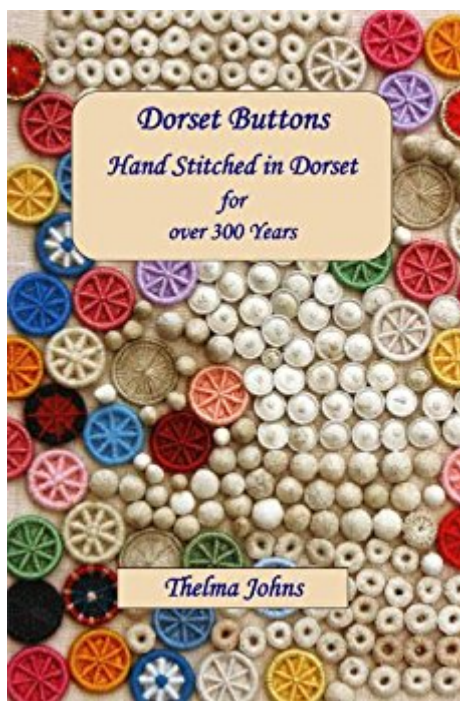


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# Dorset Buttons



## Synopsis

One of the most fascinating rural industries was the handmaking of buttons which appeared in Shaftesbury towards the end of the 16th century and almost overnight expanded throughout the whole of East Dorset employing nearly every woman and child in that area on some facet of the craft but which vanished with equal alacrity in the mid 19th century due to the Industrial Revolution. This book gives instructions on how to make the various varieties of Dorset Buttons: the Singleton, the Old Dorset, the Birds Eye, the Blandford Cartwheel, the Crosswheel, the Basket and the High Top

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## Customer Reviews

This was an interesting booklet on the general history of Dorset buttons and buttonmaking generally, but anyone looking to use this to recreate the styles of buttons mentioned had better look elsewhere as the diagrams are few and not very comprehensive. Very few historical photos and illustrations as well. All in all, I would have to say that the author, while very knowledgeable, makes a better historian than a writer or teacher. I felt that this book was rather overpriced for what it contained.

Love the look of these handmade buttons. Thanks to this book I understand the history and how to reproduce these lovely objects. Esoteric for some but a thrill for the crafts person who is interested in clothing design

I purchased this for my wife. Our hobby is American Colonial Era reenactment. She is very happy with the information and details within this book. We found out we were making our Dorset buttons incorrectly; but that has been remedied. Three items that I've noticed in the last 20 years that have flawed a reenactors attire: modern glasses, a wristwatch, and wrong buttons.

Although the history of button industry was interesting. I was disappointed in sparse instruction on techniques for making handcrafted buttons.

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