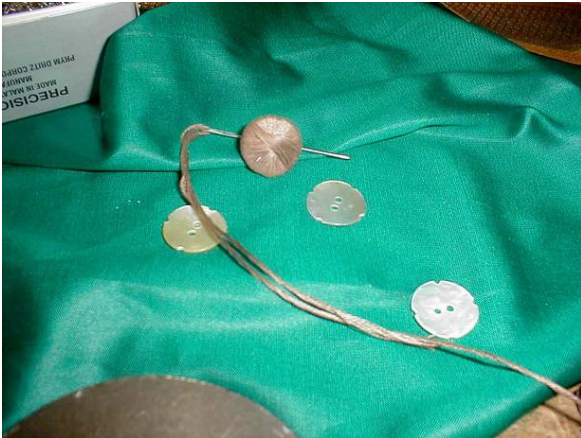


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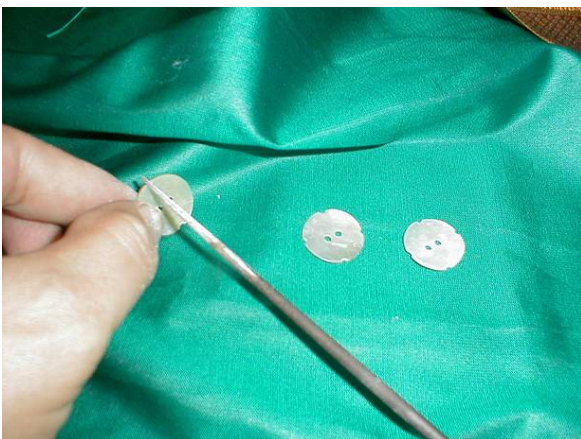
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Sometimes, we can not find the right buttons to finish our project. Sometimes the color does not match, the style is not just right, or.....may be the price is too high. Well, we can make beautiful hand made buttons, recycling old plastic, wood or metal ones like they used to be done in the old days and now are so difficult to find and.....of course.....so expensive, because they are exclusive and unique. Here I am sharing with you a technique that has helped me out a lot, and this is just the beginning.....you can experiment and make your own designs to sew them in the lovely garments you are so proud to produce. I really hope you enjoy making them!!!!

Step 1 — Lets us start!!!



With a very small metal file, make 4 or 6 dents around the border of the button.

Step 2 — Step 2



Take your embroidery thread or yarn and go around the 2 center holes to make a knot, to keep the thread in place.

Step 3 — Step 3



With the thread in one hand, and the button in the other, pass the thread around the hole button starting where there are 2 dents, one up and one down, to make shure the thread stays in place

Step 4 — Step 4



Continue going around the button with the thread, and make sure you pull hard, so the thread is really tight.

Step 5 — Step 5



Go around till you reach the next 2 dents (one up and one down). Now you can start seeing the twist pattern forming in the center.

Step 6 — Step 6



Continue going around the button pulling the thread really hard, and not allowing any spaces in between the threads, until they meet and the work at the front of the button is finish.

Step 7 — Step 7



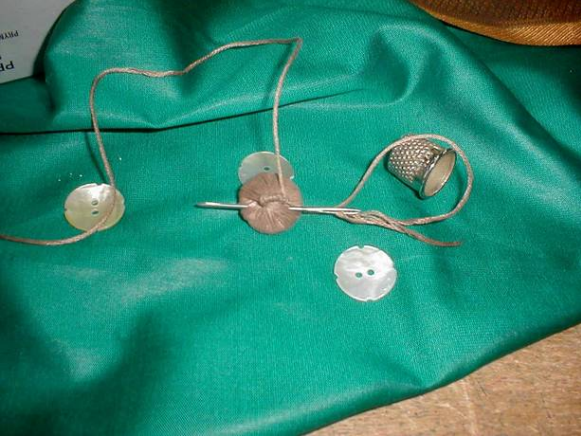
Now, to make the shank at the back, we need to thread the needle and with the help of the coffee straw or nail or round gadget, we form the shank passing the thread 2-3 times, and then we go around those threads like forming a worm to give strength and nice finish.

Step 8 — Step 8



Once the shank is done, take the 2 threads that you have left, and make a knot.

Step 9 — Step 9



Now pass each of the threads separately under all the threads that are covering the back of the button, before you cut them. This also makes sure that the threads will keep in place and the buttons have a life time use.

Step 10 — Step 10



The button is nearly done!!! we just need to cut the threads!!!

Step 11 — The end result!!



This is the way the buttons look "over and under" once you have finish them!!! Let me know if you like them and I will show you how to make different styles.

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