

# Sewing

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I used to sew a lot when I was in high school and then in my twenties when my oldest daughter was little. Over the years though, I just gradually stopped. I went from sewing clothes to only sewing crafts. Now I only hem curtains or a pair of pants from time to time. Okay, or maybe sew on a button.

I think it's a great skill to have though. When we didn't have much money, my daughter still looked so up to date in all those dresses I made her. She had matching hairbows for all her dresses. Beautiful dresses and matching hair bows for little girls was big in the 80's.



## Sewing Theme Concept

*Combining three older themes together for this one.*

- Originally posted September 06, 2005, titled, "Pattern for Living"
- Originally posted September 06, 2005, titled, "Buttons, Bows, & Blessings"
- Originally posted March 01, 2011, titled, "Quilted Together"
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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women's ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event.* More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but *less is always more* for ministry events.

## Theme Title Ideas

- Better by Design
- Bright Buttons
- Building Blocks
- Button Blessings
- Button, Button.  
Whose Got the  
Button?
- Cute as a Button  
(baby shower)
- Don't Be Square
- Embellished
- Embellishing The  
Body of Christ
- Eye of a Needle
- Family: A  
Patchwork of Love
- Fastened Together  
in Christ
- Friends: A  
Patchwork of Love
- Friendship Quilt
- Godly Pattern for  
Living
- In Stitches
- In The Button Box
- Master Designer
- Material Girls  
Sewing Night
- Mending the Soul
- Patchwork Friends
- Pattern for Living
- Patterned After  
God
- Patterns of Faith
- *Piece & Love*
- *Piecemakers*
- Put a Little Zip in  
Your Life!
- Quilted In Love
- Quilted Together
- Quilted Together
- Ribbons & Trims
- Sew Adorable  
(baby shower)
- Sew Cute (*baby  
shower or little  
girl's birthday*)
- Sew Glad We're  
Friends
- Sew Little Time
- Sew Much Fun!
- Sew Thankful
- Sewn In Love
- Stitch Away Your  
Stress
- Stitched Together  
(with love)
- Stitches in Time
- Tailor-Made
- Trimmed to  
Perfection
- When Life Gives  
You Scraps
- With Hearts and  
Hands
- You Are Sew  
Special

## Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on making a pattern for our lives through the instructions of the Bible.
- Focus on being stitched or quilted together in love.
- Focus on how we embellish each other in the body of Christ. (our gifts)
- Focus on being attached to Christ and how nothing can take our Salvation away.
- Celebrate a birthday and or any occasion with a sewing party.

## Theme Verse Suggestions

*In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works... Titus 2:7a (KJV)*

*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Ephesians 4:7 (KJV)*

*In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. Proverbs 94:19 (KJV)*

## Devotional Starter & Workshop Ideas

- Download the "Sewing" Devotional Writing Starters.  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/sewing-life-plan-devotional-starters.pdf>
- Download the "Button" Devotional Writing Starters.  
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/button-devotional-article-prompts.pdf>
- Find all my devotional collections on my Amazon Author Page.  
<http://www.amazon.com/author/juliabettencourt>

## Simple Decorating

- Bolts/folds of material
- Buttons (in jars or tins)
- Dress forms
- Fabric tape measures
- Patterns
- Pin cushions
- Quilts
- Sewing/Quilting books on display
- Large buttons of construction paper or posterboard. Punch holes and crisscross yard in the centers.
- Ribbon banners
- Ribbon wreaths
- Sewing boxes
- Sewing machines
- Spools of thread
- Trim/ribbon rolls

- Simple Décor: Tray filled with sewing objects such as patterns, thread, jar of buttons, etc. Line with fabric.

## **Icebreakers**

### **Sew on the Button**

Who can sew on so many buttons (perhaps 5) the fastest?

You Will Need: fabric pieces, buttons, needles, and thread--maybe needle threaders:)

### **Button Count**

Fill a jar with buttons and have everyone guess the number and give the one closest to the correct answer a prize.

### **Rip It!**

Have a long fabric seam sewn together for each team. Make the seam no more than 10 or 12 inches long. Give a seam ripper to each team. First team to rip out the seam wins!

### **Table Discussion**

Download the General Discussion Questions

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/1ST-QUESTION-LIST-general-get-to-know-you.pdf>

Download the Christian Women Discussion Questions

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/2nd-QUESTION-LIST-Christian-get-to-know-you.pdf>

## Discussion Starters

- *How many of you sew?*
- *What type of items is your favorite to sew?*
- *Do you prefer solids or patterned fabric for clothes?*
- *If you sew, do you prefer making clothes or crafts/home décor?*
- *Do you always follow the pattern?*
- *What has been the pattern of your life so far? (Where are you at? What are you doing?)*

## Music

- Play some soft background music if you are going to be chatting and sewing together for your event.
- *More Like Jesus I Would Be* (Crosby)
- *Take My Life, and Let it Be* (Havergal)

## Favor Ideas

- Box of sewing pins
- Card of Buttons
- Magnifying glass
- Needle Threader
- Package of needles
- Sewing Tape Measure (add tag with Ephesians 4:7)
- Pincushion
- Seam ripper
- Sewing Kits
- Spool of Thread
- Thimble

## Door Prize Ideas

- Sewing box or basket
- Fabric wreath
- Devotional book
- Card of novelty buttons
- Tote bag
- Scissors
- Craft tote
- Quilt

- Craft Magnifier
- Fabric fat quarter bundle
- Pincushion
- Gift certificate to a fabric/craft store.
- Sewing gift basket: Fabric fat quarters, spools of thread, seam ripper, scissors, pin cushion, etc.

## **Just for Fun**

### **Sewing & a Movie**

"In Stitches". Have everyone bring in their sewing projects and watch a comedy together.

### **Wreath Project**

Do a group project and decorate wreath forms with ribbons, thread spools, and other sewing items.

### **Pincushion Project**

Make pin cushions together as a group. Search online for some fun and easy styles to create.

### **Charity Project**

Introduce a sewing charity project such as sewing chemo caps for cancer patients or lap quilts for nursing homes.

### **Sew & Tell**

Have your ladies bring in hand sewn items (by them or someone else) and allow them to share a little about the piece and why it is special to them. You may have anything from homemade wedding dresses and quilts to hand sewn bunnies:) If you have a large group (or talkative ladies) you may want to give a time limit for each one.

## **Fashion Show**

If you have people that sew, perhaps have them wear something they've made themselves.

## **Sewing Display**

Display projects that your guests have made by hand.

## **Food & Serving**

- Novelty cookies shaped like spools or buttons
- Light lunch

## **Photo Source**

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