



INSTRUCTIONS ON **ATTACHING** YOUR PATCH

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If you're choosing an order of patches with no backing or with PVC backing, there's no choice but to sew the patches into place. However, the following instructions should also be applied to patches with other attachment options chosen too. Following these easy steps will lead to the simplest and sturdiest attachment for your custom patch.

Instructions for Sewing Your Patch Into Place

You'll need:

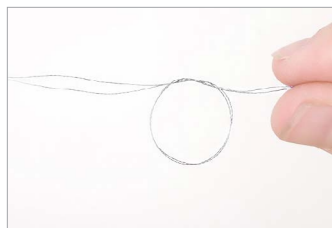
- Your custom patch
- Appropriate thread
- Pins (optional)
- A sewing needle
- A thimble
- A lighter



1 Choose either an invisible (clear) thread or a thread that won't stand out against the patch.



2 String the thread through the eye of your needle. Once you've got roughly a foot of thread, cut your thread and **tie a knot** into the two ends flying free.

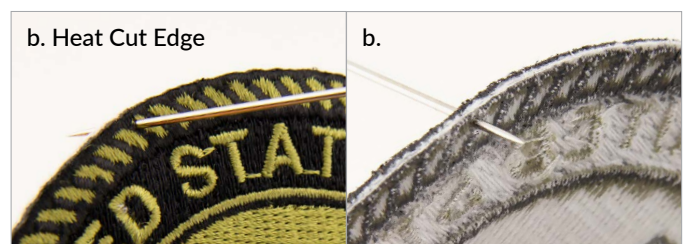
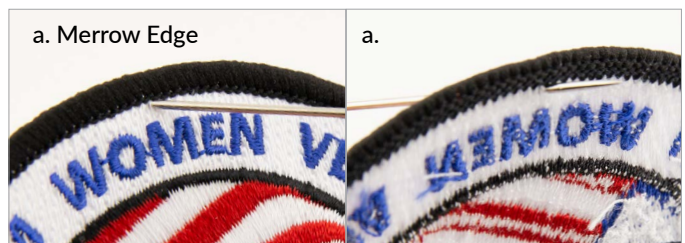


3 Place your patch exactly where you want it to go. **Use the pins** to secure the patch in place and stop it from moving while you sew.

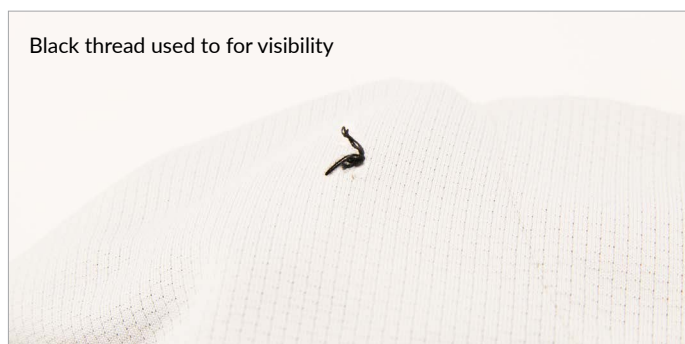


4 With your thimble(s) on, push your threaded needle up through the back of the fabric and the patch at any point on the patch that's close to the edge.

- a. If your patch has a **merrowed edge**, you should be able to see the stitches where the edge meets the border of the patch. Try to keep your stitches as close to that area as possible.
- b. If your patch has a **heat cut edge**, try to stay as close to the edge as possible.
- c. With **PVC patches**, a recessed sew line is included on each patch.



5 Pull the thread taut until the knot you tied prohibits you from pulling any more thread through.



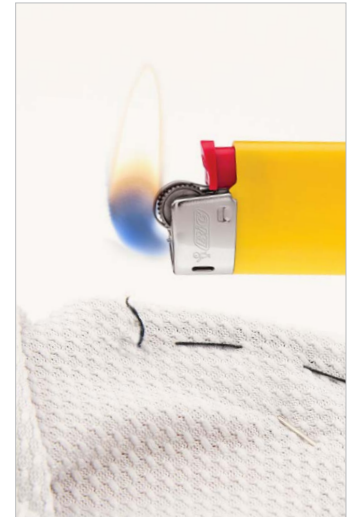
6 Choose one consistent direction to move in and bring the needle and thread down through the patch and the fabric towards that direction.

