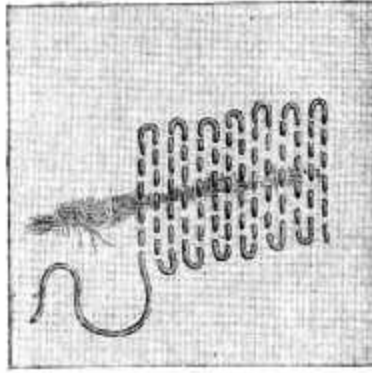


Darning Lost in the Ground

A rent mended so its edges meet again, one exact, inverted stitch at a time.



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"Leave it torn, tack it down, weave it close, thread it fine."

1

Don't Trim the Tear

Leave the torn threads of the material and the rough edges of the rent just as they are, without cutting anything off.

2

Tack to Oil-Cloth

Tack the torn part onto a piece of oil-cloth, with the wrong side of the material facing up.

3

Run Thread Across

Draw the edges together with a thread, running it in backwards and forwards across them. Set the stitches as closely together as possible, and regularly inverted, as in every other darn.

4

Choose a Fine Thread

Always use a thread that is much finer than the material's own. Coton surfin D.M.C is best for darning both calico and linen.