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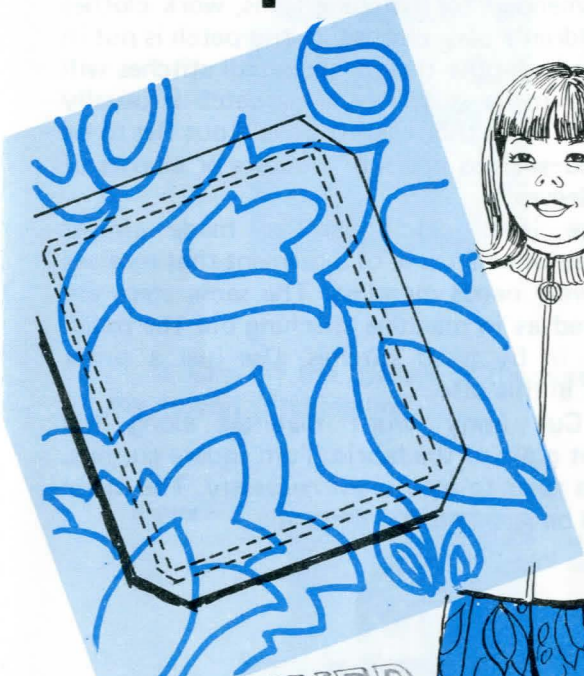
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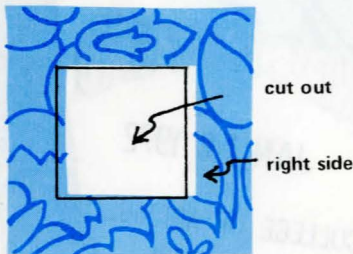
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The inset patch is suitable for both heavy and lightweight fabrics. Machine stitching is recommended for patching jeans, work clothes or children's play clothes. If the patch is put in by hand, double thread and small stitches will help to make it sturdy. This patch is usually used for areas that cannot be laid out flat to be stitched such as knees of trousers or elbows of shirt sleeves.

The inset patch can be made almost invisible when an area of a garment that receives light wear needs mending. The same steps are followed as in machine stitching but the patch is put in by hand stitches. Use just a single thread in this case.

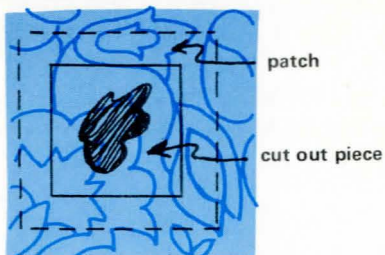
1. Cut away worn material along the straight grain of the fabric. Turn square corners, using a ruler to measure if necessary. The shape should be a square or a rectangle.

Figure 1



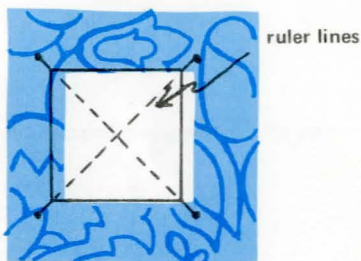
2. Use the cut out piece as a pattern. Lay it on the patching material. Match the grainline or any designs. Cut the new patch $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 in. larger on each side than the hole in the garment.

Figure 2



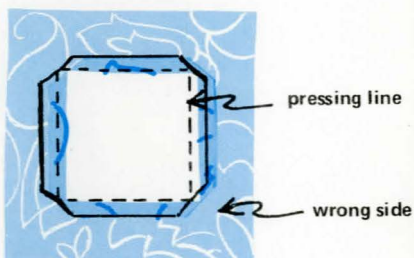
3. Lay a ruler across opposite corners of the hole in the garment. Draw a pencil line $\frac{1}{2}$ in. out from each corner. Make a heavy dot at the end of the line. This dot will be used as a stitching guide later. Cut the lines out to the dot.

Figure 3



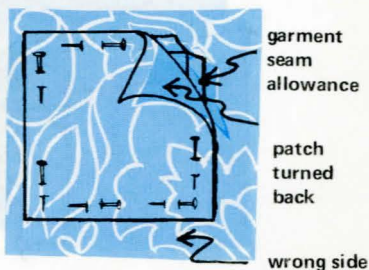
4. Turn the garment wrong side out. Turn back the seam allowance formed by the corner clips. Press flat.

Figure 4



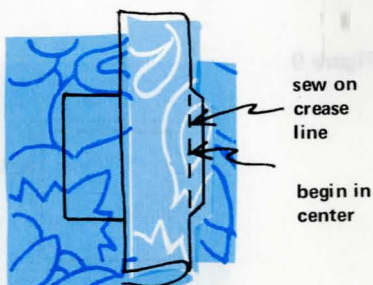
5. With the garment still on the wrong side, pin the patch to the seam allowance. Be careful not to pin through the garment itself or too near the crease made where the seam allowance was pressed back. Basting will not be needed.

Figure 5



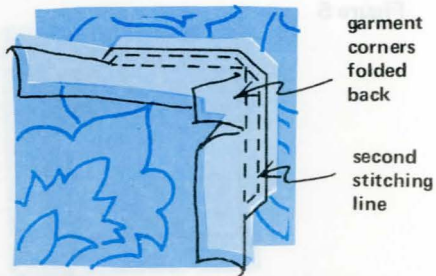
6. With the patch side down, sew along the pressed creased edge. Begin in the center of one side and stitch to the penciled corner mark made earlier. Leave the needle in the material, raise the presser foot and turn the garment at the corner. Lower the presser foot and stitch on the crease line on the second side. Continue in this way until all four sides are stitched. Fasten threads. Remove pins.

Figure 6



7. In the same way place a second row of stitching near the raw edge of the patch. Stitch diagonally across the corners. At the corners cross exactly on the first stitching line. A pucker will form on the right side if the corner stitching crosses inside the first stitching line. Tie threads.

Figure 7



8. Clip off the corners of the patch outside the second stitching line.

Figure 8

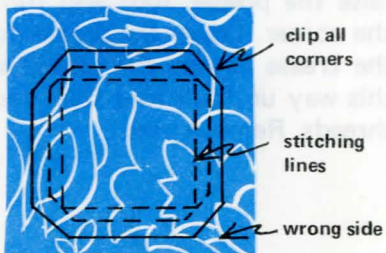


Figure 9

