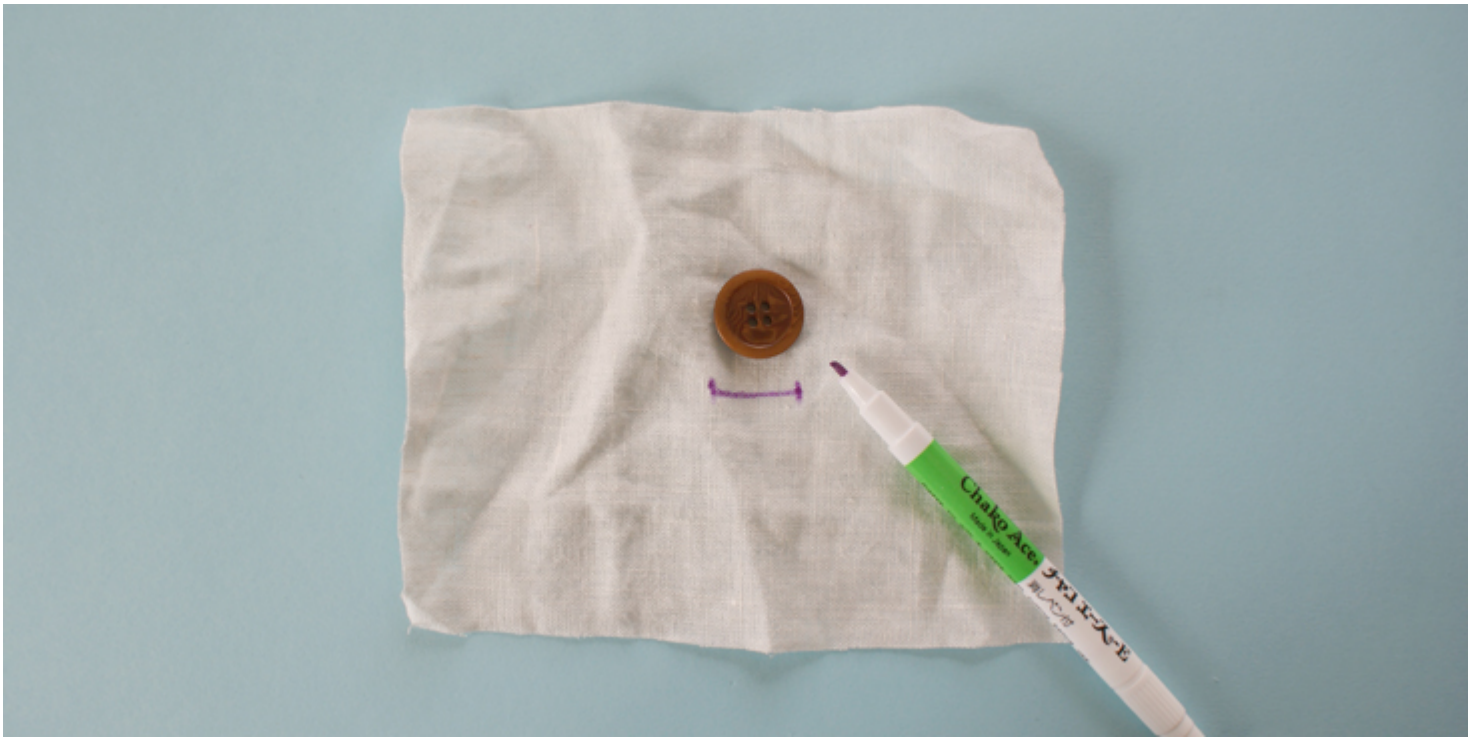
Scissors

Button sewing foot (optional)

