

Victorian buttons.....Merry Christmas dear Ralf!!!!

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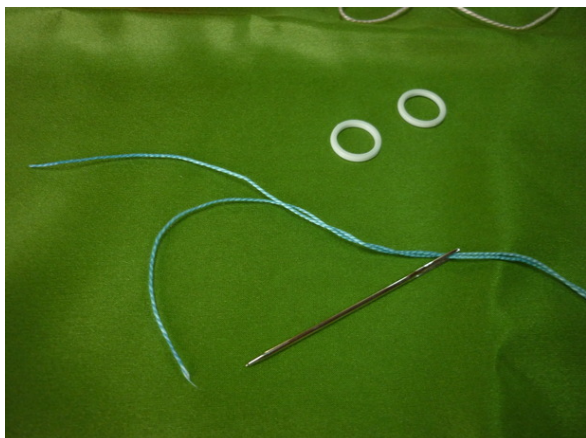
My dear friend Ralf, uses these buttons to finish his exquisite hand bags.....he bought them in an antique market, so....I offer him to teach him to make them so when he had used all the ones that he has, he can continue ornamenting his creations with these particular buttons. So here they are, for you my darling Ralf, and for anyone that wants to make these tiny little finishing.....with love.....from the rain forest!!! :D

Step 1 — What we need



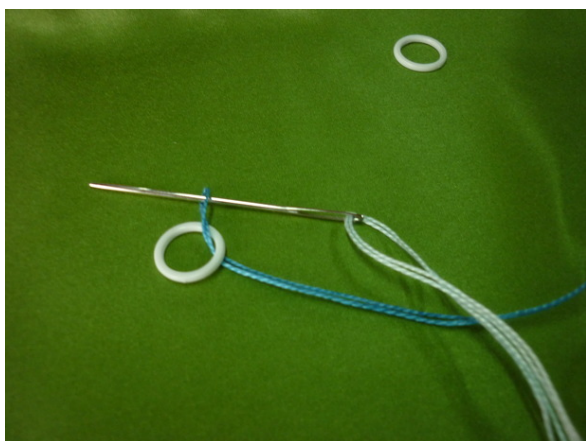
We only need: hand embroidery threads, plastic rings (the ones used to make brasieres) wool needle, scissors, tape measure, toothpick.

Step 2 — Threading



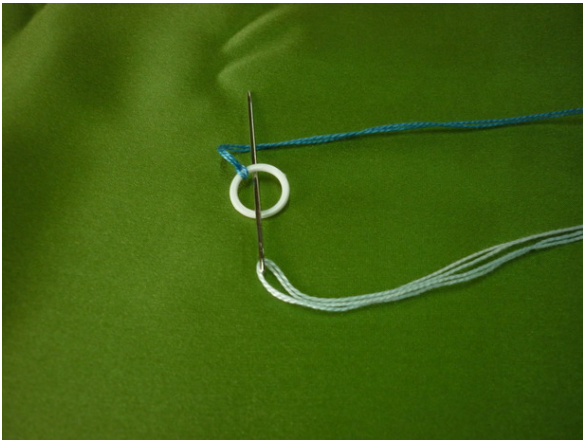
For one button size 12mm, you need to cut 2.5metres of thread. Fold in half and thread the needle.

Step 3 — Let`s start!!!



Now simply loop the thread around the ring and pass the needle, so you have the thread now secure on the ring to start making "couples"

Step 4 — Under.....



Now, put the needle in front and at the center of the ring as shown in the picture, and loop`the thread, pull and you have made 1/2 knot.....

Step 5 — Over.....



Now, from under the center, pass over the ring and pull!!!

Step 6 — Just couples!!!



Step 4 — Under.....

Now you can see the result of steps 4 and 5.....you make couples, so now you continue doing them, I made 18 couples, that means 36 singles: under-over-+under-over+....and just fill the ring with them

Step 7 — Lets move those couples!!!



Now that all the "couples" are filling the ring, we have to move them towards the inside of the ring.....

Step 8 — Spider web ordream catcher???



Ja-ja-ja!!! I do not know the names of what I am doing!!! so I have to invent.....mmmm. Ok, now we are going to start weaving the center or our button, and from where we are, we count 9 (or half of the couples we have made) and put the needle through there.....and in the next couple, we come back to the other side.....

Step 9 — Finish spider.....dream???



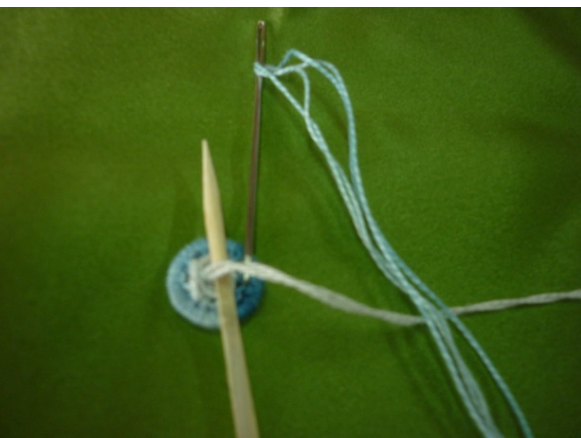
Well, this is the way that the button looks when we have finish doing the spider web, now, we are ready for "basket weaving"

Step 10 — Basket weaving



Now we go to the center of the spider web, and we start weaving the threads. we go round, and round, and round, until we are very close and tight to the "couples"!!

Step 11 — Making the shank



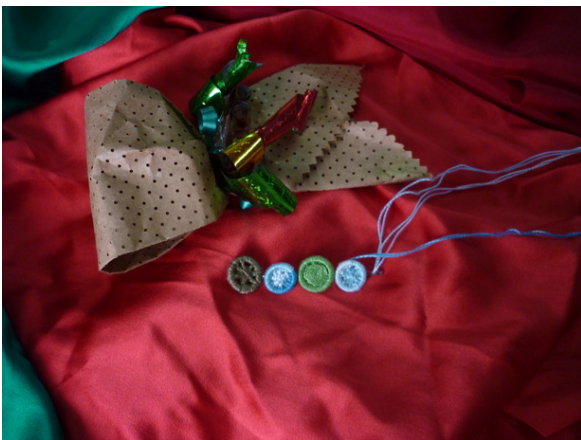
Now that our button is finished.....:D.....we go to the center back, and with the toothpic we start making the shank. We put the toothpic in the center and go over it 2 times making shure that we take at least one thread on each side to secure it

Step 12 — Working the shank



You must be fed up.....but we are nearly finish.....Now you have to go round the 2 threads making a worm....yes....a worm....once you fill the threads, , you make a knot and hide the thread. Would you belive me if I tell you that this is most difficult part?????. But now you know that: we need couples, spiders, dream catchers and worms to make Victorian buttons.....may be ...we could also make a tale out of all this!!!!

Step 13 — Merry Christmas my dear friend!!!



Here is your Chirstmas present my dear Ralf, all finish and I hope that it will be usefull to you and all the friends that look at it. For sure is a present send with love to you. To Berlin, all the way from the Rain Forest with love!!!!

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