How to Fix the Side Pocket's Elastic on a Backpack

Step by step guide on how to repair your backpack's side pocket.

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INTRODUCTION

If your backpack's side pocket has started to come undone, and the elastic is separating from the fabric, this easy-to-use guide will help you put the pocket back together again.

🔧 TOOLS:

- Utility Scissors (1)
- Sewing Kit (1)

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Step 1 — How to Fix the Side Pocket's Elastic on a Backpack

- Trim any excess thread and frayed edges from the fabric with your scissors.

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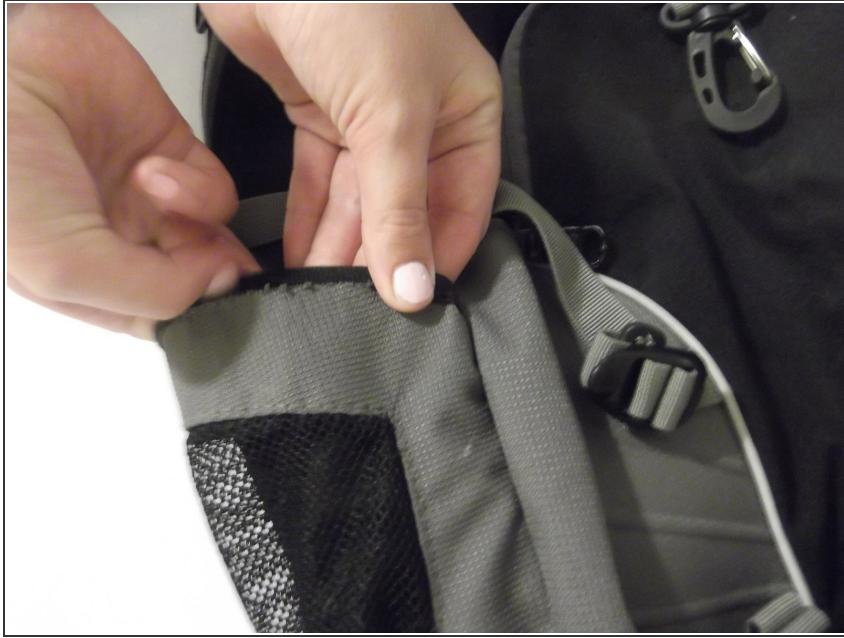
- Stretch the elastic to match in length with the fabric.

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Step 3

- Tuck the fabric edge back into the elastic.

Step 4

- Pin the fabric and elastic together.

⚠️ Working with needles and pins can be dangerous.

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Step 5

- Begin stitching the fabric and elastic together.
  - Start about one centimeter before the tear begins.

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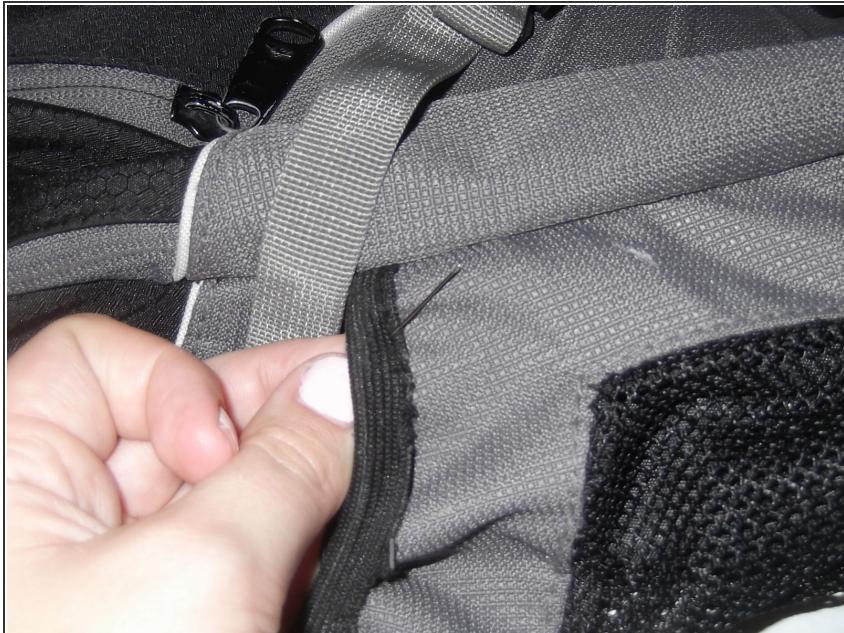
- Continue stitching and remove pins when you sew past the part they're holding together.

