



# Zig-zag Patch

Patch your jeans with some stylish zig-zag stitching.

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# INTRODUCTION

You've seen those jeans, the \$200 pair that come pre-damaged, covered in contrasting stitches. Don't bother. Instead, follow this guide to not only fix your jeans, but upgrade them in style.



## TOOLS:

- [Sewing Machine](#) (1)
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
- [Measuring Tape](#) (1)
- [Tailor's Chalk](#) (1)



## PARTS:

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

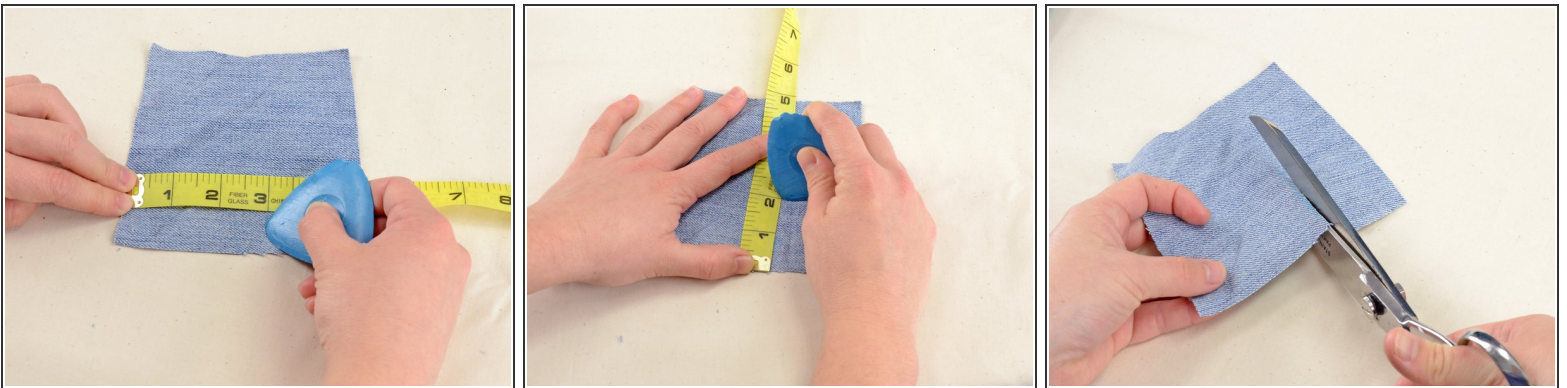


## Step 1 — Zig-zag Patch



- Examine the damage. Clip any long, loose threads, and remove any debris from the hole.
- Measure the length and width of the hole.
  - In our case it looks like 2" by 1".

## Step 2



- Grab a scrap of denim or other heavy-weight fabric and mark your measurements plus one inch in each direction.
  - In our case it will be 3" by 2".
- Cut the scrap into a rectangle the dimensions of your new measurements.

### Step 3



- Insert the rectangle of fabric into the jean leg and position it under the hole.

**⚠ Be sure that you put the rectangle of fabric in the pant leg and not behind it—you only want to work on one layer of fabric.**



## Step 4



- Thread your sewing machine with your desired thread color.
  - Slide the pant leg onto the arm of the sewing machine.
  - ⓘ You may need to remove the sewing machine table for the pant leg to fit over the arm.
- ⚠ Be sure that the pant leg is around the arm of the sewing machine. If both layers are stacked on one another, you will sew the pant leg shut.

## Step 5



- Check that the rectangle of fabric is still laying flat, centered beneath the hole.
- Lower the pressor foot.
- Sew a straight line over the hole going about five stitches past the damage.

## Step 6



- Lift the pressor foot.
- Rotate the jean leg a few degrees toward the center of the hole.
- Lower the pressor foot.
- Engage the backstitch function on your sewing machine, and sew a straight line back over the hole, going about five stitches beyond the damage.

## Step 7



- Repeat steps five and six, continuing to rotate and sew lines of stitching back and forth until you cover the entire hole.



## Step 8



- When you are satisfied with your stitching, backstitch two or three stitches.
- Lift the needle and pressor foot.
- Slide the jean leg off of the sewing machine.

## Step 9



- Clip any dangling threads and admire your work.



