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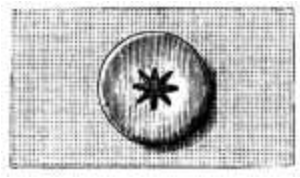
Sewing on Linen Buttons

A button, eight stitches like a star, and a twist to finish it properly.



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"Eight for the star, six or seven for the twist."

1. **Fasten In the Thread**
   Fasten in your thread with a stitch or two, at the place where the button is to be.

2. **Star Stitches**
   Bring the needle out through the middle of the button and make eight stitches, diverging from the centre like a star. If you like, encircle them with a row of stitching.

3. **Twist the Cotton**
   Bring the needle out between the stuff and the button, and twist the cotton six or seven times round it.

4. **Fasten Off**
   Push the needle through to the wrong side and fasten off.