

# Fabric Covered Buttons

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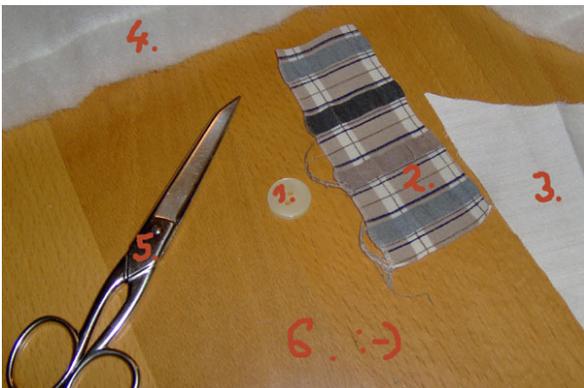
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I guess everyone knows the problem... you can't find good matching buttons. Or you don't like the feel of the buttons (that's my problem). The solution is easy: make fabric covered buttons. I found a tutorial on them in a Burda sewing book, tried it, liked it and decided to share this technique in a very detailed photo tutorial.

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## Step 1



So you need:

1. A button to cover. One you don't like the look of. :-)
2. Fabric to cover the button with. Matching your creation, of course. Or, if you like, a contrasting fabric.
3. Fabric to cover the bottom of the button. It can be the same as Nr.2, of course, but in order to make it more illustrative, I went with a different colour.
4. Backing. Not necessary, but especially if your button is really flat, this is useful for a nicer shape and feel.

5. Scissors.

6. Thread, which somehow didn't make it to the picture. :-) And a needle, of course.

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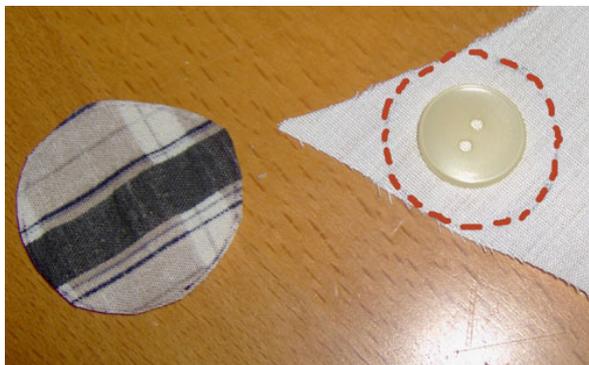
### Step 2



Place your button on the fabric Nr.2 and draw a circle around it. (You can help yourself with the shape... I used a roll of tape. :-)

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### Step 3



Do the same with fabric Nr.3. This circle should be smaller. Cut both circles out.

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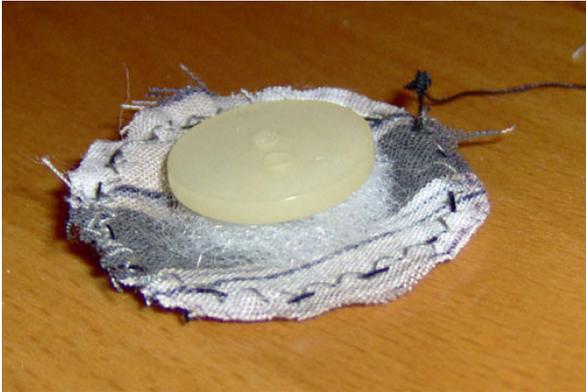
### Step 4



Zig-zag around the edges of the bigger circle. This isn't necessary, and it isn't so easy with such a small circle, but it's better to work with finished edges, especially if your fabric tears off a lot. Handstitch around the edges with a baste stitch. Don't finish, leave the loose end of the thread! Later you'll be shrinking it.

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### Step 5



Place a piece of backing and the button on the circle...

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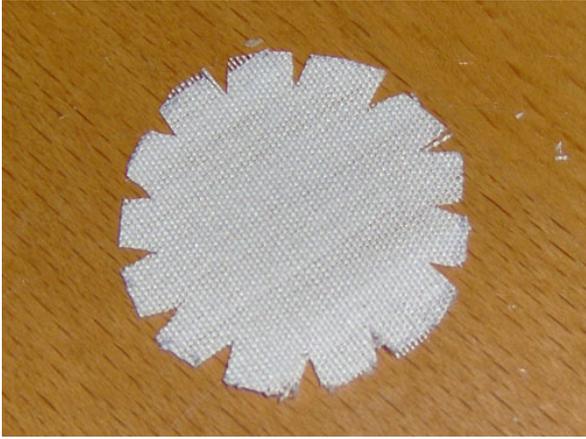
### Step 6



... and shrink it. Now secure the stitch.

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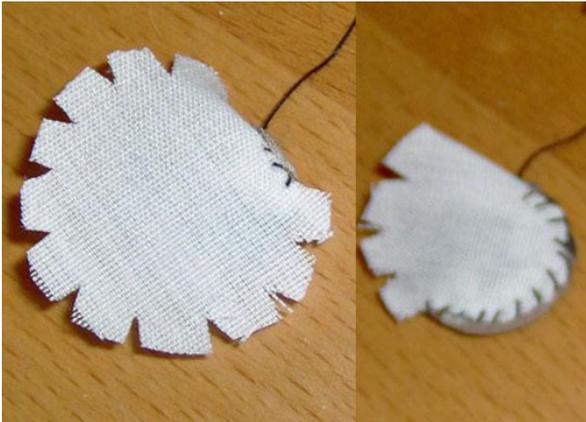
### Step 7



Take the smaller circle and cut small clips around the edges. This again isn't necessary, but believe me, it makes things much easier.

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### Step 8



Sew the smaller circle with a whip stitch to the bottom of the button to give it nice finish. (It looks especially good if your handstitching is neater than mine and you use a matching thread. :-)

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### Step 9



And you've made a nice fabric covered button. There are many opportunities to alter this process, for example I've seen some using embroidered fabric. [Link](#)

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