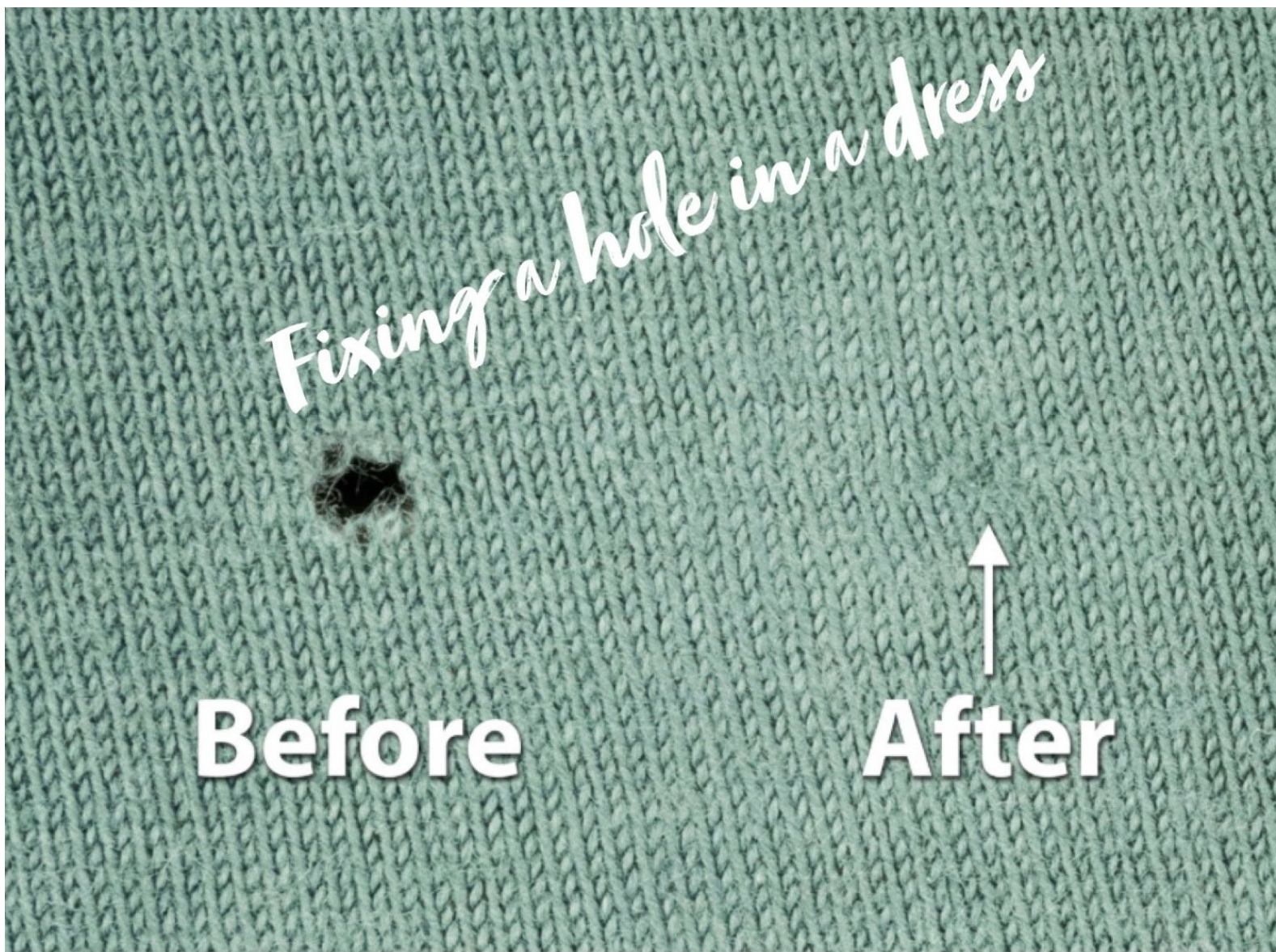**IFIXIT**

How to Fix a Hole in a Dress

This guide shows you all of the supplies and steps needed to repair a hole in a dress. You won't have to throw away your favorite dress over a hole.

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Before   **After**

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INTRODUCTION

After years of wear and tear of a garment it is quite common to have stitching come loose, which causes holes in the garment. These holes become bothersome because you may feel as though your garment is now tarnished. To the contrary, with these simple instructions within this project, we will be detailing how to patch a hole in a dress using an illustrated procedure, which will consist of a set of wiki pages. If these instructions are followed, your garment will be restored and the fear of losing it will be gone. I will include what materials will be needed to make the fix, how much time it will take, and an easy six step-by-step instruction on how to fix up your favorite dress! You do not need to waste time or money finding a tailor with these simple instructions that can be used by anyone.