Sewing Machine

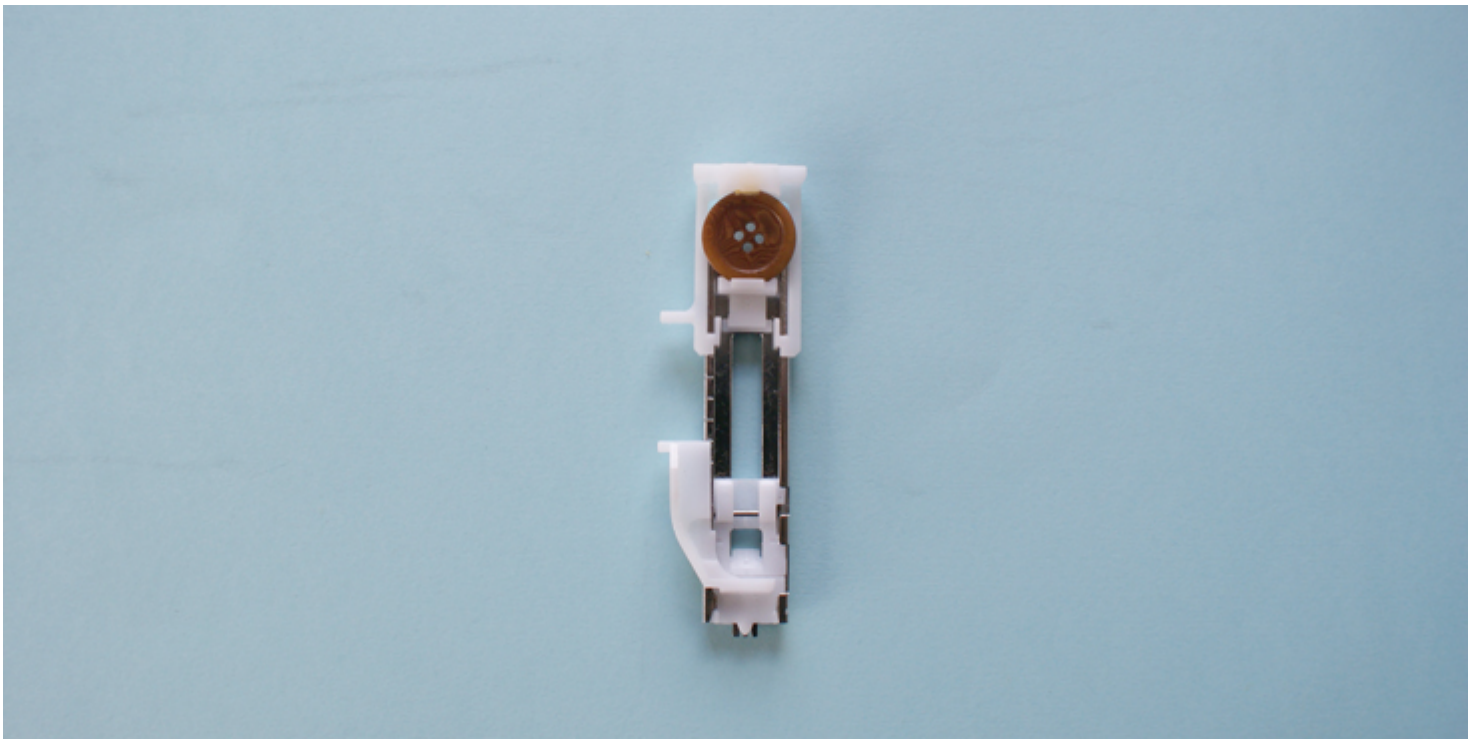
Steps

1. On your fabric, mark where the button is going to be. Make sure you mark its width as it will help to guide the placement of the start of your stitching.



If you have a button sewing foot

1. Place the button into the slot and push it in place.



2. Latch the foot onto the machine, with the top thread above the foot.



3. Change the setting of your machine accordingly. Onâ?? the buttonhole option, select the matching stitching length and width.



4. Place a piece of scrap fabric under the foot and turn the handwheel slowly towards you with your right hand until the needle goes down and continue turning the handwheel until the take-up lever is at its highest position.



5. Remove the fabric to the left to draw both threads to the left.



6. Now you will have your sewing thread at its sewing position.



7. Insert the fabric under the foot and lower the needle at the starting point, which is the left side bottom of the marked button hole. (The machine sews the front bar tack and left row first, then the back bar tack and right row, in a

clockwise direction.)

