



How to Mend a Tear in a Mesh Backpack Pocket

This guide will help someone repair or mend a tear in a backpack by sewing.

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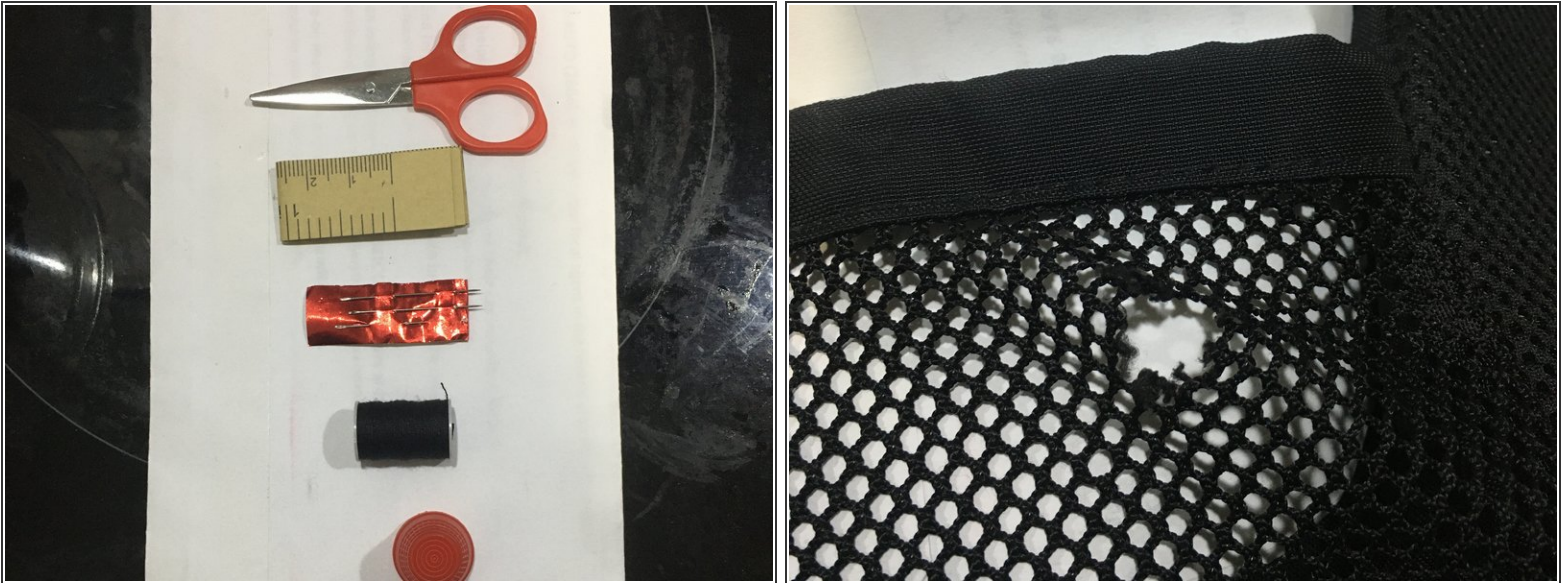
INTRODUCTION

This guide was created to help people repair holes in their backpacks for continued use and cost savings. If we can get the most use out of our backpacks, it helps especially if you are on a budget! In this guide I fix a hole in the mesh that holds water bottles. This area can hold other things as well and I was using it for other things, but they kept falling out due to this hole. After fixing, it is back to normal use. A knowledge of how to sew will help with this guide. Understanding sewing terms may be helpful as well. Be careful to not poke yourself with the needle!

