



# How to Darn a Hole in Denim Jeans by Hand

This guide will show you how to patch a hole and darn over the hole in a pair of denim jeans by hand to prevent the hole from reopening.

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## INTRODUCTION

Instead of tossing out jeans with holes in them, we can patch them and bring new life into them.

Darning is a technique used to repair holes in fabric by using needles, thread, and a patch; the patch being used is to fill in for the missing denim.

Be careful when handling needles, and be sure to return them to a safe place after darning.

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### TOOLS:

- [Fabric Scissors](#) (1)
  - [Hand Sewing Needle](#) (1)
  - [Sewing Thread](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — How to Darn a Hole in Denim Jeans by Hand



- Gather your jeans needing repair and locate the hole to be darned.

## Step 2



- Using a pair of scissors, trim away any loose and frayed ends.
- i** These are ends that would have formed from the ripping of the denim fabric.

### Step 3



- Match a thread color to the color of the denim you are repairing.
- ⓘ For a sleeker and less visible repair use a thread with a smaller strand count.
- ⓘ I used a thicker and more visible color for the purpose of making the stitching easier to see in this guide.

### Step 4



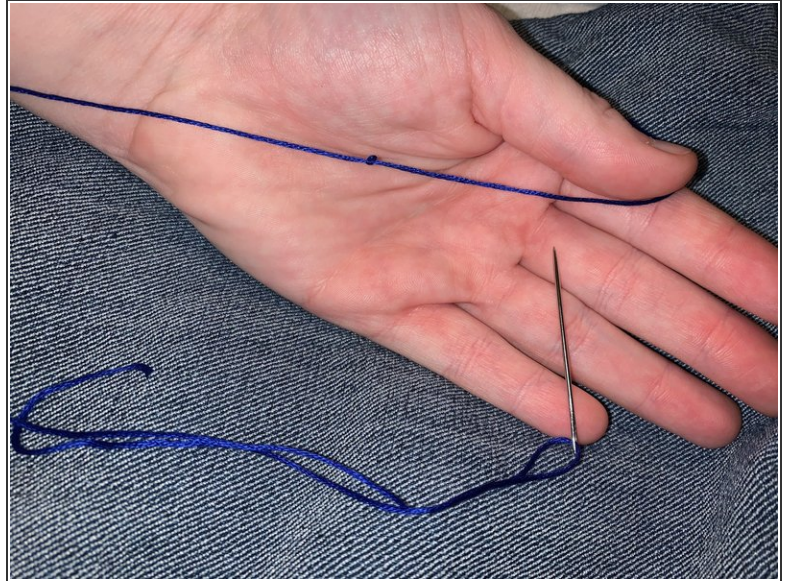
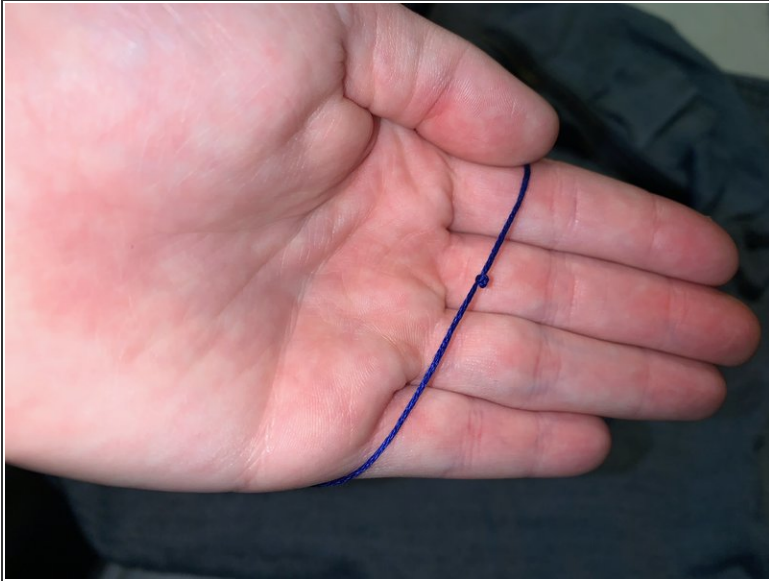
- Cut a patch from a similar colored piece of denim.
- ⓘ The patch should be longer than the hole on all sides by at least 1/2 inch.

