



# Sewing Fun

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## Requirements

1. Tell what the first sewing needles were probably made of.
2. Describe what was probably first used as thread.
3. Tell when sewing machines first came into existence.
4. Demonstrate how to thread a needle and knot the end of the thread.
5. Sew a button onto a piece of cloth.
6. Sew two snaps or press studs and connect them properly.
7. Sew a hook and eye and connect them properly.
8. Demonstrate the ability to sew three different types of stitches, such as the following:
  - a. Baste or running stitch
  - b. Hem stitch
  - c. Back stitch
9. Make a useful article using at least two different stitches.

## Supporting Answers

1. The first sewing needles were probably made of bone.
2. Horse-tail or other animal hairs were probably the first thread.
3. Sewing machines were first used in the 1850s.
4. Demonstrate how to be safe when threading a needle. Have the Adventurers practice tying a knot at the end of the thread.
5. Sew a button on a piece of material or clothing. Teach the Adventurer to make small, even stitches.
6. Demonstrate how to sew snaps on two pieces of material or clothing and connect them properly. Make small stitches without puckering the material.
7. Demonstrate how to sew a hook-and-eye on material evenly.
8. Demonstrate how to make three kinds of stitches. Have the Adventurers try to make the stitches neat and even.
9. Some examples are:
  - a. Scissor holder: Cut the pattern, place material together, and stitch by hand, making even, neat stitches. Include loop at top of scissor container for hanging.
  - b. Pin cushion: Fill pin cushion with sand or small seeds.

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