

Make Your Own Knit Buttons

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Materials

Semi-Flexible plastic grid (used for bag bottoms) – used for base and will be referred to as the grid.

Permanent marker – used to outline the shape on the grid

Interfacing –Any type should be OK, used for padding

Knitting needles – size small enough to make a dense swatch

Yarn

Tapestry needle

Notes

Make a test button first before making multiples. It will save you time and materials.

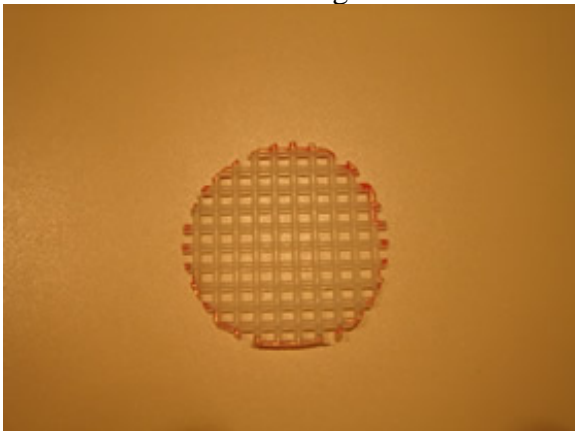
There is some math involved but if I can do it you can too! (Trust me I still count with my fingers.)

Create your base and padding

- Find a button or circular shape that is the size of the button you want to make. It can be a bit smaller as button will increase a little in size when complete.

- Place the template on the grid, trace around the template with the marker. Make as many as needed.

- Cut the circles from the grid.



- Determine the size to cut the interfacing. Find 1/3 of the base then multiply by 2, add that number to the base.

Example:

Base = 1.5"

1/3 of the base = .5"

1/3 of base multiplied by 2 = 1"

Total size of interfacing is 1.5" + 1" = 2.5

- Cut a square with the measurements determined above.

Knit the cover

The cover will be a square.

- Knit a swatch in ss to find your gauge. 25sts x 25sts should be plenty for a 1.5" button. Your swatch will vary due to yarn and needle sizes.

- Place the base on the right side of the swatch and count your stitches across the diameter of the base. (Do this for the horizontal and vertical as your rows may be taller/shorter than sts)

- Add 2 to the number (vertical and horizontal) to determine how many sts and rows to make the cover.

- Make as many covers as needed. Leave a 12" tail on both the CO and BO sides.

Attach cover to base

- Take the base and wrap it in the interfacing by folding the interfacing so that the corners meet in the middle. The side with the corners will be the facing side of the button.



- Place the interfaced covered base face down on the wrong side of your cover. Tuck in the interfacing so that it forms to the circular base. If your math is right the corners of the cover should meet in the center. (Congratulations! If not you're probably like me and are bad at math and will need to make a few before it fits.)



- Use one tail to setup for seaming the back by first sewing the opposite corners together.



- Adjust the cover as needed so that it is centered and the facing side is completely covered. The back will look like a four petal flower. The petals will be where you can still see the interfacing.



- Seam using the mattress stitch always starting from the center working to the outside. Make sure the unused tail is always at the center.



- When finished seaming, pull tail used to seam to the center. Tie tails together to secure. Use these to attach the button to your FO.



That's it!