

## Button Garland

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### Recipe:

1 x 20cm x 20cm Base fabric backed with interfacing

5 x Assorted buttons

Thread the machine with the purple thread.

*We are using decorative stitches and satin stitch. Please select the clear buttonhole foot for better visibility, this foot will also allow for the satin stitch to travel smoothly under the foot.*

1. **Satin Stitch** to create the long cords which are holding the baubles we are going to use a satin stitch - Select zig zag stitch –Selector dial '**C**' - width dial **3** (the higher the number the wider the stitch, a lower number will create a narrower stitch) - Length dial between **0-1** (if you go too close to **0** the machine will stitch on the spot causing the machine to jam up) Starting from the curve line stitch the lengths marked. Use the reverse lever to do a few back stitches to secure the stitching.

2. **Decorative Stitch** to create the garland - Stitch Selector dial **I** Width **5** Length between **0 -1** follow the curved line to create your garland.

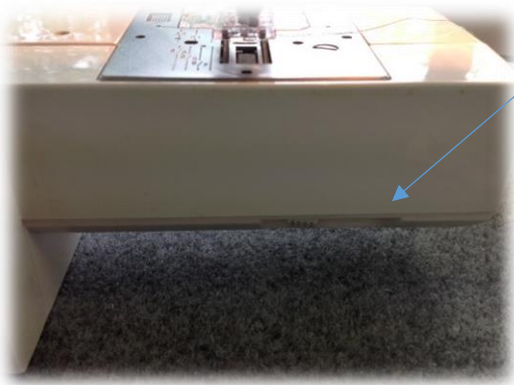
3. **Buttonholes** using the largest button place the button in the back of the buttonhole foot (this will determine the size of the buttonhole) pull down the buttonhole lever (see image below)

Position the buttonhole foot so that it starts stitching from the lower part of the cord.

Once the buttonhole is complete the threads should be taken through to the wrong side to secure.



4. **Attaching Buttons** the machine has a slide lever on the back of the free arm to allow you to lower the feed dogs on the machine (see image below).



Feed dog lever

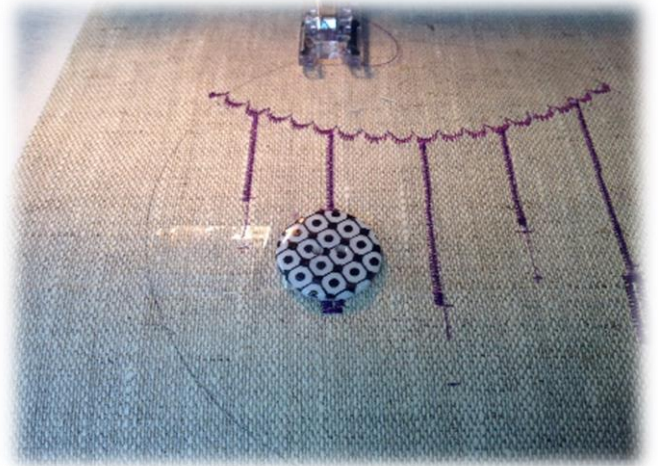
Stitch Selector dial 'C' - length dial doesn't matter as you have lowered the feed dogs

Position the buttons where you want to attach them to be.

(Use a small piece of sellotape to hold in place whilst stitching)

Width dial – start at 5. Lower the needle into the left hand hole of the button – turn the balance wheel on the side of the machine to make sure that the needle also goes into the hole on the right hand side of the button. If the needle misses the hole use the width dial to adjust the needle position accordingly to allow the needle to pass through the right hand hole on the button. Sew approximately six stitches to hold the button in place. Once stitching is complete take the thread tails through to the wrong side to secure.

This can also be done with the button sewing foot 'T' which is an optional extra.



## Tips:

- If your machine has a two speed foot control, this allows you to slow the machine down. Be aware that when you slow the machine down the speed becomes slower but the machine will sound slightly noisier. This is not a problem with the machine it a bit like putting the brakes on when driving, you are just slowing the motor.
- This machine has a needle threader making it much easier to thread the machine.
- One step buttonhole – much better for dressmaking as all buttonhole are going to be consistent.
- When attaching buttons or embellishments use a small piece of sellotape to hold them in position.