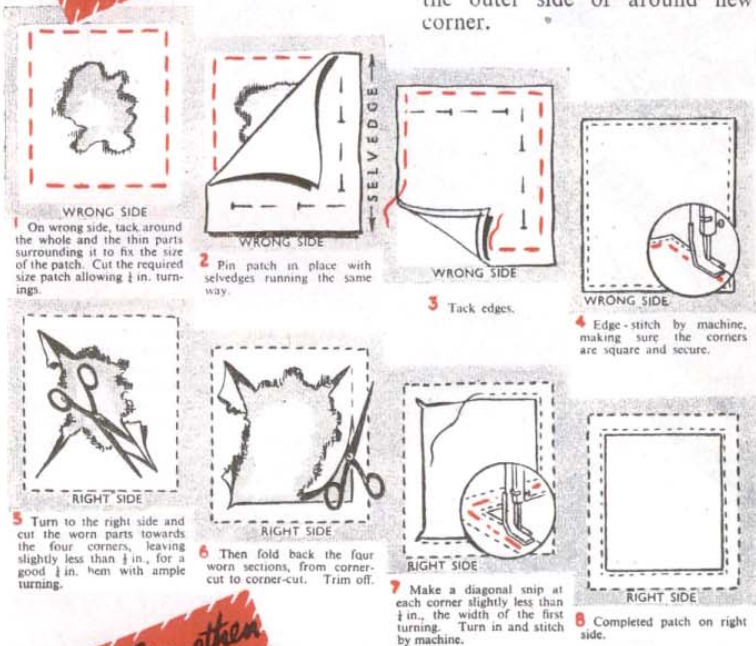


RULES FOR SHEET REPAIRS

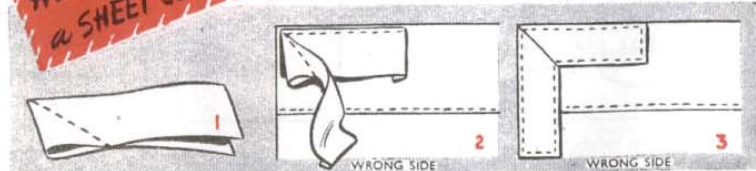
Patching a Sheet STEP-BY-STEP

When applying a patch see that the selvedge runs the same way as on the article to be patched. Large patches on household linens should be edge-stitched by machine, with corner made square and very strong. If part to be patched is near the edge, make the patch large enough to reach the edge, allowing sufficient material to make hem along the outer side or around new corner.



How to Strengthen a SHEET CORNER

Take a length of tape—about 8 inches—fold in half and stitch as shown (1). Pin or tack this to the wrong side of the sheet, with the mitred or stitched part at the sheet corner (2). Machine stitch all round (3).



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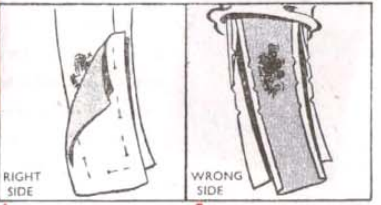


PATCHES

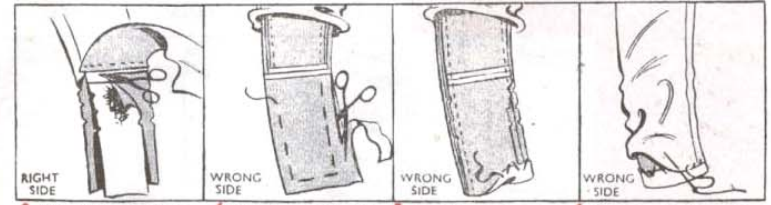
Patches are **important**—every one you put on helps you to put off buying something new. And it's just as easy to patch properly as to cobble. Half the battle is knowing how to cut and place your material. Here are some hints to help you—and remember that reinforcing garments while they are new will save you much patching later on.

ELBOWS — Going-going-gone

A two-seam sleeve that's worn through at the elbow can best be repaired by putting in a new section, if you have sufficient matching material available.



1 Cut patch to extend well beyond hole, seams and cuff. Pin in place on right side. 2 Unpick lining and seams to the top level of patch.



