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BONE BUTTON WALL SWAG

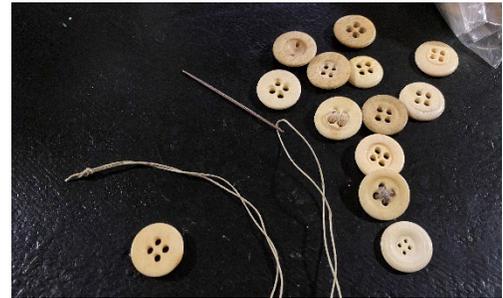
WHAT YOU NEED

- Heavy carpet/button thread
- Needle
- Buttons. Using bone buttons, 135 buttons are needed for each draped foot of strung buttons. 1,000 buttons were used for this six foot wall.
- Awl & sharp pointed scissors
- Hammer and finish nails or cup hooks



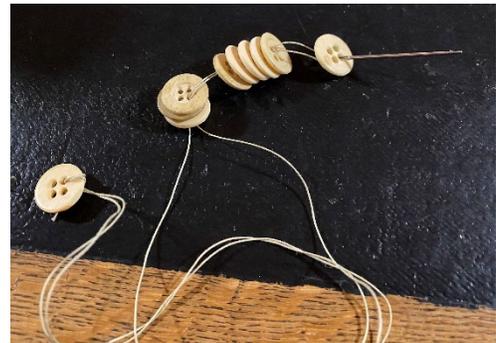
PREPARATION

1. Measure your wall to determine how many draped button segments you will need, and the length of each. For this six foot wall, I made a symmetrical arrangement of four one-foot units with a two-foot unit in the middle for variety.
2. At each end and between each unit, pound a finish nail into the wall, down from the ceiling about one inch. You may substitute cup hooks for the nails.
3. Cut any strings from the buttons. If the scissor tips can't get under the string, use the awl to stretch and lift the strings. Be careful to never push towards your own fingers or furniture.
4. I alternated sizes to make the swag somewhat uniform from one end to the other.



BUILDING THE SWAG

1. Begin by threading your needle and tying one button firmly at the end of your thread. I used a double strand to string the buttons.
2. As you string the buttons, randomly include buttons that are darker or lighter, so that they don't clump together in one place. The color of bone buttons gives a richness to the finished product.
3. For each segment of buttons, add 35 extra buttons to get the extra length for the "droop." So, for a one-foot segment, string buttons until your string measures one foot, then add another 35 buttons.
4. Tie a string loosely around your thread, then add your next one foot of buttons plus 35. Tie another string here. These markers make hanging the swag easier.



5. When you reach the desired length, firmly tie a button to the end of the swag and cut your thread.





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HANGING THE SWAG

1. At one end, push your end button onto the finish nail.
2. At the next finish nail, drape your swag between the buttons with the string marker. Once you have hung the swag at each nail, you can pull the string marker off the swag.
3. Do the same at each nail, finding the string marker on your swag.
4. You can adjust the swag droop to be as shallow or deep as you wish.
5. You can string a few extra buttons and hang them as embellishments, or you can add anything that fits your décor.
6. During the holidays, you can hang ornaments from your swag.

