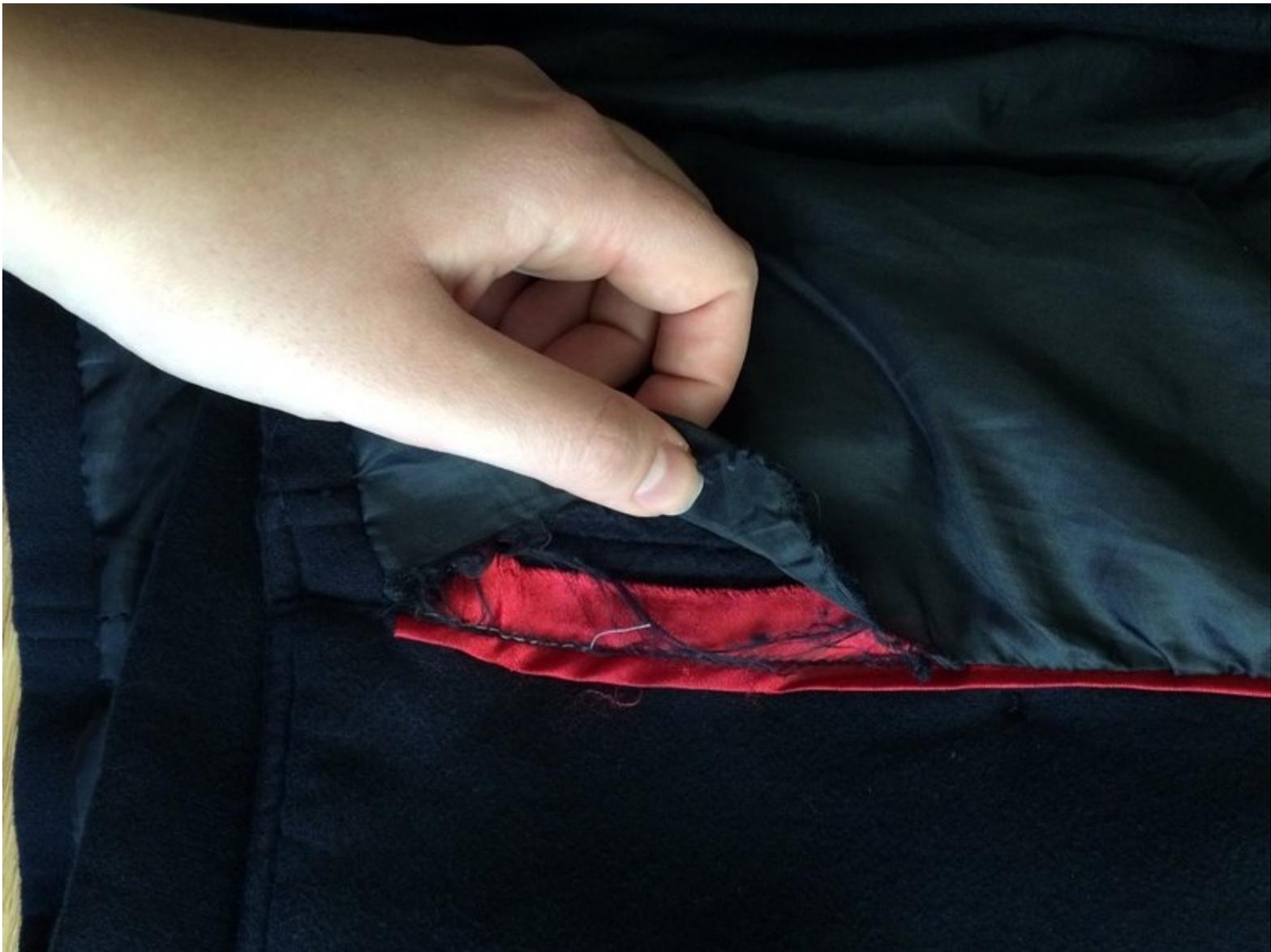




# How to Hand Sew a Tear in Clothing

Instead of throwing away or not wearing a favorite piece of clothing, hand sew the tear back up so you can keep your clothes and stay stylish.

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## INTRODUCTION

Learn how to fix a tear in your piece of clothing with these simple steps.



### TOOLS:

- [Sewing Needle](#) (1)
- [Thread](#) (1)
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)



### PARTS:

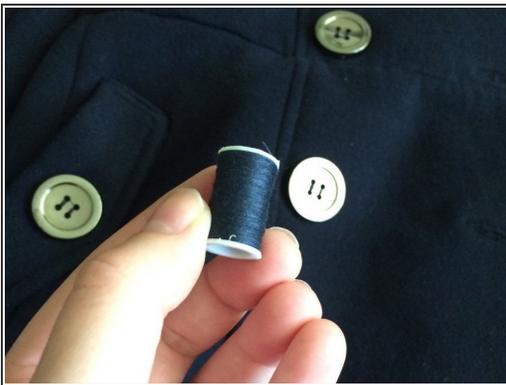
- [Piece of clothing trying to repair](#) (1)