TOOLS:

- Fabric Scissors (1)
- Fabric Adhesive (1)
- Sewing Pins (1)
- Thread (1)
- Dress with a Hole (1)
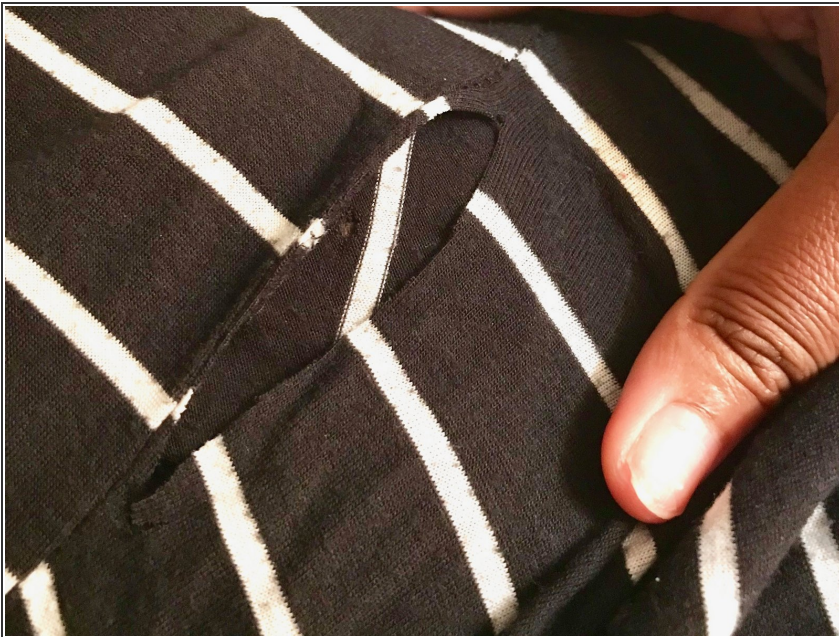- Sewing Kit (1)

Step 1 — How to Fix a Hole in a Dress

- Examine the hole in the dress and assess how much fabric you will need to patch the hole.

- Gather all of the needed materials such as scissors, needle, thread, fabric, and damaged dress.

- (i) Make sure you have all of your materials handy before you start so that you can easily access what you need.

Step 2 — Find a Fabric Patch

- Find fabric either from the dress or similar to the dress's fabric and cut enough to use as a patch.

  - (i) Try to find a section in the dress that you can take fabric from without it being noticeable. If that is not possible it is okay to use another fabric that is close to your garment's fabric.

  - (i) You can cut the patch any shape you want to cut it (square or circle pattern) but it needs to be about ½ to ¾ inch larger than the hole you are repairing.

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Step 3 — Secure the Patch

- Use pins to secure the patch in place, right side up and not too loose or tight.

Step 4 — Option 1: Hand Sewing

- If you are sewing by hand: thread your sewing needle and begin to stitch the patch securely in place.

- Make sure that the stitches are small, secure but not noticeable.

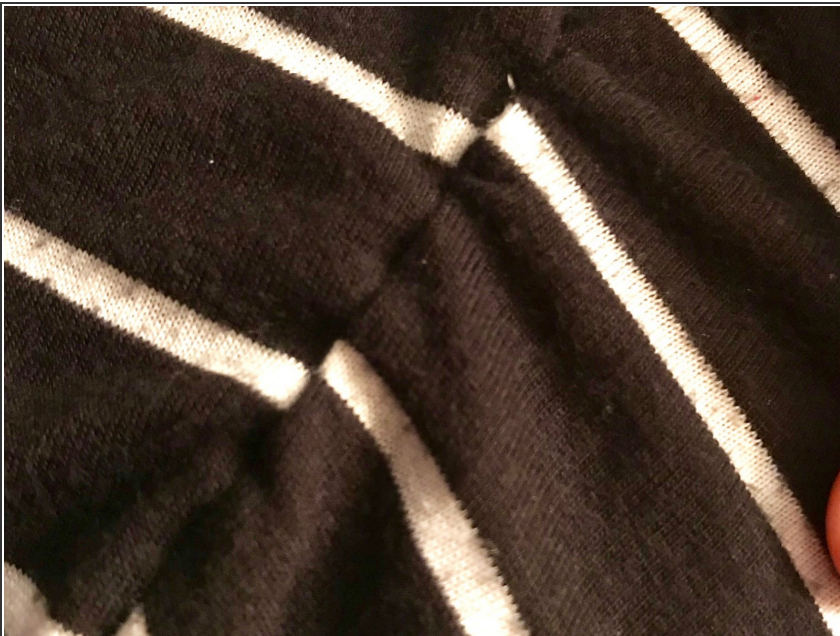- The video above called *Patch Holes* shows how to sew a patch by hand.

Step 5 — Option 2: Using a Sewing Machine

- If using a sewing machine: after setting your sewing machine, place the fabric under the foot of the sewing machine and begin to sew.

- Ensure that you only see one side of your dress, to avoid sewing the front and back together.

⚠ Make sure you take each pin out before sewing over it.

ⓘ If you are sewing in a circle, make sure to sew all the way around. If you are sewing on a rectangle or square pattern, be sure to sew the corner and pivot

Step 6 — Option 3: Using an Iron-On Patch

- You can also use an iron on patch to repair the hole in the dress.

⚠ After several washes the adhesive will wear and possibly come off so you will have to reapply.

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Step 7

- Make sure the excess thread ends on the inside of your dress, and is not too short.

- Congratulations! You've repaired your garment.

To repair a dress with a hole in it, follow these simple instructions.