TOOLS:

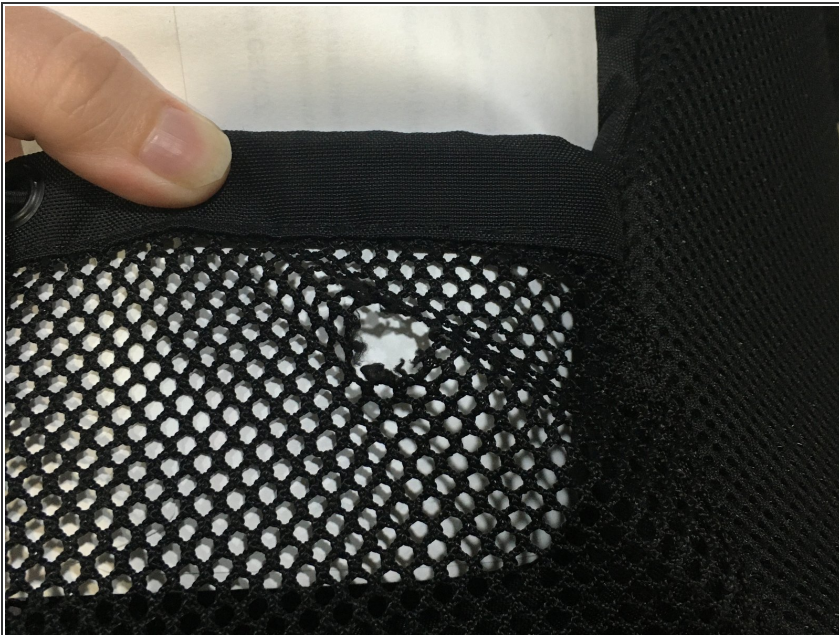
- [Scissor](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Gathering Proper Tools to Mend Hole in Backpack



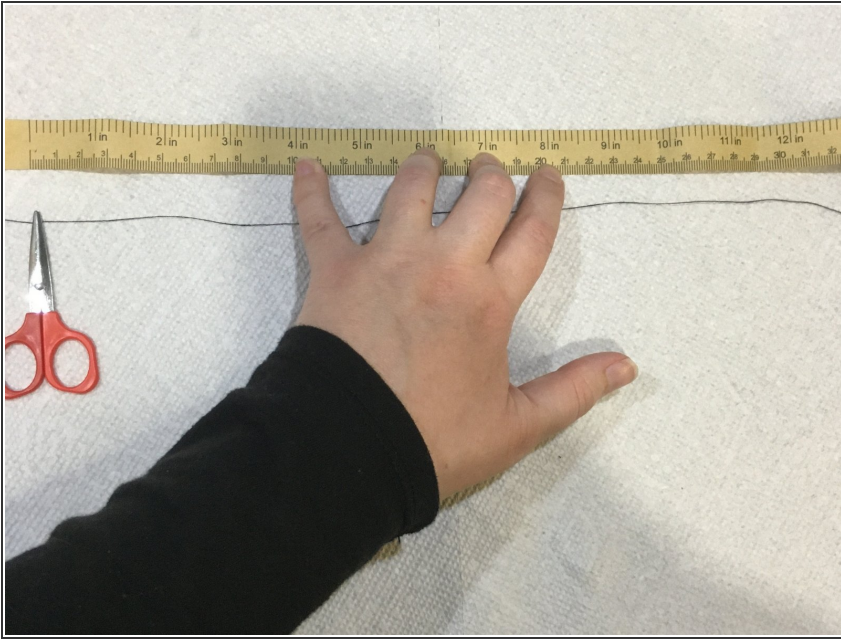
- Make sure you have all the necessary tools to mend the backpack including scissors, measuring tape, needle, thread, and thimble (if needed to protect your thumb)

Step 2



- Inspect the size of the hole you need to mend. For fairly small holes like so, you can follow the next steps for recommended thread length. If your hole is considerable bigger, consider doubling or even tripling the thread size in the next step.

