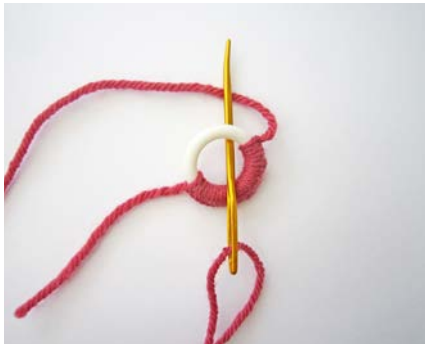


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Step 1: Using a blunt knitters sewing needle and a length of your chosen yarn shade, sew a round of blanket stitch around the plastic ring, making sure to make enough stitches to fill it up tightly.



Step 2: When the ring is completely full join both yarn tails by either knotting or sewing them together.



Step 3: Turn the ridge made by the blanket stitches into the centre of the ring.



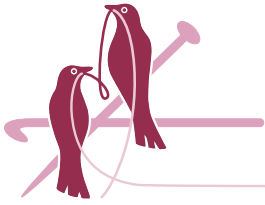
Step 4: Using your next chosen yarn shade knot the yarn ends at the centre back of the button.



Step 5: Use one yarn end to create a framework for the next step – think of this like spokes of a wheel and make sure the framework is evenly spaced. Tie yarn ends together at the reverse of the button.



Step 6: Thread a knitters sewing needle and put a knot in the end of your next chosen yarn shade. Thread the needle through the knots made at the reverse of the button and through to the centre front making sure that your needle does not split any yarn and comes through between two 'spokes' of your framework made on the previous step.



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Step 7: Place your needle through from the front between the two previous 'spokes' so that the yarn wraps itself around one 'spoke'. Bring your needle out between the next two spokes.

It helps to think 'two steps forward, one step back'.



Step 8: Continue to sew around the spokes until the centre of the button is full up. Take yarn through to the reverse of the button and fasten off.



Step 9: Using another shade of yarn work one more round of stitches as on Step 7.



Step 10: Using a finer sewing needle and thread, sew beads into place between 'spoke' framework.