7 Repeat steps 4 - 6 all the way around the edge of the patch at equal intervals.

8 Once you return to the place you began, with your thread at the back of the patch, cut any excess thread, and, using your lighter, burn the ends of the thread together.



Black thread used to for visibility



Iron-On Instructions

You'll need:

- Your custom patch
- An iron (any household iron will do)
- Ironing board or other flat surface
- A towel or sheet (optional)



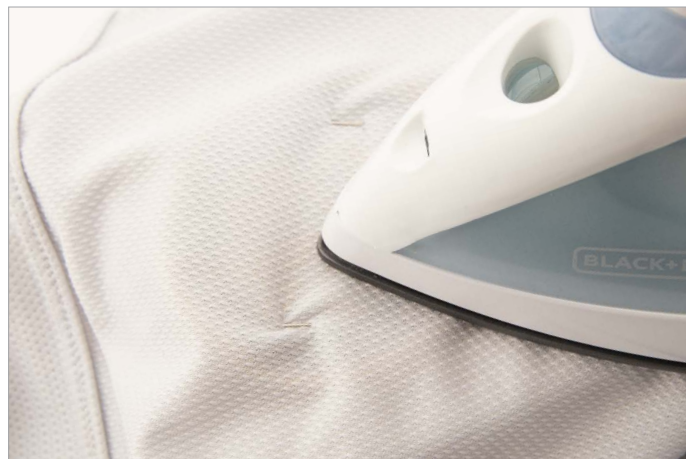
- 1 Make sure your iron is turned on and set to either a medium or a high temperature.
- The temperature settings of irons vary, but you should be aiming for roughly 300 degrees (230 degrees if you have a woven patch).



- 2 Choose where you want your patch to go and make sure the area is as clean of debris and lint as possible.

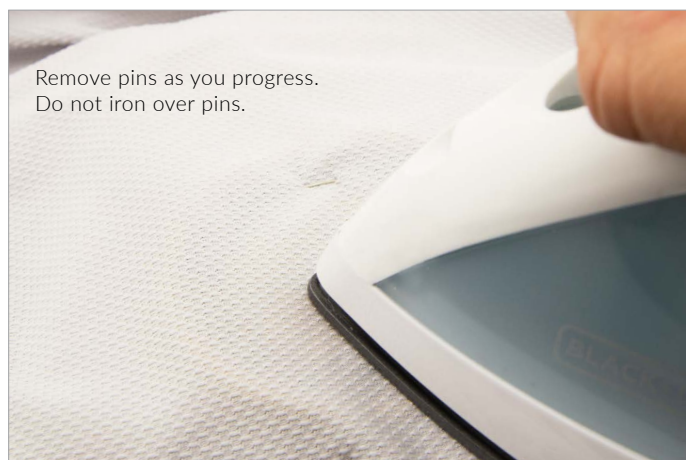
Use the pins to secure the patch in place and stop it from moving.

Also, as much as possible, iron the area to make sure it will lay flat while applying the patch.



- 3 **Place the patch face down** on the ironing board and place the item you're attaching the patch to on top of it with the patch in the exact position you want it.

- This allows you to apply heat directly to the adhesive without damaging the patch.



Remove pins as you progress.
Do not iron over pins.

- 4 With a firm pressure, move the iron over the spot you're attaching the patch to make sure it heats evenly. **Only apply heat for 10 - 15 seconds at a time.**



- 5 Leave the patch to **cool for 30 seconds** before checking it's placement by touching the sides and attempting to lift the patch. If the patch isn't holding, repeat steps three and four.



Hook and Loop (Velcro) Instructions

You'll need:

- Your custom patch
- A surface with a premade female hook and loop section
- A sewing needle and thread (optional)
- Pins (optional)



If the surface you want to attach your patch to does not already feature its own female velcro sections, please follow these instructions to attach your patch:

