



Dorset 'Forget-Me-Not' Button by Anna McDowell

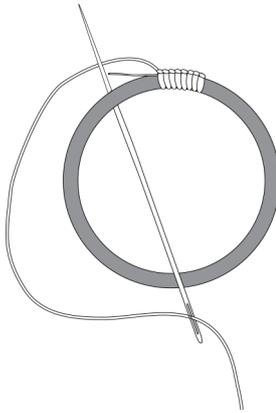
This Dorset Button is based on the Dementia Symbol, the Forget-Me-Not flower. It can be used by anyone who knows how to make a Dorset 'Cartwheel' Button to help raise funds for charities supporting Dementia sufferers.

I have worked the button in three colours, white, yellow and Forget-Me-Not blue and tried to show how to work all three colours at the same time. For your information, I used a 32mm hollow brass ring and DMC Cotton a Broder in a 16 weight to work this button.

Instructions

Stage 1. Casting

Using the white thread, cover the ring with the usual Blanket Stitch, making certain the end of the thread is covered to secure it in place.



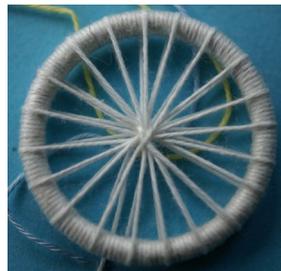
Stage 2. Slicking

Turn the ridge to the back of the ring so it cannot be seen from the front. The button will now have a neat ridge on the outside and the inside.

Stage 3. Laying

This design is based on 20 spokes, so wind the thread around the ring ten times making certain they are evenly distributed.

To secure the spokes, use the usual cross in the centre



Stage 4. Rounding

Before starting this stage, join the yellow and blue thread to the white thread with a single knot at the back of the button. Slip the knot so it lies against the centre of the button.

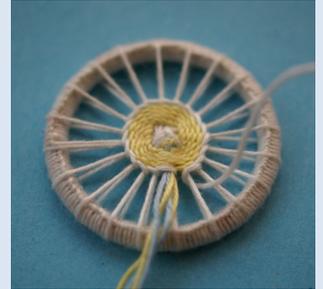


Filling the button:

1. Starting with the yellow thread, fill the button with the usual stitch for Rounding. My example has five rows worked in yellow.

Note

To secure the ends of the yellow and blue threads and to avoid any loose threads, work over all unused thread to the back of one of the spokes.



When the tail ends are secure, cut both close to the rounding stitch and continue working over the two long threads.

2. Change to white thread and work one row.

3. Change to the blue thread and work over three spokes and leave one spoke unworked. Repeat this four times. This forms the five petals of the Forget-me-Not flower. Change to white thread and work over the single spoke between the five petals. In my example, I have worked seven rows of the blue and white.



4. To complete the top of the petals, I have worked the blue thread over two spokes as in the image. In my example, I worked three rows of this stitch before casting off the blue thread.



5. Finish the button using the white thread.



Cost

A donation of £2.00 to Dementia UK,
www.dementiauk.org/donate/