

# Reinforced Buttonhole

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<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/reinforced-buttonhole>

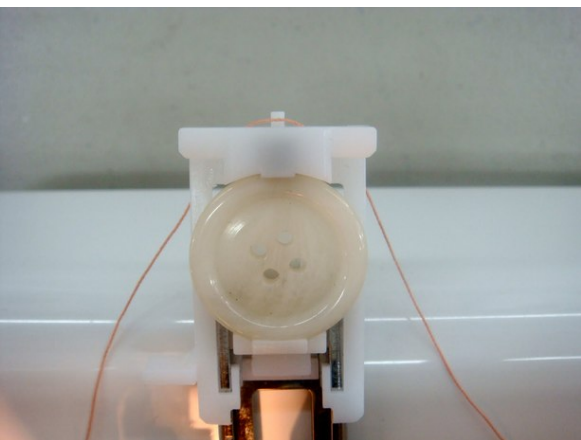
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Uses: For when your buttonholes look wimpy and could use some backbone Materials: Buttonhole twist, upholstery thread, or quilter's thread. Check out more techniques at: <http://sewhappyclothes.blogspot.com/search/label/Techniques>.

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## Step 1 — Set up machine



Cut a length of buttonhole twist (or whatever you are using) that's more than twice the length of your button hole. Fold in half and loop around the back of your presser foot. This may vary by machine, so follow the directions in your manual.

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## Step 2 — Thread buttonhole twist



Bring the ends of the buttonhole twist under the foot and towards the front. Slide them in the guides at the front of your buttonhole foot. Again, this may vary by machine, so check your manual.

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## Step 3 — Sew buttonhole



Sew your buttonhole as you normally would. I imagine this won't work as well for a rounded buttonhole or a keyhole buttonhole. The machine does all the work at this point.

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## Step 4 — Trim and tidy



Once your buttonhole is complete, there should be a loop of buttonhole twist at the top of the buttonhole and two ends coming out the bottom. You can just trim the buttonhole twist thread off, or pull it through to the wrong side of the fabric and knot or sew securely.

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