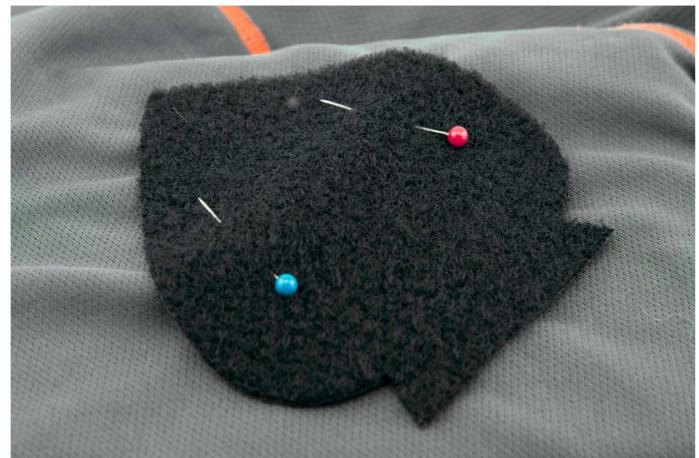


1 Decide where you want your patch to go.

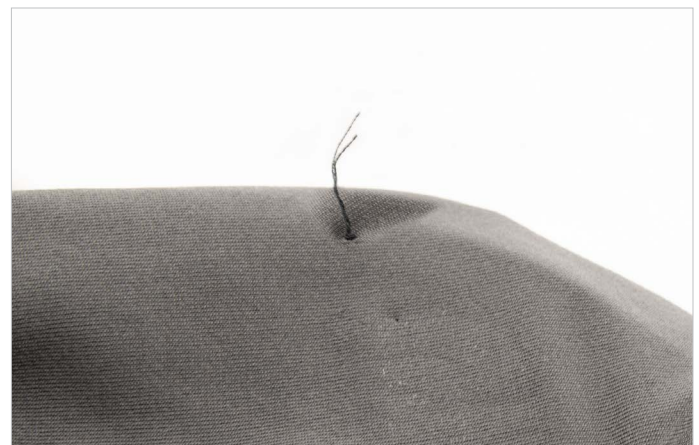
2 **Separate** your patch from the female hook and loop backing it was shipped on.

3 **Thread** your sewing needle. Once you've got roughly a foot of thread, cut it and tie the dangling ends into a knot.

4 Place the female hook and loop section of your patch exactly where you want the patch to go. **Use pins** to secure the hook and loop in place and stop it from moving while you sew.



5 Push your threaded needle up through the back of the fabric and the hook and loop at any point on the velcro that's close to the edge.



6 Pull your needle and thread up through the velcro until the knot you tied stops the thread from coming through.

7 Push the needle and thread down through the hook and loop and the fabric at a point close to where you brought it up through in the previous step.

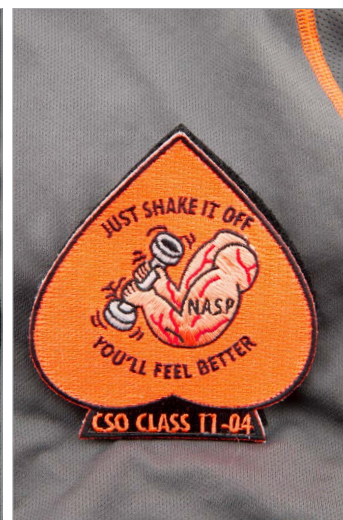
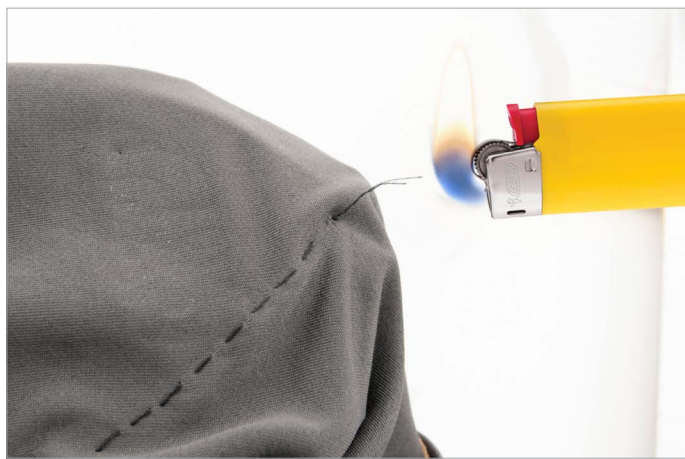
a. You'll want to keep the stitch intervals relatively close together in order to give your velcro patch a sturdy base.

8 Repeat steps 6 -7 all the way around the edge of the velcro.

9 Once you return to where you started and your thread is on the back of the fabric, cut the excess thread and **burn the ends together**.

10 Place your velcro patch back onto the female piece you just sewed into place.

From this point forward, you can remove and replace the patch as many times as you like. You can also adhere any similarly shaped velcro patch in the same place.



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