sew Apresyan (En-Ru) [səv] v (sewed [səvd]; sewed, sewn) 1. шить, сшивать, зашивать, пришивать to sew a dress - (c)шить платье to sew pieces together - сшивать куски to be taught to sew - обучаться шитью to sew button-holes - обмётывать петли to sew a flounce to a skirt - пристрочить к юбке оборку to sew money into one's belt - зашивать деньги в пояс to sew with a needle [on a machine] - шить иголкой [на машинке] 2. полигр. брошюровать to sew sheets (of a book) - брошюровать листы (книги) [s(j)u:] v (sewed [s(j)u:d]) 1. диал. спускать воду 2. диал. вытекать, просачиваться 3. мор. стать на мель

sew

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sew [sew sews sewed sewing sewn] BrE [səʊ] * NAmE [soʊ] * verb (sewed, sewn BrE [səʊn] * ; NAmE [soʊn] * or sewed)

- 1. intransitive, transitive to use a needle and thread to make stitches in cloth
 - · My mother taught me how to sew.
 - · to sew by hand/machine
 - ~ sth to sew a seam
- 2. transitive to make, repair or attach sth using a needle and thread
 - ~ sth She sews all her own clothes.
 - ~ sth on Can you sew a button on for me?
 - Surgeons were able to sew the finger back on.

Derived †sew something up

Verb forms:



Word Origin:

Old English siwan, of Germanic origin, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin suere and Greek suein.

Example Bank:

- He sewed the patch onto the back of his jeans.
- · He sewed up the tear with a needle and thread.
- I sewed on three buttons.
- The jewel was sewn into the lining of his coat.
- The squares of fabric were all sewn neatly together.

sew

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sew S3 /səບ \$ soʊ/ BrE ້ AmE ້ verb (past tense sewed, past participle sewn /səບn \$ soʊn/ or sewed) [intransitive and transitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: siwian]

to use a needle and thread to make or repair clothes or to fasten something such as a button to them:

I learned to sew at school.

sew something on something

Can you sew a patch on my jeans?

sew something together

She sewed the two sides together.

sew something ↔ up phrasal verb

- 1. to close or repair something by sewing it:
 - Could you sew up this hole in my trousers?
- 2. [usually passive] informal to finish a business agreement or plan and get the result you want:

The deal should be sewn up in a week.

3. have something sewn up to have gained control over a situation so that you are sure to win or get what you want:

It looks like the Democrats have the election sewn up.

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