



How to Fix the Side Pocket's Elastic on a Backpack

Step by step guide on how to repair your backpack's side pocket.

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INTRODUCTION

If your backpack's side pocket has started to come undone, and the elastic is separating from the fabric, this easy-to-use guide will help you put the pocket back together again.

TOOLS:

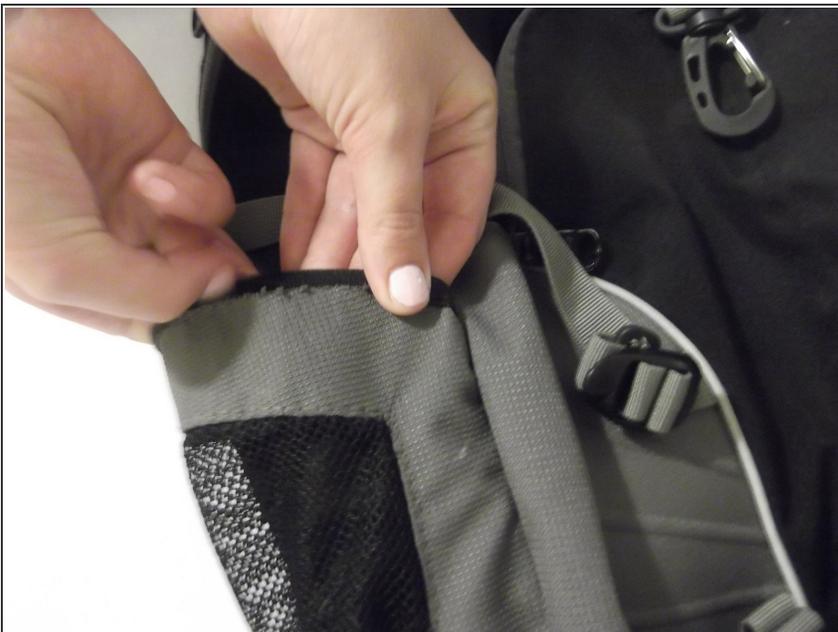
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
 - [Sewing Kit](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Fix the Side Pocket's Elastic on a Backpack



- Trim any excess thread and frayed edges from the fabric with your scissors.

Step 2



- Stretch the elastic to match in length with the fabric.

Step 3



- Tuck the fabric edge back into the elastic.

Step 4



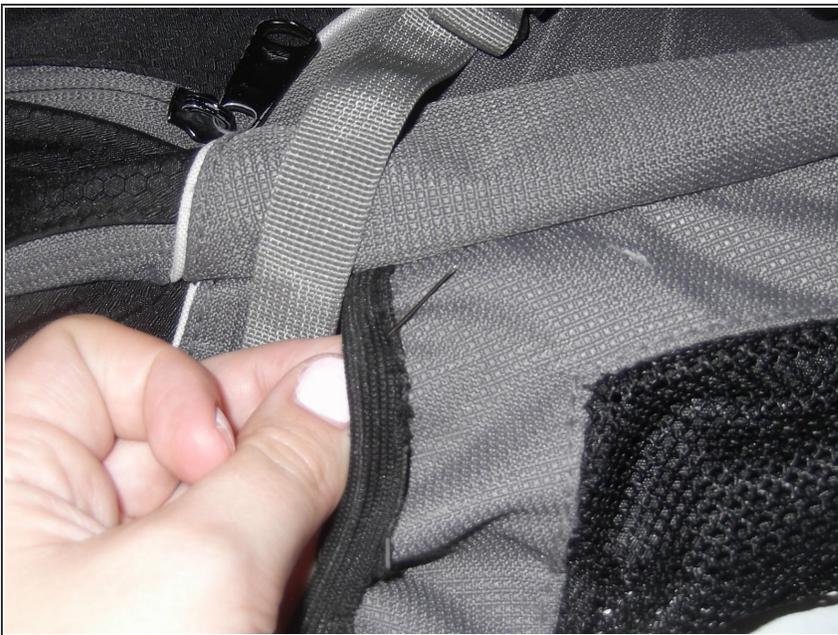
- Pin the fabric and elastic together.
- ⚠ Working with needles and pins can be dangerous.

