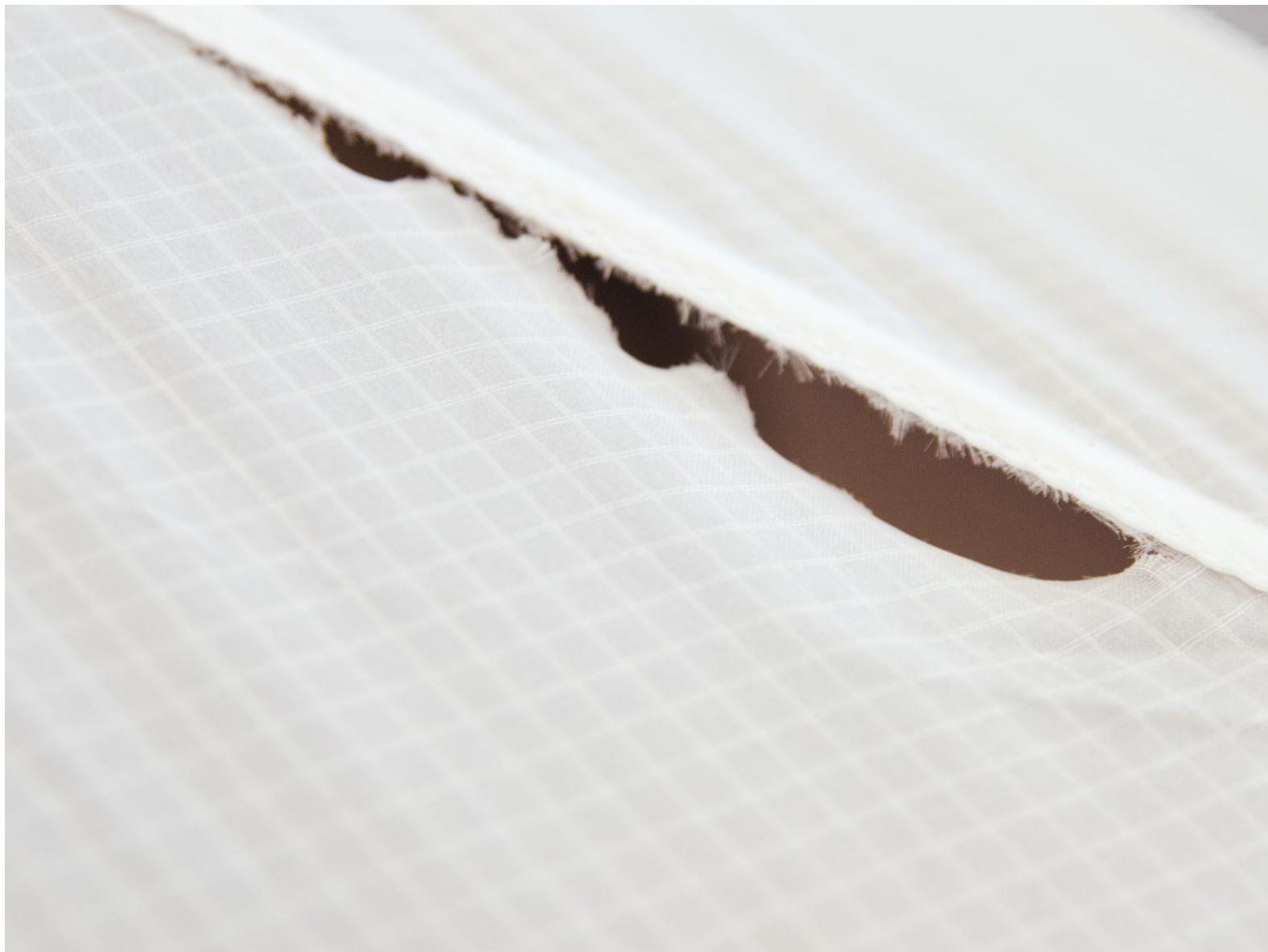




# Sew a Ladder Stitch

Learn to sew a ladder or closure stitch.

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## INTRODUCTION

A ladder stitch, or closure stitch, is a sewing technique that allows you to close a tear without leaving the stitching visible.

The trick is to make the stitches as small and as even as possible. This technique works for repairing almost any type of tear.

### **TOOLS:**

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

### **PARTS:**

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

## Step 1 — Sew a Ladder Stitch



- [Thread your needle](#) and tie a knot in the end.  
*(i)* We're using contrasting thread for visibility, but when it comes time for your repair, you'll want to use matching thread.
- Drive the needle from the back of the material, just before where the tear starts.
- Pull the thread taut.

## Step 2



- Take a small stitch, going in and out of the material, on one side of the tear only.
- Pull the thread taut.

## Step 3



- Take a small stitch, going in and out of the material, on the other side of the tear, directly opposite of the stitch you just took.
- Pull the thread taut. This should cinch the material together.

ⓘ If your material bunches, try taking smaller stitches, while ensuring that you line up the stitches on either side of the material.

## Step 4



- Continue stitching, switching from side to side as described in step 2 and 3 of this guide, pulling the thread taut after each stitch.
- Stitch until you come to the end of the tear.

## Step 5



- Once the last stitch, drive the needle through both sides of the fabric, taking as small of a stitch as possible.
- Slowly pull the thread. As you pull, a loop will form. Draw the needle through this loop, and pull the thread taut.
- Repeat this step, taking a tiny stitch, drawing the needle through the loop, and pulling taut.
- Ensure that the stitches are tight, and cut any excess threads.