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The darned-in patch is a flat, sturdy patch which works well in wool, corduroy or thickly woven fabrics. On corduroys or other pile fabrics work from the wrong side. Either machine or hand stitches may be used. Hand stitches, using a single thread, will give an inconspicuous patch. Raveling a self-fiber from the fabric to use as thread will make the darn unnoticeable.

1. Cut out the worn area in a square or rectangle along the grain lines. Use a ruler to measure if necessary.
2. Cut the patch to fit the hole exactly. Match grainlines or any designs. Baste the patch to a piece of nylon net, cheesecloth or a very lightweight fabric. Be sure the grainlines of these two fabrics go the same direction.

Fig. 2

3. Fit the patch into place, making sure the grainlines or designs match. Pin, then baste around the outside edge of the hole to hold the backing while mending.

Fig. 3
4. On the right side darn back and forth over the line where the edges of the patch meet the edges of the garment. Be sure that the stitches go through the backing fabric.

Fig. 4