

SINGER® PROJECTS

Button Cover Pendant Necklaces: Tips & Hints



Making jewelry from covered buttons is fun, fast and really easy. The necklaces in the photo above are just a few examples of using decorative machine stitches, embroidery, free-motion stitching, and appliques for a variety of results.

After the fabric has been embellished, the buttons are covered using self-covered button hardware. Button covering kits provide instructions on how to cover the button. If desired, you can glue the covered button into a pendant bezel. Just add the ribbon or cord - and you're done!

Read on for basic tips and hints on how to achieve various looks for your pendant creations.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■■■□□



Necklace #1: The face of this necklace is created by sewing several parallel rows of decorative machine stitching on silk fabric.

Supplies Needed:

- Silk fabric square (about 4” x 4”)
- INSPIRA™ Tear-A-Way™ stabilizer (about 4” x 4”)
- Temporary fabric spray adhesive
- 30wt. cotton thread (for decorative stitching)
- All-purpose thread (for bobbin)
- Satin stitch foot
- Pendant bezel (main necklace hardware)
- Covered button hardware to fit pendant bezel
- Clear fabric/craft glue
- Organza ribbon or other cord for necklace
- Jewelry finding for necklace closure



Tips for Making Pendant:

Lightly spray one side of the stabilizer with the temporary fabric spray adhesive. Place the silk fabric square on top of the sprayed stabilizer. Thread the bobbin with all-purpose thread, and the top of the machine with 30wt. cotton thread (the heavy cotton thread will make the stitches bolder in appearance on the fabric than if all-purpose thread is used). Attach the Satin Stitch Foot to help decorative stitches pass freely underneath the foot as you sew. The stitch shown in the photo is a Vine Stitch, but use whatever stitch you choose – even combine different stitches if you prefer! When stitching is finished, remove any excess stabilizer. Cover the button form following manufacturer’s instructions, then glue into the pendant bezel. Add jewelry findings to ends of cord.



Machine shown is SINGER® Legacy™ C440 sewing machine with optional Darning/Embroidery Foot.

Necklace #2: The face of this necklace features free-motion stitching with metallic thread to create a textural effect for the flower center. The main flower was applied to the base fabric using fusible web. Small beads were hand-stitched on top for added dimension.

Supplies Needed:

- Fabric square (about 4" x 4", for main fabric)
- Small fabric scrap (for flower applique)
- INSPIRA™ Tear-A-Way™ stabilizer (about 4" x 4")
- Small piece of fusible web (for applique)
- Temporary fabric spray adhesive
- Metallic thread (for decorative stitching)
- All-purpose thread (for bobbin)
- Darning/embroidery foot
- Pendant bezel (main necklace hardware)
- Covered button hardware to fit pendant bezel
- Clear fabric/craft glue
- Rattail cord for necklace
- Jewelry finding for necklace closure
- Beads
- Fine hand sewing needle (for sewing beads)



Machine shown is SINGER® Featherweight™ C240 sewing machine with optional Darning/Embroidery Foot.

Tips for Making Pendant:

Cut a flower-shaped applique using fusible web and small fabric scrap. Apply to center area of main fabric. Lightly spray one side of the stabilizer with temporary fabric spray adhesive. Place the appliqued fabric square on top of the sprayed stabilizer. Thread the bobbin with all-purpose thread, and thread the top with metallic thread. Attach the Darning/Embroidery Foot and disengage the machine's feed teeth. Set machine for straight stitch. Sewing at a moderate speed, free-motion sew the center area of the flower applique. When stitching is finished, remove any excess stabilizer. Cover the button form following manufacturer's recommendations, then glue into the pendant bezel. Add jewelry findings to ends of cord. *(Note: If your machine has a Drop Feed lever to lower feed teeth, to re-engage feed teeth for regular sewing, move lever back to original position and turn handwheel one full turn.)*

Necklace #3: The face of this necklace features a machine embroidered design stitched on organza. The organza was then placed on top of a silk fabric before covering the button hardware. A bead was applied to the flower center.

Supplies Needed:

- Silk fabric square (about 4” x 4”) for base fabric
- Organza fabric large enough to be hooped for embroidery on embroidery machine
- INSPIRA™ Aqua-Magic™ stabilizer large enough to be hooped with organza fabric
- INSPIRA™ Tear-A-Way™ stabilizer (about 4” x 4”)
- Rayon embroidery thread (for embroidery)
- Bobbin fill thread (for bobbin)
- Small embroidery design
- Embroidery machine with embroidery foot
- Pendant bezel (main necklace hardware)
- Covered button hardware to fit pendant bezel
- Clear fabric/craft glue
- Purchased cord for necklace
- Bead for flower center (optional)
- Fine hand-sewing needle (for attaching bead)



Tips for Making Pendant:

Hoop the water-soluble stabilizer and organza. Thread bobbin with bobbin fill thread and the top of the machine with rayon thread. Select your desired embroidery design and stitch on the organza. When finished embroidering, first remove excess stabilizer, then rinse out the remaining bits of stabilizer and allow organza to totally dry. Cut organza to about the same size of silk fabric square. Place embroidered organza on top of the silk square. Use a hand sewing needle to add the bead in the flower center. Cover the button form following manufacturer’s recommendations, then glue into the pendant bezel.

(Note: The flower design used for this necklace came from the SINGER® Futura™ XL-580 sewing and embroidery machine. The flower element used for the necklace was taken from one of the built in designs, edited out to be used as a single design element.)

Necklace #4: The face of this necklace features a machine embroidered design stitched on organza, similar to Necklace #3. The organza was placed on top of a silk fabric before covering the button hardware. Use your embroidery software to create your own unique embroidery designs!

Supplies Needed:

- Silk fabric square (about 4" x 4") for base fabric
- Organza fabric large enough to be hooped for embroidery on embroidery machine
- INSPIRA™ Aqua-Magic™ stabilizer large enough to be hooped with organza fabric
- INSPIRA™ Tear-A-Way™ stabilizer (about 4" x 4")
- Rayon embroidery thread (for embroidery)
- Bobbin fill thread (for bobbin)
- Auto-digitizing software to create your own original embroidery design
- Embroidery machine with embroidery foot
- Pendant bezel (main necklace hardware)
- Covered button hardware to fit pendant bezel
- Clear fabric/craft glue
- Cord for necklace
- Jewelry findings for cord ends to finish necklace



Tips for Making Pendant:

Hoop the water-soluble stabilizer and organza. Thread bobbin with bobbin fill thread and the top of the machine with rayon thread. After creating your embroidery design, stitch it out on the organza. When finished embroidering, first remove excess stabilizer, then rinse out the remaining bits of stabilizer and allow organza to totally dry. Cut organza to about the same size of silk fabric square. Place embroidered organza on top of the silk square. Cover the button form following manufacturer's recommendations, then glue into the pendant bezel.