Step 5



- Begin stitching the fabric and elastic together.
- Start about one centimeter before the tear begins.

Step 6



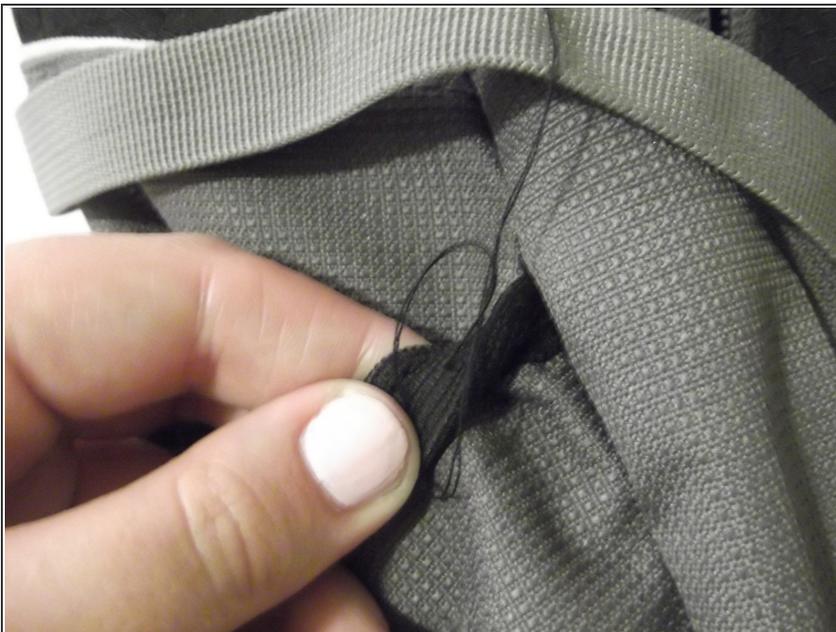
- Continue stitching and remove pins when you sew past the part they're holding together.

Step 7



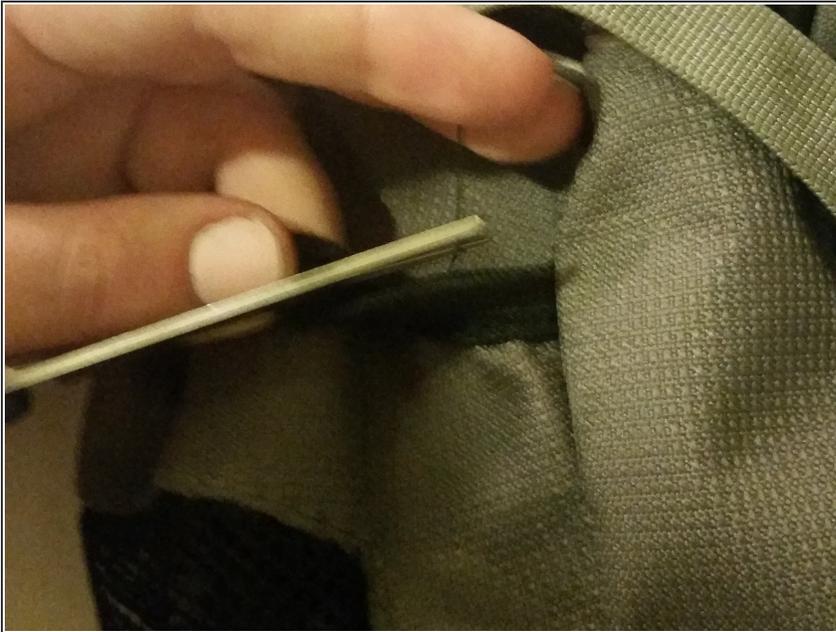
- Stitch until you have passed the end of the tear by about a centimeter.

Step 8



- End the stitch by tying a small knot close to where the thread passes through the fabric.

Step 9



- Cut the thread just above the knot so there is little excess.

Step 10



- Clean your work space and put away the tools
- Congratulations, you're done!

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.