

ContourFlex™ Buttons

Decorative buttons are a versatile embellishment and add a custom touch to pillows, bedding, cornice boards and more.

Materials and Supplies:

Fabric

ContourFlex™ - BP20

Polyester Upholstery Batting – PA50 or Cornice Board Padding – PA27

Micro Screw Eyes – SE17 or SE 15

Lift Cord – such as LC9C/11 or any size or color

Awl – WW32

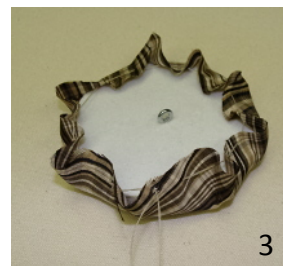
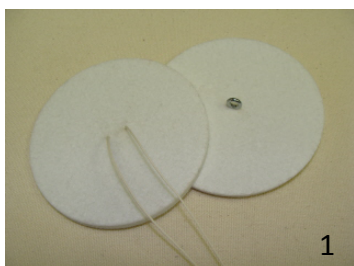
Fringe Adhesive – FA10 or FA20

Push Pins – TP5



Step-by-Step:

1. Cut ContourFlex™ to the button size and shape needed. For round buttons the grommet press (GL) with cutter can be used, saving time and cutting with more accuracy. For other shapes use a utility knife on a safe cutting surface such as the Rotary Knife Cutting Mat (RK35).
2. For a sew-on button add a micro screw eye to the center of the button on one side. If using the button for tufting pierce two holes side-by-side in the center of the button with the awl and thread the Lift Cord through the holes. Photo 1.
3. Cut Batting or Padding the same size and shape as the button. For more loft and a rounded appearance cut a second piece of batting slightly smaller.
4. Cut fabric the same shape of the button plus at least 1" or more around all sides. (For large size buttons increase the allowance).



5. Using a needle and thread hand sew around the outside of the fabric with long, running stitches. Leave excess thread on each end.
6. Place fabric face down with batting on top. If using two pieces of batting add the smaller piece either on top of or under the larger piece of batting. Add ContourFlex™ on top. Photo 2. Pull up thread gathering fabric over button. Photo 3. Smooth out gathers even around the edges and tie off threads.

7. Add fringe adhesive under edges of the fabric on the reverse side of the button as shown in photo 4 and secure with push pins until dry. Photo 5.
8. To attach the button sew-on if using the micro screw eye style or if using a button with cord thread through an extra long needle (TP86), tuft the upholstery or pillow and tie off.
9. Buttons can also be glued in place with Fringe Adhesive, High Temperature Glue Gun with Glue Sticks (DT50 and DT55) or attached with Hook and Loop Tape (HPS100 and LPS100).



Creative Ideas:

1. Add 4 holes with the awl to the ContourFlex™ disc before covering. After button is covered lace ribbon or yarn through the holes using a large needle and forming an X design or add two holes and tie a knot or bow.
2. Layer a smaller button on top of a larger button of a contrasting color.
3. Make unique shapes such as diamonds or ovals.
4. Using one or more buttons wrap gimp braid around, making a decorative pattern.
5. Add decorative upholstery nails to buttons.

