Reverse Applique Patch

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INTRODUCTION

Patch your jeans with a reverse applique. This technique is great for holes that have a large chunk of cloth missing. You can cut any shape and use any color fabric for the patch, so long as it is heavy-weight fabric.

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TOOLS:

- Sewing Machine (1)
- Utility Scissors (1)
- Measuring Tape (1)
Step 1 — Reverse Applique Patch

- Examine the damage. Clip any long threads, and remove any debris from the hole.

- Measure the damaged area.
  - In our case it looks to be 2" by 2".

Step 2

- Draw any shape you'd like your patch to be on a piece of paper. Be sure your design is at least 1/8" larger than the damaged area.

- Cut out your design.
Step 3

- Lay the cutout of your design over the hole in the jeans to make sure that it is the correct size and looks how you want it to.

Step 4

- Using a pencil, pen, or tailor's chalk, trace the design onto the jeans.
Step 5

- Cut the design out of your jeans.

⚠️ Be sure to only cut one layer of denim, or you will cut through the back of your jeans and need two patches!

Step 6

- Take the scrap of fabric you will use for a patch and insert it into the hole.
Step 7

- Slide the pant leg with the patch over the arm of the sewing machine.

⚠️ You may need to remove the sewing machine table for the pant to fit over the sewing machine.

⚠️ If you are still having trouble getting the pant around the arm of the sewing machine, you can rip the side seam of the pant leg to allow room to sew.

⚠️ Be sure that the pant leg is around the arm, and that you are not accidentally sewing the two layers of the pant leg together.
Step 8

- Adjust the sewing machine for a zig-zag stitch.
- Set the stitch length to just under 1/2.
Step 9

- Align the edge of the patch with the center of the pressor foot.
- Be sure that the patch is laying flat.
- Lower the pressor foot.
- Begin sewing the zig-zag stitch, following the edge of the hole so that the zig-zag stitch covers the area where the two fabrics meet.

Step 10

- Sew all the way around the patch.
- Overlap the stitching at the end with the first two or three stitches.
Step 11

- Lift the pressor foot and needle.

- Slide the pant leg off of the arm of the sewing machine.

- Clip any threads, and admire your work.