Level 1

Material Needed: Fabric, Flat Button, & Pencil or Pen.

- 1. Before laying the pattern out, identify and write on the pattern, which arrow is the "bias" and which is the "cross grain."
- 2. Lay out the pattern using the lengthwise grain line. Pin and show the judge.
- 3. Cut the pattern out.
- 4. Mark the circle with thread.
- 5. Remove the pattern and with right sides together and matching notches, sew a 5/8" seam from top to bottom. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and ending of the seam. (You do not need to finish your edges)
- 6. Press the fabric exactly as you sewed it and then, open the fabric and the seam and press again from the wrong side. Show finished seam to the judge.
- 7. Fold fabric pieces so wrong sides are together along center of seam. Press
- 8. Thread a hand sewing needle, double your thread and tie a knot in the end. Snip the ends close to the knot.
- 9. Anchor thread between the two fabric pieces on the back side of circle. Bring needle through to right side of one piece of fabric. This will be the top and the other will now be the bottom. Sew on button through both pieces of fabric, at the circle marking. Use a pin on top of button between button and threads to keep button from getting too tight. Make a thread shank between button and top. Anchor (tie off) thread on bottom fabric piece directly below button or between the two pieces. Snip threads and remove your marking threads.

