







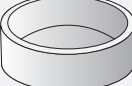
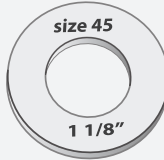


How to Cover a Button

Cover buttons are great for apparel, crafts and jewelry. Available in many sizes – we know there is one that is perfect for your project! This tutorial shows how to use a Dritz® template to center a fabric design on a cover button. While you may not always have a design that begs to be centered, the templates still offer you an exact size circle to trace and cut. Just the right amount of fabric to be tucked into the button shell. And we all want the process to be as easy as possible, don't we?

There 3 styles of metal cover buttons. One style has no teeth, and requires the mold and pusher to cover the button smoothly. Two styles have teeth to hold fabric securely without using the tools. But, using the mold in addition makes the process so much easier. Sizes vary slightly, but as long as the size numbers match, so will the tools!

What are the parts called?

	Buttons			Templates
Pusher				
Back	 Back with shank	 Flat back		
Shell				
Mold				
	<p>Cover Buttons Shell has no teeth. Available with or without a shank on the back. Flat back is for crafting when glue is required for application and is sold with tools. Shank back is available with or without tools. Both styles also sold assorted in bulk with tools.</p>	<p>Half Ball Cover Button Teeth and shank are on the shell. Available with or without tools.</p>	<p>Flat Buttons Teeth and shank are on the shell. There is no kit with tools. But tools in any kit of the same size will fit.</p>	<p>See the difference? Buttons with teeth have the shank wire hooked into the shell. The back has no shank. Basic Cover Buttons have the shank on the back of the button or have no shank at all for crafting. The tools and templates work for all styles.</p>  <p>Template There is one for each size button, 20 to 75.</p>



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You will need:

- Your fabric
- Any style Dritz® Cover Buttons, any size (Note: Some packages include the tools. You need these to start! So buy at least one of these. Then purchase refill packages with no tools to make lots and lots of projects. No need to re-buy the tool set.)
- One set of Dritz® Cover Button Templates
- One Dritz® Mark-B-Gone™ Marking Pen or other Marking Pencil
- Scissors

Why aren't there tools in every package?

1. Some packages were designed as refills. If you already have tools, you don't have to purchase them repeatedly!
2. There is an alternate technique using no tools. The basic pencil becomes a tool. Simply use the eraser end to push fabric under the teeth.

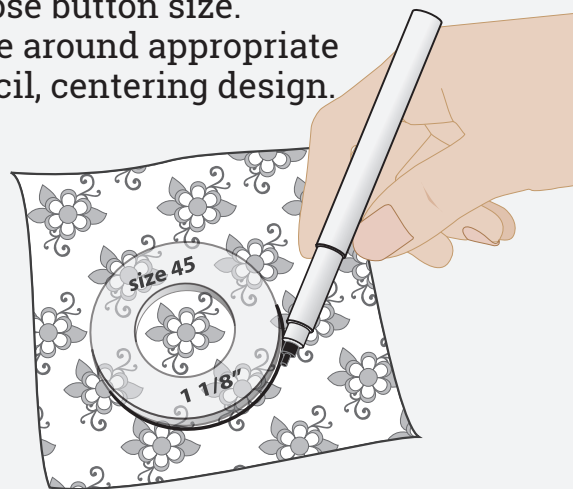


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Now that you have chosen your cover buttons, it is time to cover them! Not all fabric prints require centering. If your fabric is solid, or has an overall design that requires no special treatment, you will have no need to center a design. However, the templates are still useful. By tracing along the outside edge of the circle, and cutting on the marked line, you will have the perfect amount of fabric with which to cover your button.

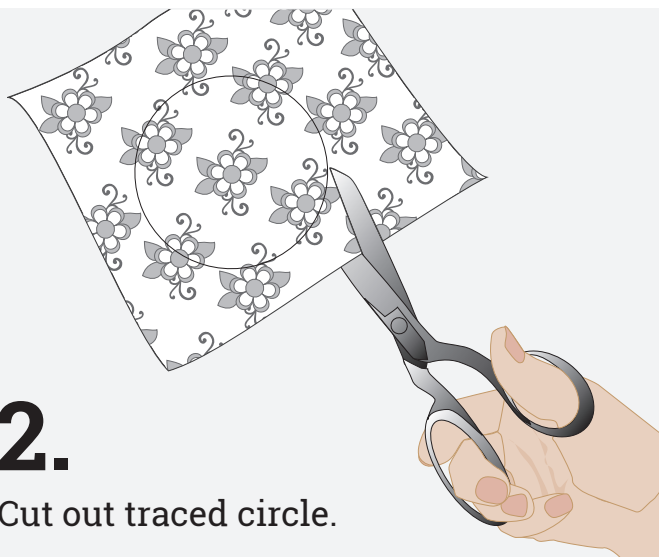
Choose button size.
Trace around appropriate stencil, centering design.

1.



2.

Cut out traced circle.



3.

Center fabric circle, button shell and button pusher over the mold.

NOTE: fabric is right side down.



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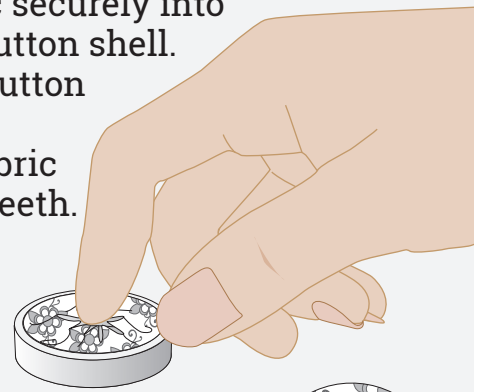
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Push down on the pusher to trap the fabric and button in the mold.



5.

Tuck fabric securely into center of button shell. If using a button with teeth, tuck the fabric under the teeth.



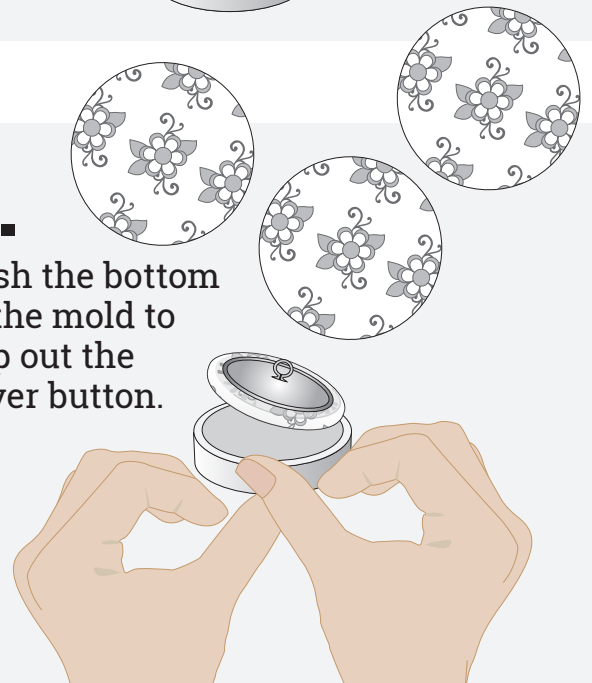
6.

Center the back over the tucked in fabric. Push down firmly with pusher until back snaps into place.



7.

Push the bottom of the mold to pop out the cover button.



Don't forget, our step-by-step artwork shows basic Cover Buttons only. The process is the same for any style metal cover button when using the tools – with or without teeth.