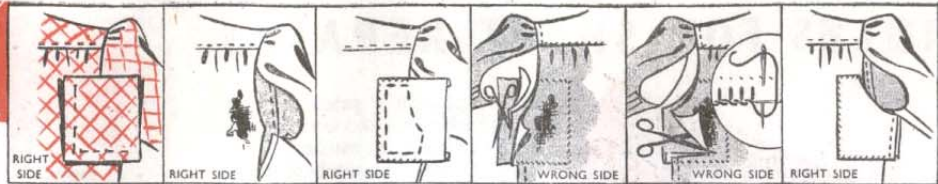
3 Sew Patch on above hole by placing right sides together to give a flat pressed seam on the wrong side. 4 Trim new section to the shape of the worn sleeve and cut away worn part. 5 Machine the sleeve side seams, notch and press them open. Catch-stitch turning at wrist. 6 Replace lining and hem lower edge to wrist.

★ New coats and knickers can be strengthened before wearing by patching neatly on the wrong side.



When a Garment 'GOES' UNDERARM

Circles on the diagram at left suggest where material for patches may be cut away from the lining of the yoke, or by removing pocket, belt, cuffs, collar or hem lining. Where necessary, replace with a contrasting material.



- 1 Cut patch to extend well over arm-hole and side seam. Match pattern carefully.
- 2 Unpick armhole and side seam to insert patch.
- 3 Tack patch down on right side and hem the straight edges.
- 4 Cut patch to right shape, using the worn part as pattern. The unpicked seams show turnings required.
- 5 Then cut away worn part, leaving 1/4 in. turnings and blanket stitch edges.
- 6 Remake French seams underarm and at armhole by putting the two edges together on the right side first.

Cloth Knickers call for Neatness

The first step is to unpick central back seam and part of inner leg seams (1). Use a round patch in two pieces cut to shape of both leg seams (2). Do not cut away the worn part, as this helps to reinforce the new patch.



Rescue Work on Coat Lining

Diagram (1) shows how to shape patches to renew the underarm lining in a coat. The armhole seam must be undone to allow these to be put in place.



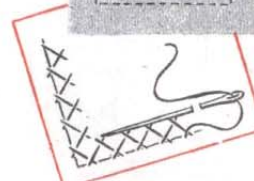
3 SIMPLE RULES TO REMEMBER ABOUT PATCHING

- 1 Patch must cover worn part round the hole as well as the actual hole.
- 2 Selvage threads and pattern of patch must follow those of the garment.
- 3 Patches must not be placed over hems or seams; these must first be unpicked, patch put on and new hem or seam stitched on to patch.

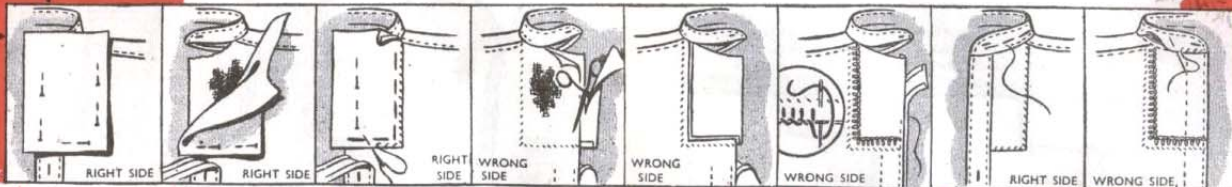


Repairs to Flannel & Stockinette

Flannel and stockinette do not fray so turnings are not required—but overlap must be allowed for patch to take in stitching. Place patch on the wrong side of the material—with selvage threads running to match—then herringbone the raw edges of the patch to the garment (1). Turn the garment to the right side, cut away worn parts so that about 1/4 in. is left from outside stitches. Herringbone raw edge of right side to patch leaving a space between wrong side and right side herringboning (2).



Saving a Shirt



- 1 Cut patch to extend well over neckband yoke and front hem.
- 2 Unpick neckband and front hem and pin patch in position, taking care to match pattern exactly.
- 3 Tack patch firmly, folding 1/4 in. turning along straight edges. Hem neatly.
- 4 Turn to wrong side and trim to shape of neck and front.
- 5 Cut away worn part of shirt, leaving 1/4 in. turning from hemming stitches.
- 6 Blanket-stitch the turnings and sew front hem back into position.
- 7 Turn back to right side and tack and stitch top layer of neckband by machine.
- 8 Hem down lining of neckband. This completes the patch.
- 9 To strengthen the back of a shirt, insert an extra thickness at yoke.

Another Shirt Hint

