

**Title:** **BUTTON, BUTTON!**

**Software:** Serif DrawPlus X8

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**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Supplies:** None



**Description:** In this beginner tutorial you will learn how to make fast and easy cutouts on an image using the Shape Builder tool and how to use tools on the Align tab.

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## LET'S GET STARTED!

Buttons are easy to make and a fun way to experiment with effects and patterns. They can be used for scrapbooking, embellishments on other images, frames and more. In this tutorial, we will make a template for the 2-hole button and the 4-hole button. The holes can then be used over and over to make an endless number of buttons.

## CREATING THE TEMPLATE

Open DrawPlus with a document size of your choice. Using the **Ellipse** tool from the **Quick Shapes** flyout, set the line size to 1 pt, line color to black, and fill color yellow.

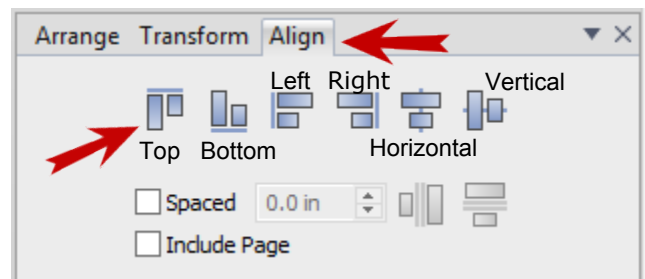
Hold down the Shift key and draw out a small circle. This will be one hole on the button. ●

Hold down the CTRL key and drag the **Move** icon  with the **Pointer** tool  to duplicate the hole.

Move the holes fairly close to one another. ●●

Use the **Pointer** tool  to drag a box around both holes.

Locate the **Align** tab on the right side of the screen. Align the holes at the top by clicking the first icon.



Group the two holes. Save them in the **Gallery** for later use. This is the template for a 2-hole button.

Now we need to make one for a 4-hole button.

Duplicate the two holes and move the duplicate down under the first two holes. ●●●●

Using the **Pointer** tool, drag a box around all four holes and align on the left side. ●●●●

Group the four holes and save in the **Gallery**. This is the template for a 4-hole button.

## CREATING THE BUTTONS

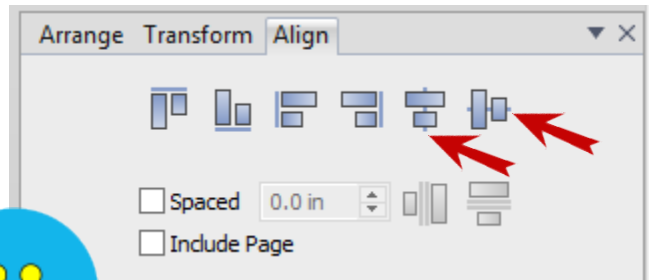
Now comes the fun part - making the buttons and putting holes in them.


Change the fill color to one of your choice for the button. Using the **Quick Shape** tool, hold down the Shift key and draw an ellipse. Don't make it too large. You want the button to be size proportionate to the holes.

Drag the 4-button holes over top of the button. They will probably disappear because they are on a lower layer. To make them visible, on the menu select **Arrange\Bring to Front**.

Using the **Pointer** tool, drag a box around your new ellipse with the button holes.

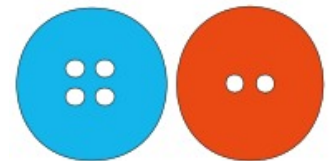
On the Align tab, click the last two icons to align horizontally and align vertically.



Select the **Shape Builder** tool  from the Drawing toolbar. Click any one of the yellow holes. They will turn a different color. This action will cut holes in your button.

Use the **Pointer** tool to move your button away from the hole template to reveal the holes in the button!


Now, make a second button using the 2-hole template. Be sure to align the holes horizontally and vertically. Your results should look like these two buttons.



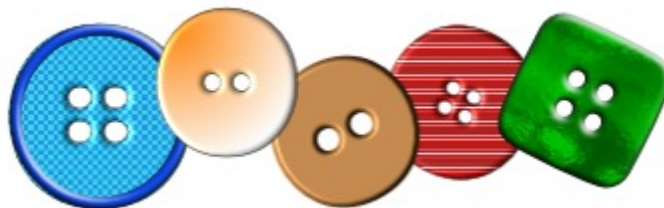
## COLORING YOUR BUTTONS

You can create some interesting buttons by adding patterns, gradients, and other effects to the buttons. You can make a raised ridge by using the **Quick Shape** Donut to make a ring and slide it on top of your button like this.



Try your hand at using Bitmap fill patterns, gradients, and the Filter Effects  from the Drawing toolbar where you can apply bevels and shadows.

Enjoy!!



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