

How to Fix a Tear on a Leather Couch

This guide is to help you repair a tear on a leather couch using simple techniques.

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INTRODUCTION

Having a leather sofa is an expensive essential you wouldn't want to lose or have to throw away because of a reparable tear. Yet, it is not very common for people to know what to do in these situations since a leather couch sounds difficult to mend even though it is not. This is an effective technique that only requires a few materials and a basic sewing technique to get your sofa back in shape.

TOOLS:

- Subpatch (1)
 Cloth
- Ruler (1)
- Hand Sewing Needle (1)
- Sewing Thread (1)
- Angelus Leather Paint (1)
- Leather heavy filler (1)
- Fabric Scissors (1)
- Isopropyl Alcohol 70% (1)
- Leather Glue (1)
- Soft Cloth (1)

Step 1 — How to Fix a Tear on a Leather Couch



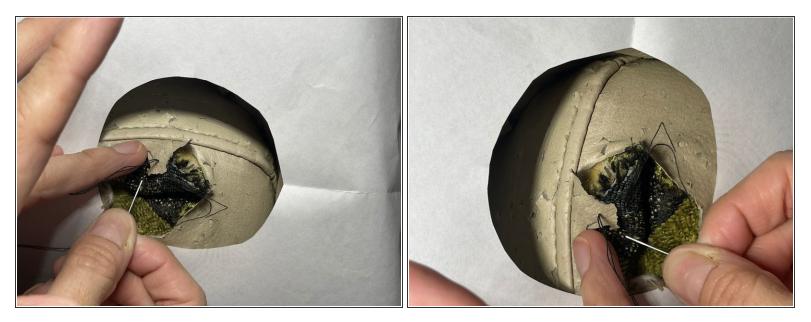
• Clean the area with small amount of alcohol on a damp washcloth.

Step 2



- Measure the length and width of the tear to determine how much subpatch will be needed.
- Add an extra 1 cm border to each side.
- Cut the subpatch according to the measurements.

Step 3



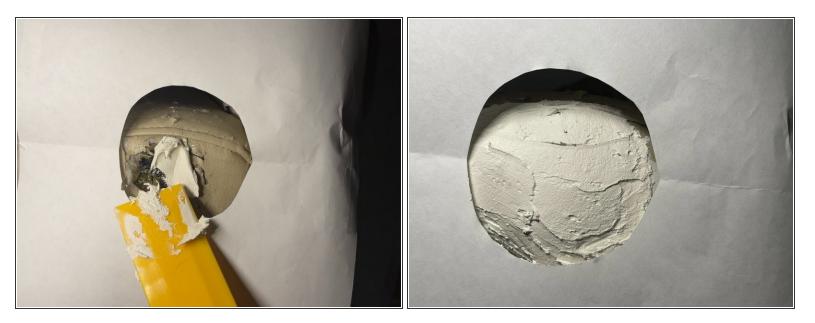
- Place the sub patch in the hole right behind the tear.
- Position the sub patch to have 1 cm of excess cloth behind the border of the tear, so the thread can adhere to it.
- Make a few stitches to secure the patch in place.

Step 4



- (i) As an alternative to sewing, you can use vinyl or leather glue to secure the patch in place and close all the flaps of the tears on the surface of the subpatch.
 - Put an even layer of glue behind the border of the tear, adhering it to the patch.

Step 5



 Once the patch is stable and dry, use a spatula to apply the leather repair filler in the crevice until you have an even surface.

Step 6



- Use sandpaper to smoothen and even out the surface once it's dry.
- Use the sandpaper to remove any excess filler or wipe it off with alcohol on a damp washcloth.

Step 7



• Brush over the heavy filler using a leather paint that matches the color of your sofa.