8. Then lower the buttonhole lever.

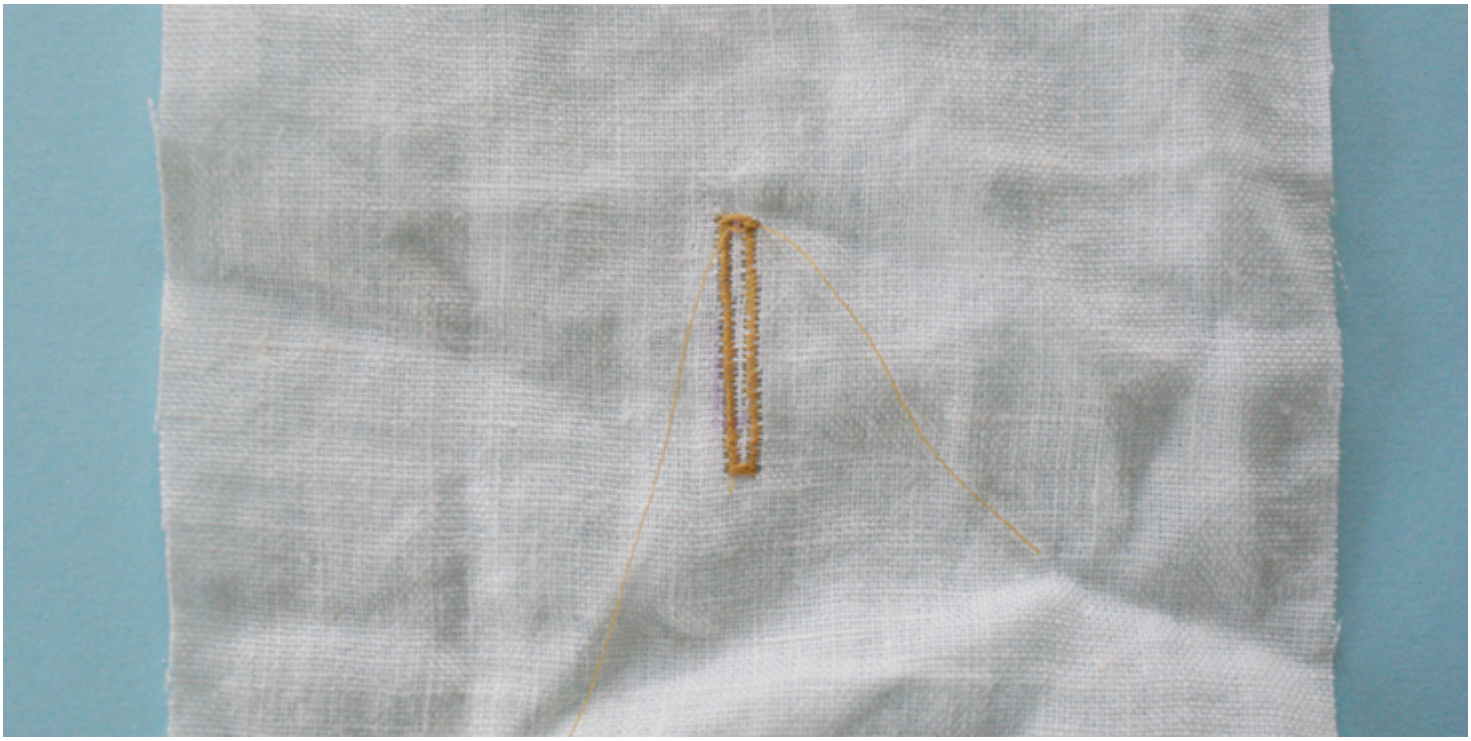


9. Sew slowly and stop the machine when a buttonhole is complete.



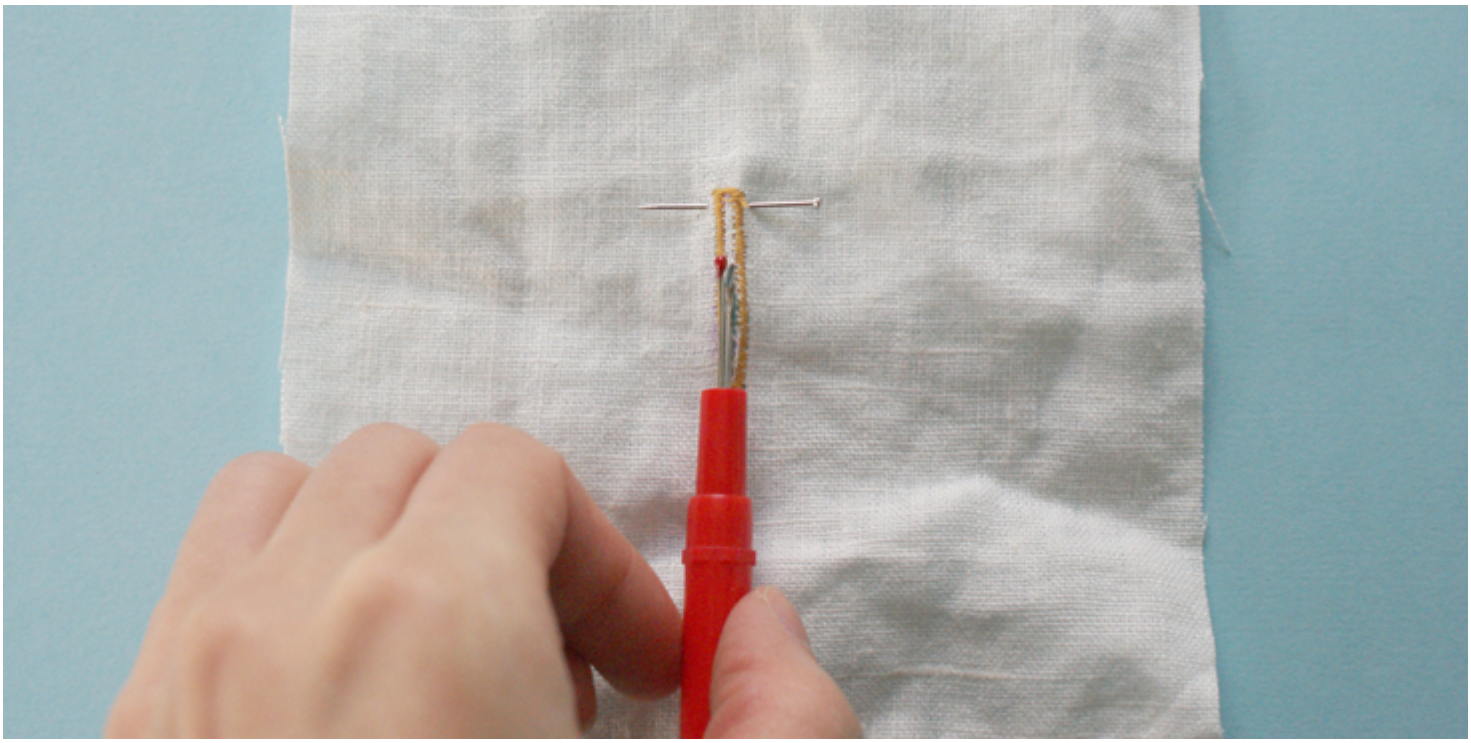
10. Cut both needle (top) and bobbin (bottom) threads leaving about 4 inches (10cm) thread ends.

11. Draw the needle thread to the wrong side of the fabric by pulling the bobbin thread. Then knot the threads.



12. Insert a pin inside the bartack. Cut the opening with the seam ripper. Be careful to not cut the stitches.





13. To repeat buttonhole sewing, turn the stitch selector to reset and back to buttonhole setting again.





If you do not have a button sewing foot

1. Select the Zig Zag stitch option for your stitch selector, with the length between 0-1. The width at 5 (or higher point).



2. Place your fabric under the general sewing foot and lower the needle into the left side of the buttonhole mark.



3. First step will be sewing the front bar tack first, the fabric will not move during this stitch. Once it reached a thickness you desire, stop the machine.

4. Change the stitch width to around 1-2, at this setting you will be knitting the length of the buttonhole. Also change the stitch length to between 1-2.



5. Holding your fabric on both side, make sure you stitch the follow row as straight you can while going backwards and stop the machine once it reached the length of the buttonhole.

6. Repeat the previous two steps for the back bartack and the right row.

7. Then follow steps 10 â?? 13 to complete the buttonholes.



That wasnâ??t so hard. Now you can create buttonholes for all of your projects, without having to worry about it.

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