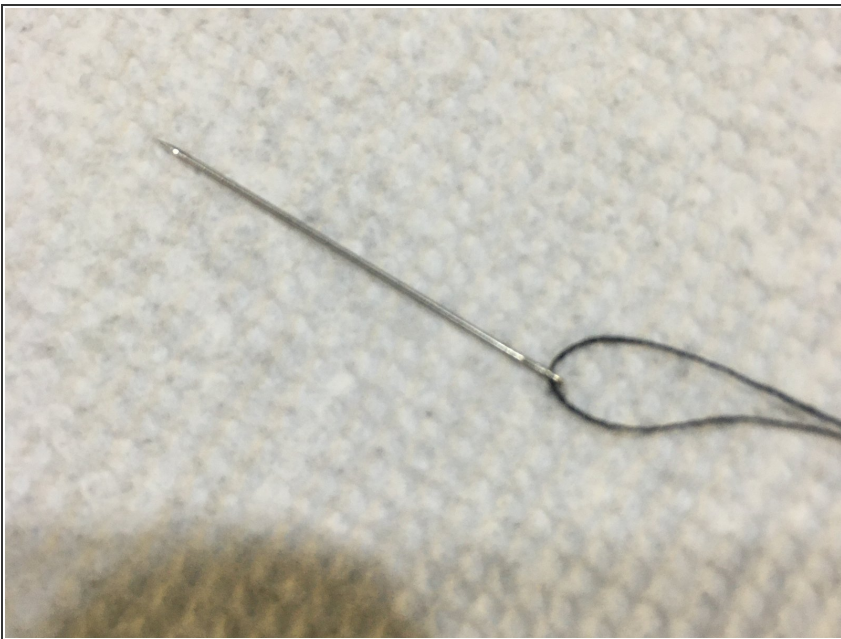
Step 3 — Measure the Amount of Thread Needed



- Use the measuring tape to measure how much thread you will need and cut with the scissors. I estimate about 12 inches for a Nickle size tear.


⚠ Scissors can cut you, so be careful!


Step 4 — Thread Needle



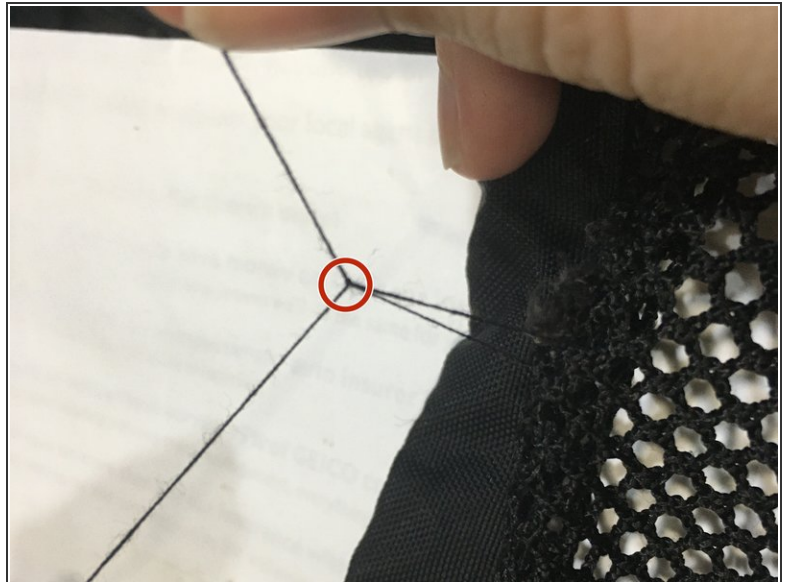
- Lick the end of the thread and put the end of the thread through the hole in the needle. Leave about an

inch of thread trailing off at all times so that the thread doesn't slip back through the needle.

 Needles are sharp, so be careful. You can use the thimble to protect yourself by putting it on your thumb.

