Widow Maker's Crafternoon

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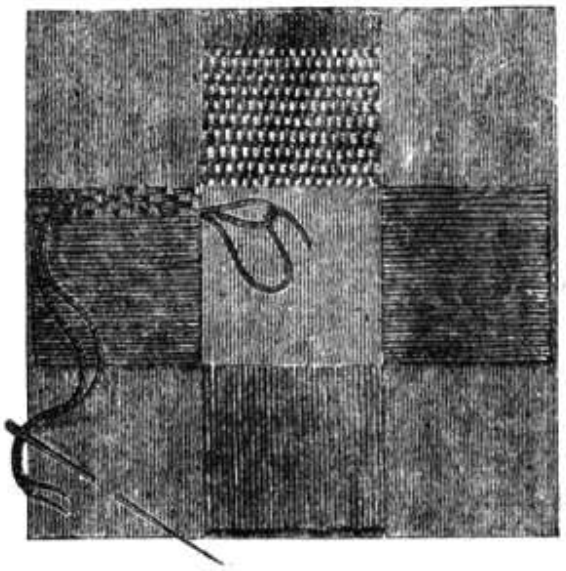
Drawing in a Patch

A patch fringed on four sides, then darned in exactly like ordinary darning.



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> "Loop it, slip it, tighten it, darn it, like ordinary darning."

1 Prepare the Patch

Cut a square piece of the original stuff, 5 or 6 centimetres larger each way than the hole. Draw out threads on all four sides until the piece exactly matches the hole, then tack it into place.

2 Thread the Needle

Thread a very fine needle with the two ends of a thread of silk or Fil d'Alsace D.M.C No. 700.

3 Start the Loop

Run the needle in at the corner of the stuff and draw it out, leaving a loop behind. Slip the first of the fringe threads into this loop and tighten the loop round it.

4 Darn In the Fringe

Do the same with each thread, alternately taking up and leaving threads in the stuff, as in ordinary darning.

5 For Thin Material

If the material is thin, darn the threads in a good long way, so the double layer of threads may be less visible.