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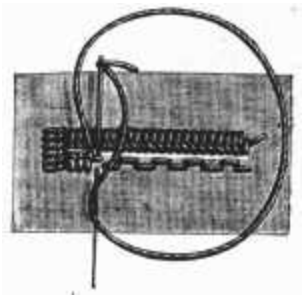
Button-Holes in Linen

A straight cut, a small knot, and your button finally has somewhere to live.



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"Knot to the edge, left to right, then bar both ends."

1. **Mark and Cut**
   Mark the place for the hole with two rows of running stitches, two or three threads apart. Then cut the hole perfectly straight, exactly the diameter of the button.

2. **Work the Stitch**
   Put your needle in at the back of the slit and take up about three threads. Bring the working thread round from right to left under the point of the needle and draw it out through the loop, so the knot comes at the edge of the slit, working from the lower left corner to the right.

3. **Bar the Ends**
   Make a bar of button-hole stitching across each end, with the knotted edge toward the slit.