

# Decorative Covered Buttons

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One way to decoratively cover a button, using both a regular shank button and a cover-your-own kit.

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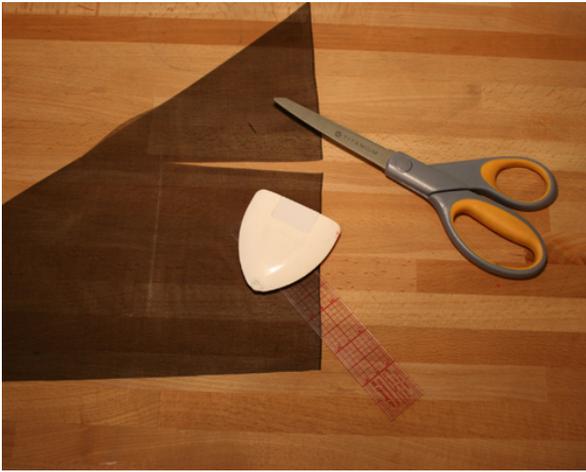
## Step 1



Gather all of your materials. The first part of this How To covers the regular shank button and the second part uses the cover-your-own kit. The best kind of buttons for the first part of this project are ones that already have a fabric surface, so the fabric you are covering it with won't slip. We used velvet-covered buttons and for the material used to cover the buttons we used silk organza.

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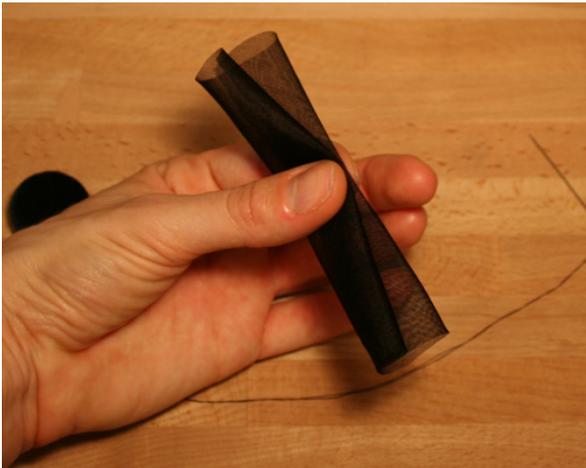
## Step 2



Measure and cut two squares about 4x4 wide.

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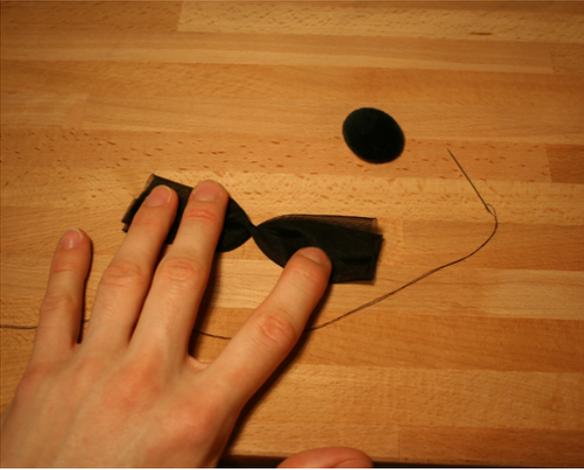
### Step 3



Take one of the squares and fold both sides in to meet at the middle. Next fold in half where the two folded edges meet.

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### Step 4



Take the folded piece and twist it tightly one time in the center.

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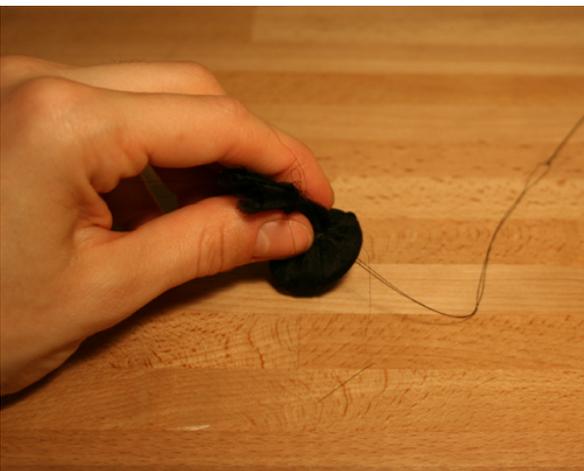
#### Step 5



Place the twisted piece over the center of the button to be covered.

