THREAD SHANK

In order to form a thread shank, you stitch over the blade of a regular machine needle. Buttons sewn on heavy fabrics or on coats and jackets should have thread shanks to make them stand away from the fabric.

1. Position button by following step 1 of button sewing.

2. Slide needle through the groove of the button foot until the point emerges through the hole in the back of the foot. To form a longer shank, push the needle in further so you will stitch over the heavy end of the needle.

3. Set stitch width selector at 4. Then, when you begin to stitch, the needle should enter the right hole of the button. Take six or more zig-zag stitches at this setting, ending on the left side.

4. To fasten stitching, return to stitch width 1 and take approximately three stitches.

5. After removing fabric from under presser foot, pull needle thread ends to the back of the button. Form a firm shank or stem between the button and the fabric by winding thread ends tightly around the attaching stitches. Fasten the thread ends securely.