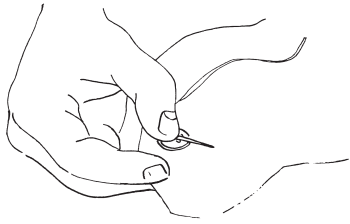




# TIES THAT BIND: LEARN TO SEW ON A BUTTON AND CONNECT



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## TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:

- NEEDLE
- TOOTHPICK (OR ANOTHER NEEDLE)
- THREAD (12" TO 24")
- BUTTON
- CUTTING TOOL

### 1 THREAD THE NEEDLE & KNOT THE END

Tie a knot in the thread using your fingers or use the needle to guide the thread through a knot

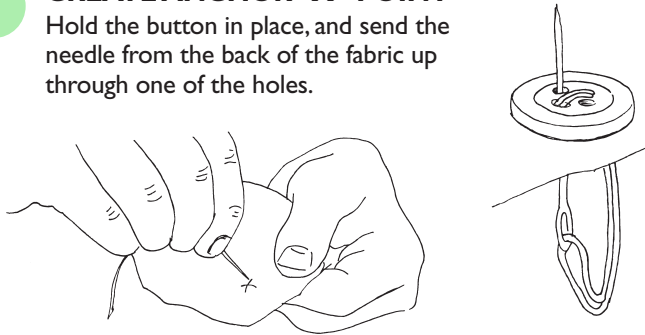


### 2 POSITION THE BUTTON



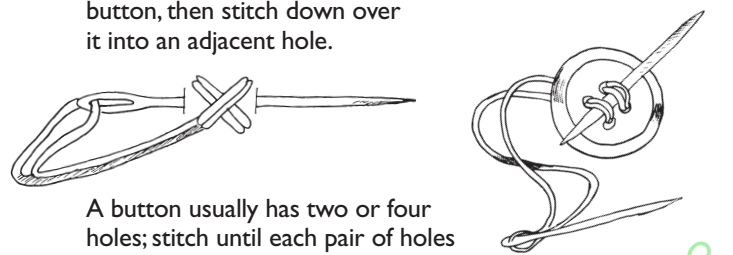
### 3 CREATE ANCHOR "X" POINT

Hold the button in place, and send the needle from the back of the fabric up through one of the holes.



### 4 ADD SPACER (TOOTHPICK)

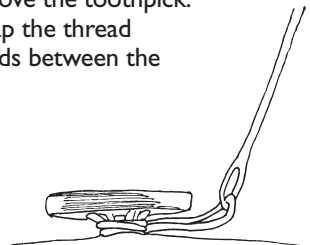
Place a toothpick over or under the button, then stitch down over it into an adjacent hole.



A button usually has two or four holes; stitch until each pair of holes has been bound five or six times.

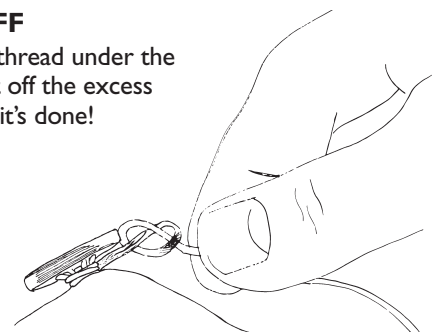
### 5 CREATE THE THREAD SHANK

Hold the needle and thread between the fabric and the button, remove the toothpick. Lift up the button and wrap the thread around the exposed threads between the button and fabric 6 times.



### 6 TIE IT OFF

Tie off the thread under the button. Cut off the excess thread and it's done!





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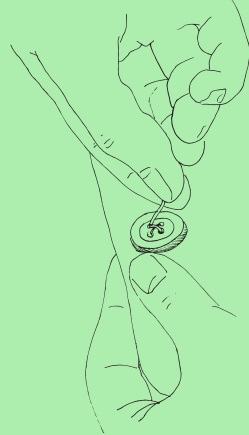
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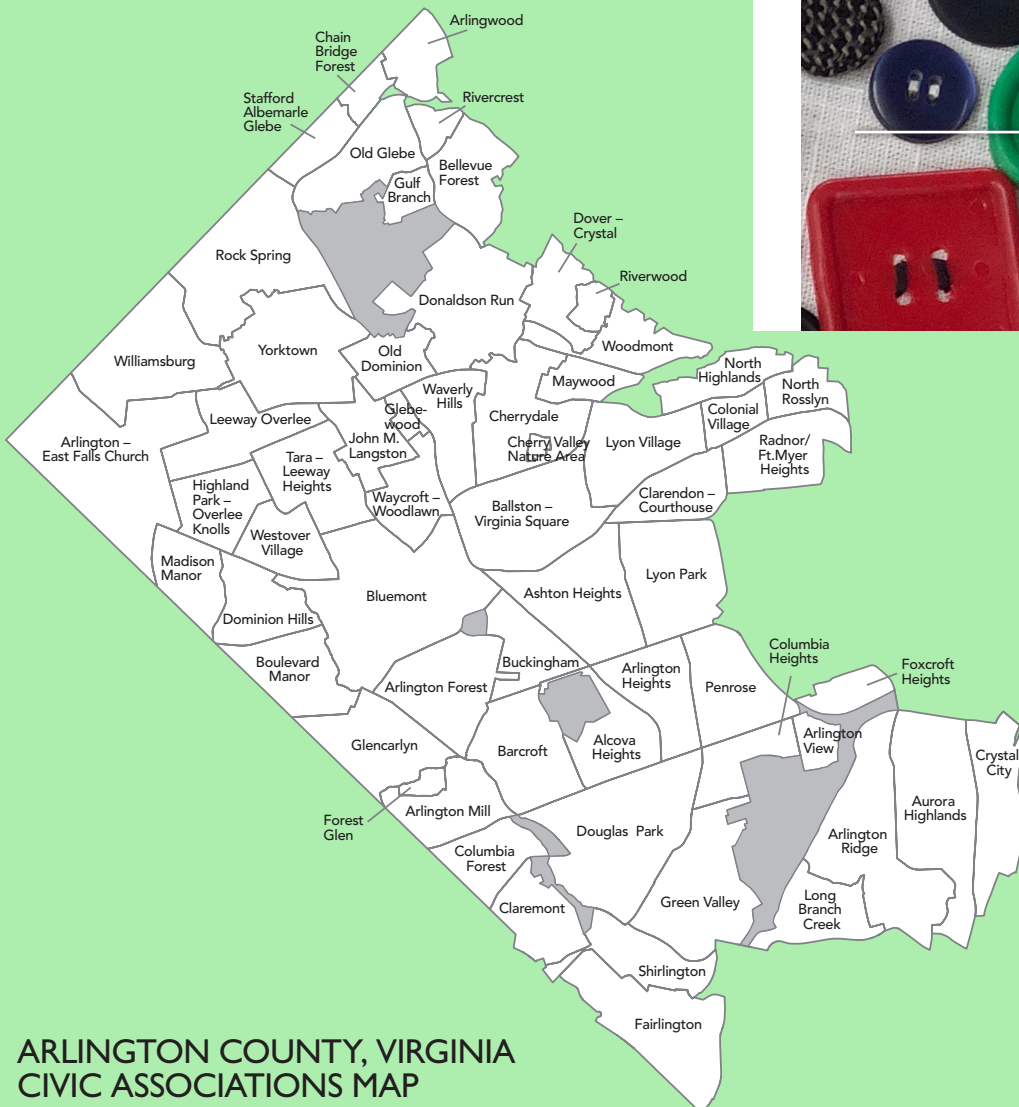
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**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
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