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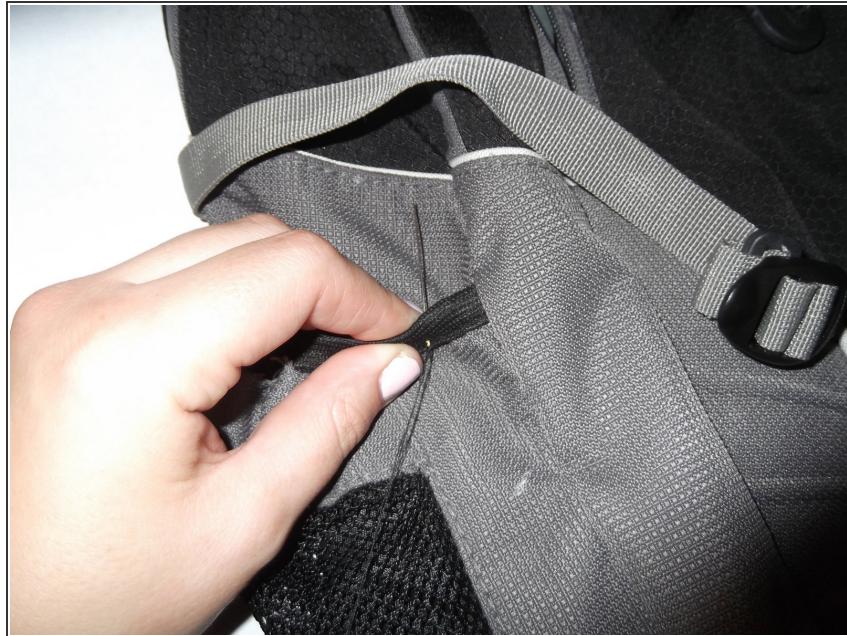
- Stitch until you have passed the end of the tear by about a centimeter.

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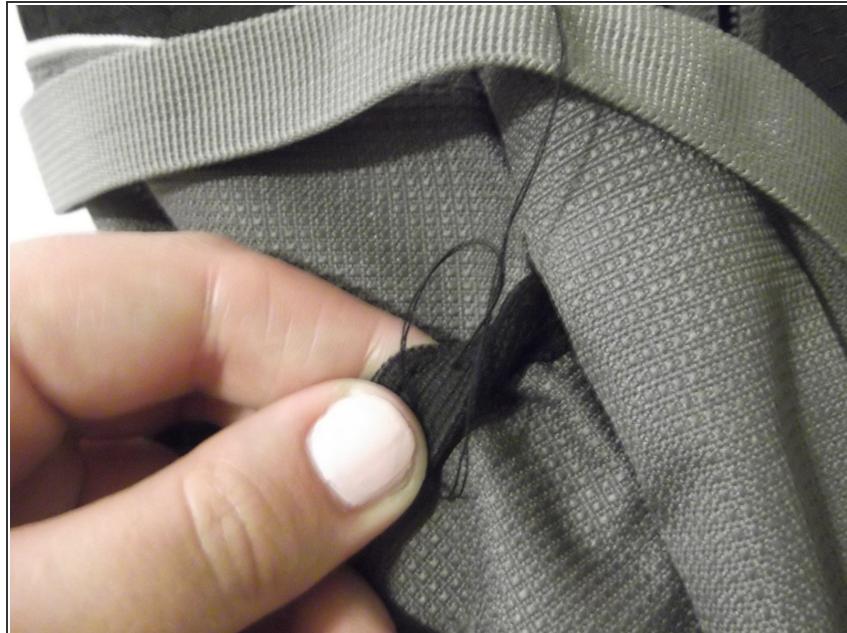
- End the stitch by tying a small knot close to where the thread passes through the fabric.

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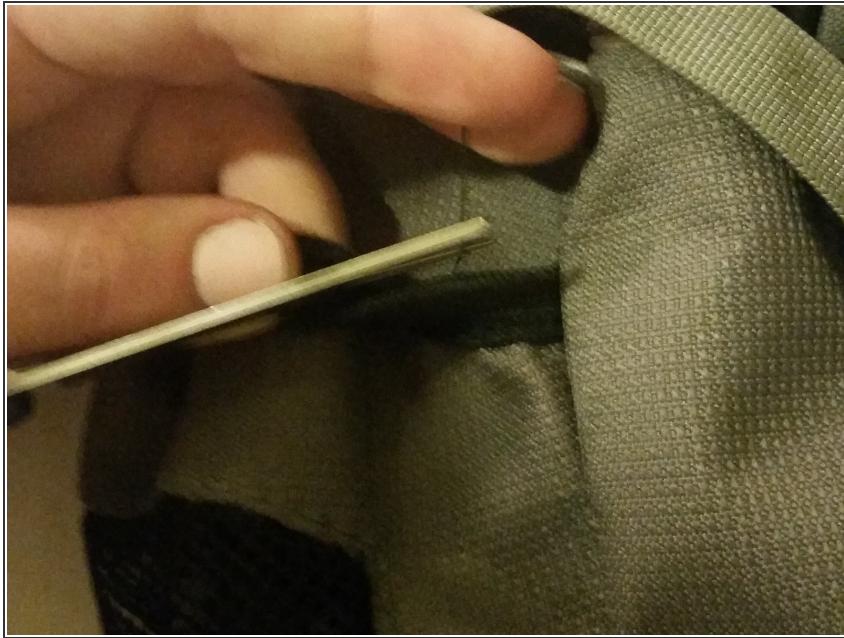
- Cut the thread just above the knot so there is little excess.

Step 10

- Clean your work space and put away the tools

- Congratulations, you're done!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.