## Step 10



- Still not satisfied? Alrighty, let's add some decorative stitching the other way.
- ❗ This is completely optional. If you are happy with your work, you can stop here.
- Slide the pant leg back onto the arm of the sewing machine, making sure that the leg goes around the arm.

## Step 11



- Carefully rotate the jean leg 90 degrees.

⚠ Be sure that there is only one layer of fabric (plus the rectangle) between the sewing machine and the needle, or else you will sew the pant leg shut.

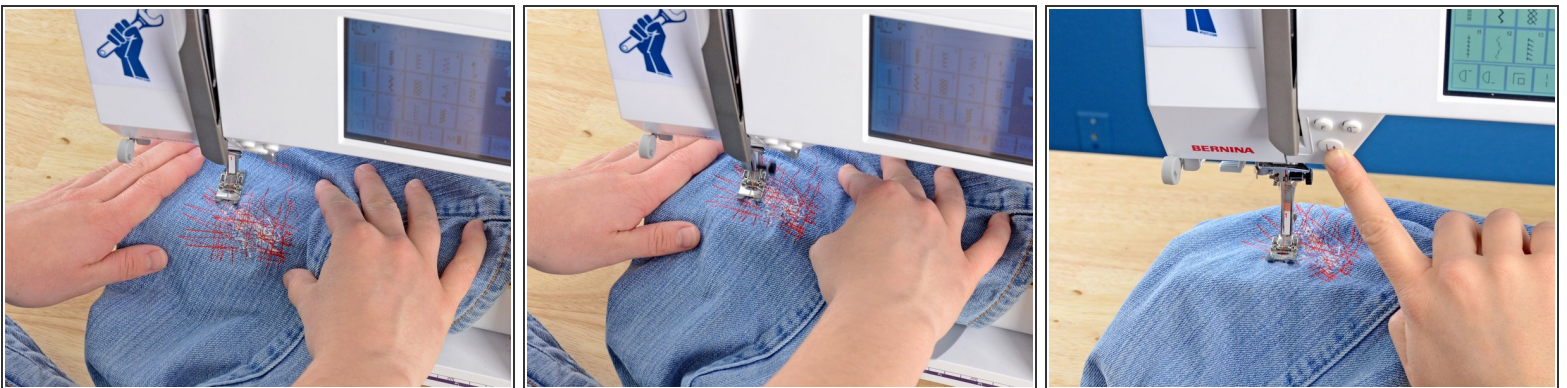


## Step 12



- Lower the pressor foot.
- Sew a straight line of stitching over the damaged area.

## Step 13



- Just like before, at the end of each line of stitching, lift the pressor foot, rotate the jeans a few degrees, and sew another line of stitching.
- When you are happy with the way that the stitching looks, backstitch two or three stitches.

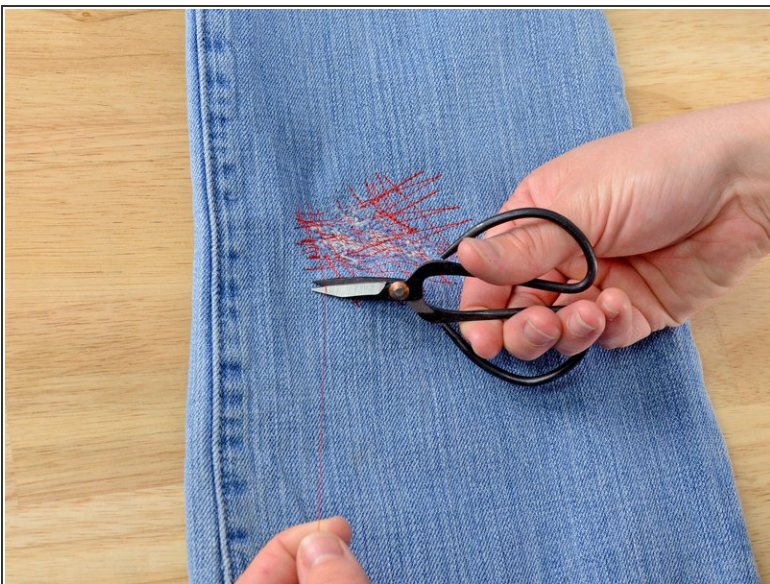


## Step 14



- Lift the pressor foot and needle.
- Slide the pant leg off the arm of the sewing machine.

## Step 15



- Clip any dangling threads.



Ta-da! Nice work.