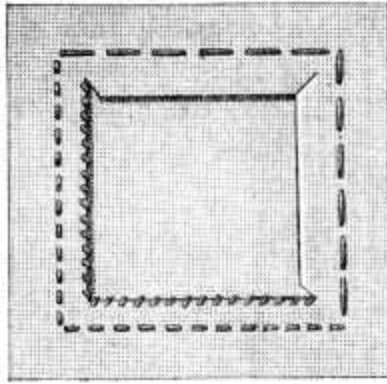


Back-Stitching and Felling in a Patch

Sharp corners, no puckering: a patch that behaves itself.



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"Tack it in, stitch on the article, turn the hem, snip square."

1

Tack in the Patch

Tack in the new piece so its edges overlap the edges of the hole.

2

Back-stitch on the Article

Do the back-stitching on the article itself, not on the patch, since this makes it easier to work the corners neatly. Make it form a right angle at each corner.

3

Turn Down the Hem

Turn the hem down onto the patch.

4

Snip the Corners

Make a little snip at the corners with your scissors to prevent puckering.