



# How to Repair a Torn Seam in your Patagonia Clothing

Here's how to repair a torn seam in your Patagonia clothing

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## INTRODUCTION

Feeling torn as to whether or not you have the skills to repair a blown-out seam in your garment? Fear not. This guide will show you how to repair a rip along a straight seam. In this guide we'll be using contrasting thread for visibility. When it comes time to do your actual project, you'll want to use thread that matches the color of your fabric.

### TOOLS:

- [Sewing Machine](#) (1)
- [Sewing Pins](#) (1)

## Step 1 — How to Repair a Torn Seam in your Patagonia Clothing



- Examine the damaged [seam](#) in your garment, checking for tears and removing any loose threads.

## Step 2



- Flatten out the garment around the torn seam, and align the fabric where the seam used to be.
- Pin the two layers together. Be sure to catch only the two layers of fabric you wish to sew back together.

## Step 3



- Open the garment as much as possible, laying the seam flat.
- Check your alignment and make sure the two edges of your fabric line up.
- Put the garment in the machine, starting a few inches before the torn seam to overlap with the stitches.
- Drop the presser foot. Align the first line of stitches with the needle.

## Step 4



- Use the balance wheel to sink the needle into the fabric.

**⚠** Only turn the balance wheel in the direction that advances the machine. Turning the wheel the opposite direction can cause tangling or ruin the tension on the machine.

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## Step 5



- Sew along the first line of stitches, removing the pins before you get to them.

 If you run over the pins, you risk breaking your needle.

## Step 6



- When you come to the end of the row of stitches, engage the backstitch function of your machine. Backstitching prevents the seam from unraveling.
- *(i)* Backstitch functions vary widely between machines and can come in the form of buttons, levers, and knobs. See your sewing machine manual for instructions on your backstitch function.
- Depress the pedal slowly. Sew two or three stitches backwards. Release the pedal and disengage the backstitch function.

## Step 7



- After you've completely sewn over the torn seam, clip the threads and free the garment from the machine.

## Step 8



- Some clothes have two rows of stitching. If your garment does, reposition it in the sewing machine. Drop the needle into the second line of stitches at about where you began sewing your previous seam.
- Repeat steps 3-7 of this guide to resew the second line of stitches.
  - You do not need to pin this seam, because the first seam will hold the garment in place.
- If your garment only has a single line of stitches, skip this step and proceed to the next step.

## Step 9



- Check that your stitches are straight and secure.
- Admire your work.