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#### Step 6



With your needle and thread secure the fabric together on the underside of the button.

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### Step 7



You will repeat the exact same steps for the second square of fabric.

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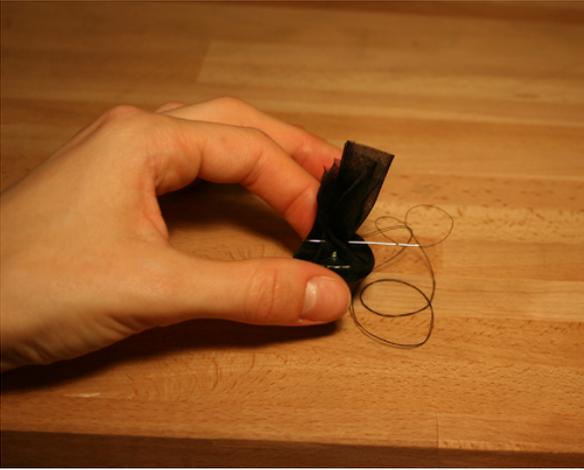
### Step 8



Keep running the thread through all the layers of fabric securing it tightly.

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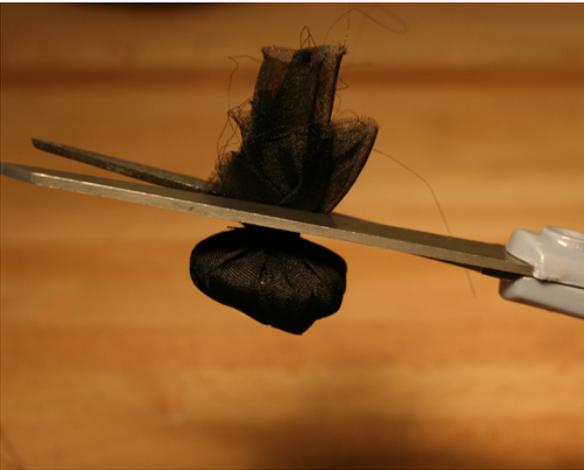
### Step 9



If you can wind the thread around a couple times to tighten and neaten the fabric, then tie it off.

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### Step 10



Trim down the extra fabric.

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### Step 11



This is what the front and back of your button will look like.

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### Step 12



Here we used the covered button on the [Nancy](#) coat.

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### Step 13



Next we will do the same thing except using the cover-your-own kit. When you buy a kit in the store it will come with two pieces that help you attach the back and the front button parts together, shown here. There will also be a small circle pattern from which you will cut a slightly heavier fabric than what we use for the decorative top, like a silk charmeuse.

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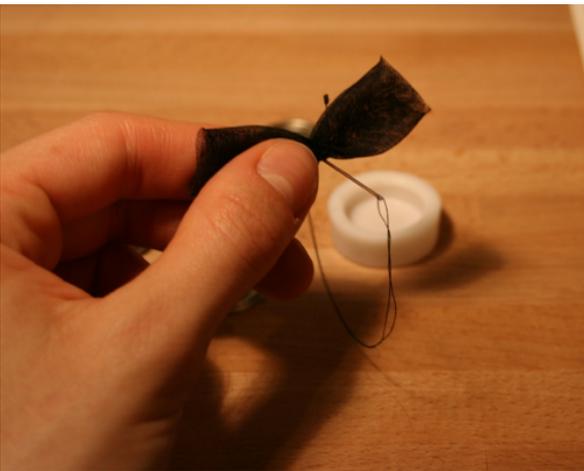
### Step 14



The squares cut for this will be slightly smaller, at 2x2. You will fold and twist them as we did for the last button.

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### Step 15



It may help, since these are smaller, to lightly secure them first with your needle and thread.

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### Step 16



You will then place your circle piece over the secured pieces of twisted fabric.

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### Step 17



Place the fabric right side down into the white runner part of your kit and center the button front over the top. Push the button to secure and fit it inside the rubber dish.

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### Step 18



Trim down excess fabric.

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### Step 19



With the blue plastic cap, shape the fabric over the button, hooking it underneath the small prongs on the inside of the rim.

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### Step 20



Place the button back over the button front and push down again with the blue plastic cap. You may want to tap a hammer or something heavy over the blue cap, to help secure the button back into place under the prongs.

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### Step 21



The finished back and front of your button will look something like this.

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### Step 22



Your two different kinds of covered buttons.

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