

# Fiskars Unzipped : Manual Machine Buttonholes

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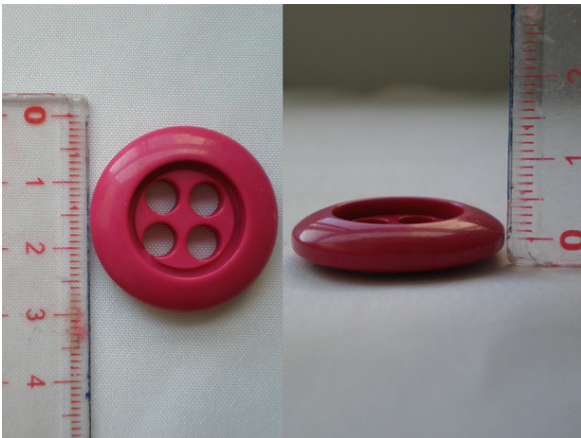
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Never let a pattern's inclusion of a buttonhole deter you from making it. A manual button hole is super simple. I developed this method from scratch for the sake of the tutorial having never made a buttonhole before so that should tell you how easy they are.

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## Step 1 — Measure Buttons



Measure diameter and thickness of button.

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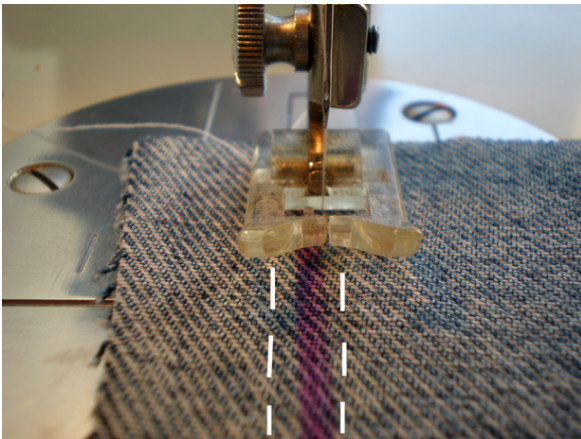
## Step 2 — Mark Measurements



Add the two measurements together and mark that on a scrap piece of fabric with a marker (disappearing if this will be a finished piece).

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### Step 3 — Straight stitch



With marked line on the outside of the needle sew a straight stitch around the perimeter of the line.

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### Step 4 — Your Guide



Check it out, a nice little rectangle guide for the next steps.

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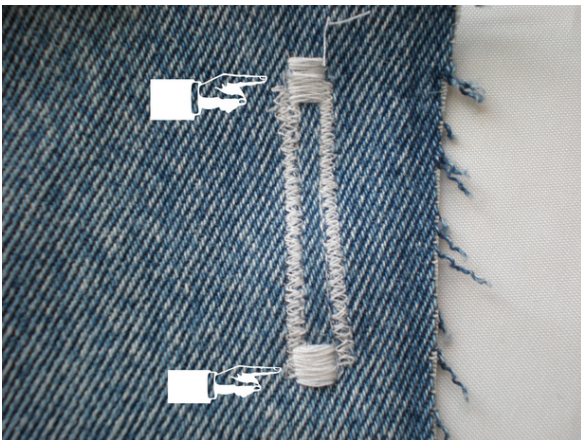
## Step 5 — Zig Zag Stitch



Set zig zag stitch width to 1.25 and use buttonhole/applique/satin stitch setting. Sew over your straight stitch keeping the straight stitches in the centre of your foot. Depending on how close your stitches are together you might need to do this more than once.

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## Step 6 — Reenforce Stitching



With the center of the buttonhole lined up with the center of your foot and needle, set the zig zag width to its widest setting. Mine is 4 and it fit perfectly. At the top and bottom of the buttonhole stitch approx 1/8" to give it some added resistance to wear.

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## Step 7 — Cut Buttonhole





With your razor blade (or seam ripper or super sharp super small scissors) slice down the center of your buttonhole, making sure not to cut any stitches.

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## Step 8 — Test Your Handiwork



Check your button in your newly fashioned hole.

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