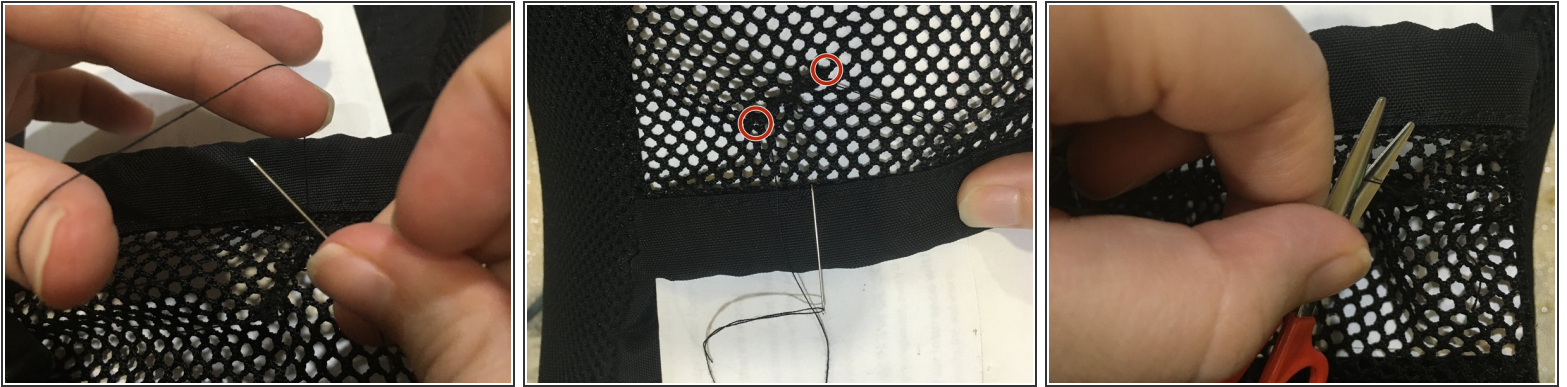
 You can twist the trailing thread around the main one a couple times to keep needle more secure from falling off.

Step 5 — Start Sewing



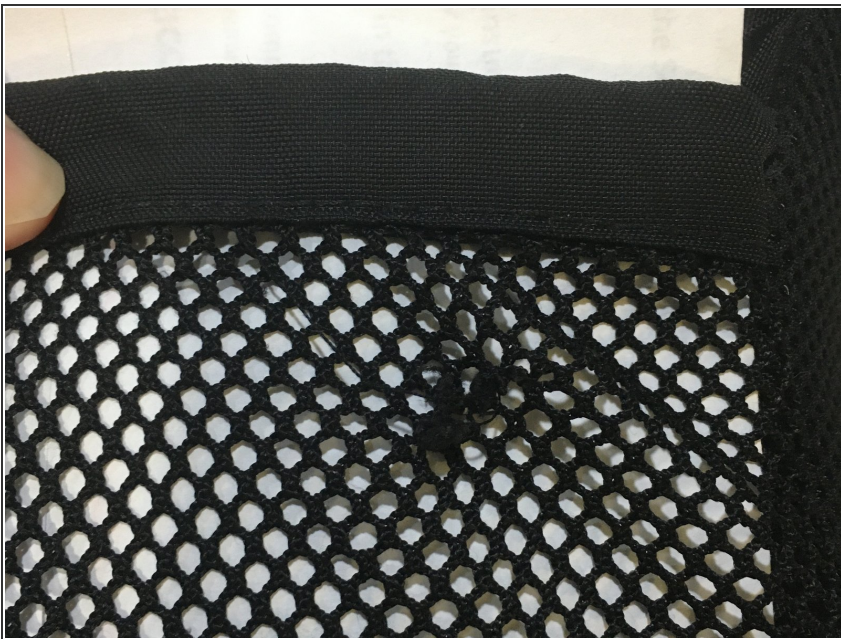
- Create an anchor to your stitch by weaving the needle through the two sides at the start of the tear. Then tie a knot. Repeat this knot 2-3 times for an "anchor". This will keep your sew strong.
- Once the anchor is made you can start sewing by looping each side together by weaving the needle through each side of the tear in the fabric and squeeze tight. You should see both sides come together tightly. Repeat this until you reach the end of the tear.

Step 6 — Finish with an Anchor



- Once you reach the end of the tear, you need to make another anchor. To do this you need to loop the thread around two fingers and put the needle through both sides of the tear again. Then put the needle through the hole and tie tight.
- Repeat this 2-3 times until it feels secure.
- Cut the excess thread with scissors as close to the fabric as possible.

Step 7 — Finish



- Once finished it should have all extra thread trimmed off and look neat and tidy for the best hold.