## Step 5



- Turn the jeans inside out and use pins to attach the patch to cover the hole.

## Step 6



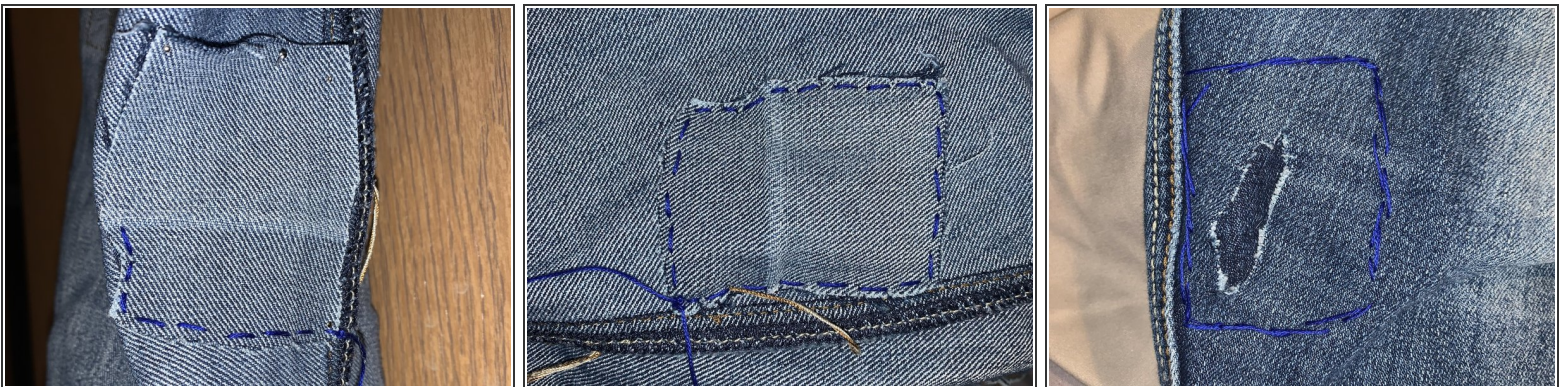
- Thread your needle with the thread you chose in Step 3.
- Cut about 3 feet of your thread and tie a small square knot just big enough to not pull through your fabric.
- ⓘ You may need to double, triple, or even quadruple knot the thread to not pull through, depending on the gauge of thread you chose to lose.

## Step 7



- From the inside insert the needle and pull the thread through completely until the knot is tight against the fabric.
- Repeat the process by pulling the thread from the outside back to the inside until there is a line formed with your thread.

## Step 8



- Continue the process shown in Step 7 for the entire perimeter of the patch.
- ❗ Once completed, the patch should be fully attached to the jeans.

## Step 9



- Now that the patch is fully attached, turn the jeans right side out.
- Insert your needle from the inside of the jeans about 1/2 inch above the top of the hole and 1/2 inch to one side of the hole.
- Pull the thread tight and insert the needle again on the other side of the hole about 1/2 and inch in the opposite direction.
- This should create a stitch or a line of thread across the top of the hole.
- Repeat the process to create enough stitches to cover the entire length of the hole.

## Step 10



- i** Once you have covered the hole completely with thread using lines in one direction, you will weave your needle above and under the stitches you formed in the last step.
- Begin by putting your needle under the stitch closest and then over the next stitch and under the following, so forth and so on.
  - Continue this process for the entire width of the hole.
  - When you reach your final stitch you will pull your thread tight and begin again from the other direction.
  - Once this is completed, you should insert your needle, pull the thread tight inside the jeans, knot off your thread and cut the excess.

The hole should now be completely repaired and be back to regular function.