## Step 1 — How to Hand Sew a Tear in Clothing



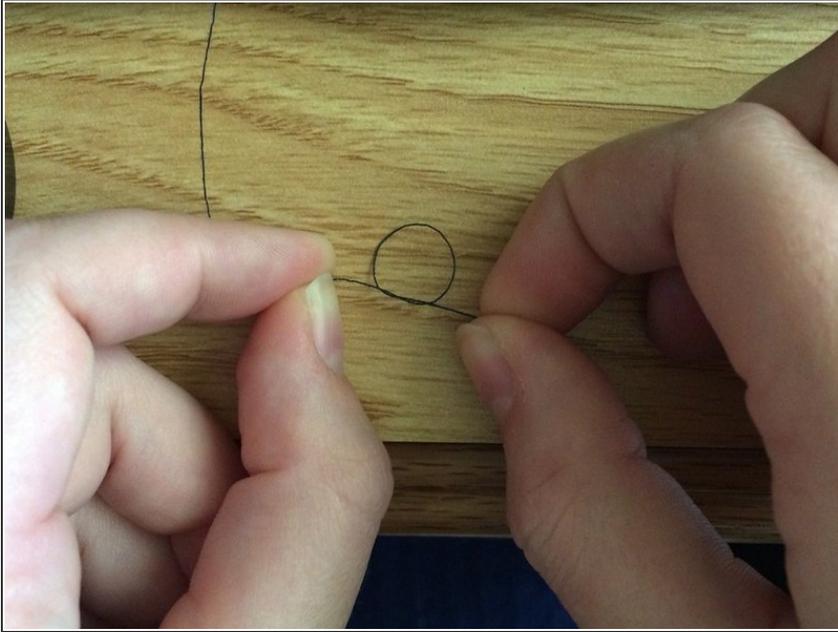
- Lay out your piece of clothing with the tear facing up and in sight on a flat surface.
- ⓘ A table is a good place for a work surface rather than your lap or the ground.

## Step 2



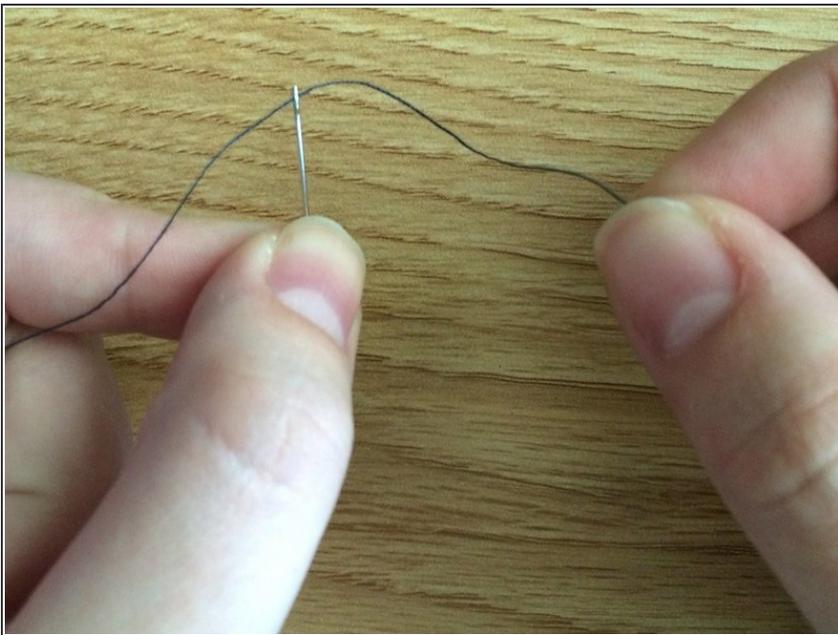
- Cut a long piece of thread with the scissors.
  - ⚠ Cut the length of the thread according to how long the tear is. For a 5 inch tear, cut about a 1.5 foot piece of thread. If you have excess thread at the end of the task, you can always cut the extra off. You cannot do so if you do not have enough thread to finish sewing.
  - ☑ Choose thread that matches the color of the material so that the thread blends in with the material, hiding the tear.

### Step 3



- Tie a knot at one end of the thread.

### Step 4



- Put the un-knotted end of the thread through the eye of the needle (the hole in the needle).
- ⓘ This step can be frustrating, but be patient. To make it easier, wet the end you are putting through the hole and flatten the thread with your fingers. Now try again.
- ⚠ Be careful while using the needle. It is pointy and sharp.

## Step 5



- To begin stitching:
  - Take the threaded needle in your fingers and place under one end of the tear with the needle pointing up.
  - Poke the needle through the left side of the tear and pull on the needle upward until the knot reaches the material and stops the thread from going any further upward.

## Step 6



- Turn the needle downward on the right side of the tear, poke a hole making the needle go through the hole with the thread following.
- Poke hole on the underside of the left side of the tear.
- Pull the needle slowly until the knot won't allow you to pull anymore.

## Step 7



- Continue to stitch until the needle reaches the other end of the tear, making sure that the stitches are close enough together that the material from one end of the tear and the other end are sewn tightly together with little to no gaps.

## Step 8



- When you get to the end of the tear, prepare to make a knot.
- Make a small stitch but this time pull the needle upward through the loop formed and pull up until the loop closes. Do at least twice.

## Step 9



- Cut the leftover thread off with the scissors so you are left with about an inch of thread dangling after the knot.

## Step 10



- Your tear is now sewn together!