



Repairing Tent Velcro

Sew a loose piece of velcro back into place on your tent.

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INTRODUCTION

A loose piece of velcro can leave your tent prey to the wind. Sew it back on using a whip stitch.

While you can *glue* a piece of velcro back into place, some adhesives may cause the tent material to become brittle and tear. Sewing is a simple alternative.

In addition to velcro, this procedure works for sewing almost any other fabric component of the tent back into place.

TOOLS:

- [Needle](#) (1)
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)

PARTS:

- [Spool of Thread](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Sew a Whip Stitch



- Align the two pieces of material you will be stitching together.
- [Thread your needle](#) and tie a knot in the end of the thread.
- *(i)* We'll use a bright-colored thread for better contrast, but you may want to select a thread that matches the color of your fabric.
- Drive the needle into the bottom layer of material from the back side.

Step 2



- Pull the needle through the bottom layer of material.
- Pull the thread taut.

Step 3



- Drive the needle down through the top and bottom layers of fabric, close to where the needle came up.
- The distance between where the needle comes up and goes down will be your stitch length. The smaller the stitch length, the more stitches required—and the stronger the seam.
- Pull the thread taut on the backside of the bottom material.

Step 4



- Continue bringing the needle up and down through both layers of fabric, as in steps 2 and 3 of this guide, working your way around the material.
- *i* If you are using this stitch as a repair where a stitch already exists, be sure to overlap the existing stitching by several stitches to help prevent it from unraveling.

Step 5



- For the final stitch, come up from the back of the bottom material once again.
- Draw the needle between the two layers of material through the stitch closest to where the needle came up.

Step 6



- Slowly start to pull the thread taut. As you pull, you will see a loop form.
- Draw the needle through the loop.
- Pull the thread taut, forming a knot.
- Repeat the process of driving the needle up from behind, drawing it through the stitch, and pulling it through the loop as described in steps 5 and 6 of this guide one more time.

Step 7



- Ensure that the stitches are tight.
- Cut any remaining thread, and admire your handiwork.