

B is for Buttons. The museum has

hundreds of buttons in its collection.

Soldiers of the American Revolution wore many of the buttons, while women wore others in the 19th century. A lot of materials were used that tell us much about the technology of the time they were made. Early buttons were made by hand using metal, wood, glass, bone, shell, and antler or horn in a time when no one knew what a zipper was! More recent buttons can be made by machines, which can shape metal, glass, plastic, and other man-made materials.

