

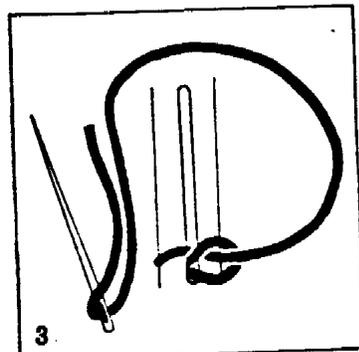
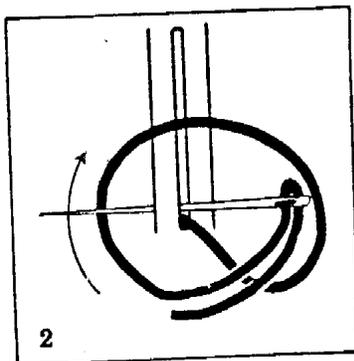
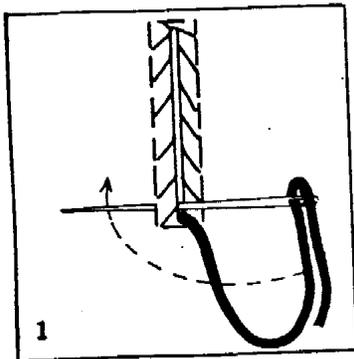
HAND SEWING BUTTON HOLES

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BUTTONHOLES

A handmade buttonhole is $\frac{1}{8}$ " larger than the diameter of the button. On the right side of the fabric, check the buttonhole marks for correct length. Stitch, by hand, just outside of the mark on all sides. Cut the fabric on the mark. If your fabric ravel easily, overcast the cut edges before you begin the buttonhole stitch.

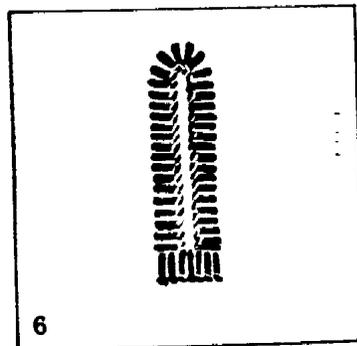
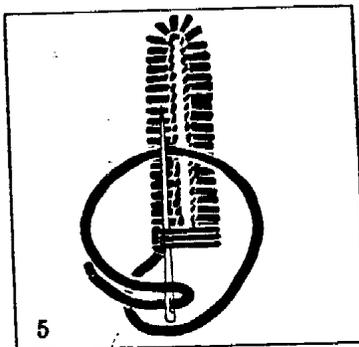
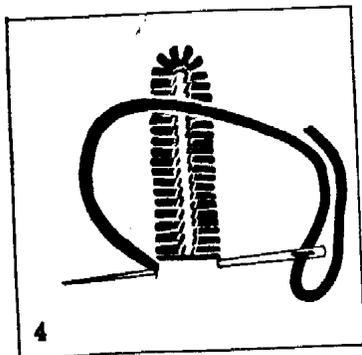
The buttonhole stitch is made on the right side of the fabric with the front edge held toward you. The stitching begins on the left side nearest the front edge, and is worked away from you. Anchor the thread with a knot on the wrong side.



1 Insert the needle through the slit and bring it out again just outside the stitching line.

2 Grasp the thread as it comes from the eye of the needle and carry it under the point and above as illustrated.

3 Pull the needle to the left and then to the right forming a purl on the slit edge.



4 Continue stitching, fanning the stitches around the outer end. Make a bar at the front edge of the buttonhole by inserting the needle as if to make another buttonhole stitch. Bring the needle up next to the first buttonhole stitch as illustrated. Make three parallel over and over stitches the width of the buttonhole.

5 Cover the bar with buttonhole stitches by inserting the needle under the bar stitches. The purl is on the front edge outside the third bar stitch.

6 Finished buttonhole. Fasten off the thread on the inside with several small over and over stitches and a knot.