

How to Sew on a Patch printable mini-zine!

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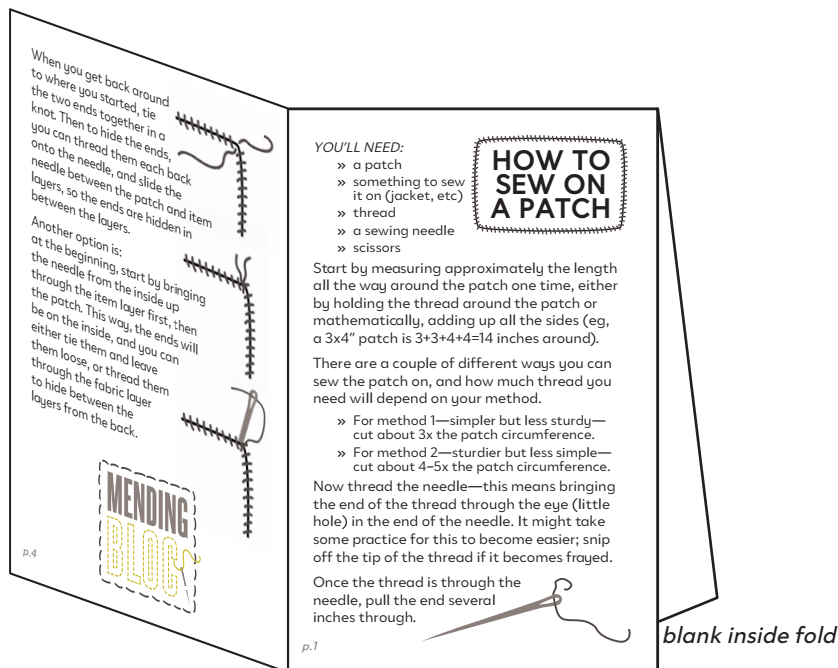
Make a folding zine so that ink won't bleed through to other side.

You'll get two mini-zines per page.

Print Page 2, scale to fit, centered.

Cut across center width-wise.

Fold each zine in half, then in half the other way, so p.1 is the cover, p.2 and p.3 on the inside.



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If it's okay to print on both sides, print zines 2-sided.

You'll get four mini-zines per page.

Print Page 3, then print Page 4 on the other side, scale to fit, centered.

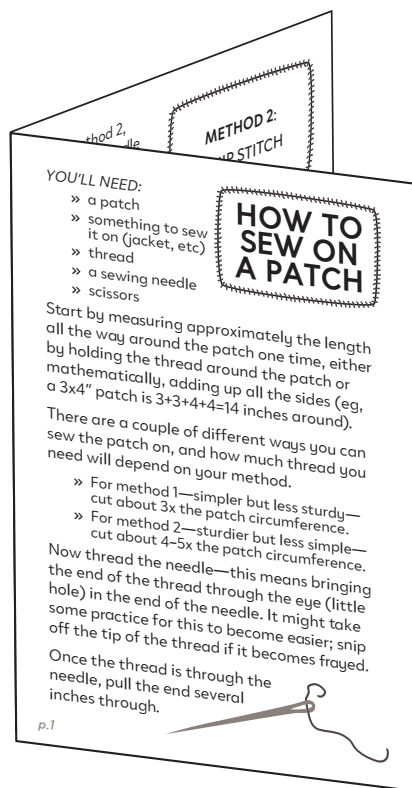
Cut across sheet width-wise and length-wise.

Fold each mini-zine in half, so p.1 is the cover, p.2 and p.3 on the inside.

NOTES:

There is a little color, but it's mostly shades of gray; if you want to print grayscale or you only have a black-ink printer, that will work fine!

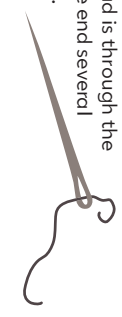
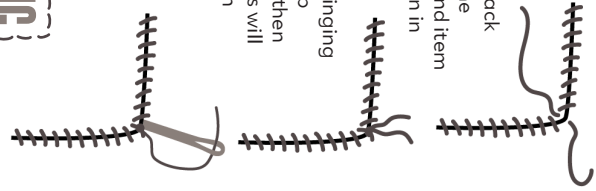
Distribute this freely!



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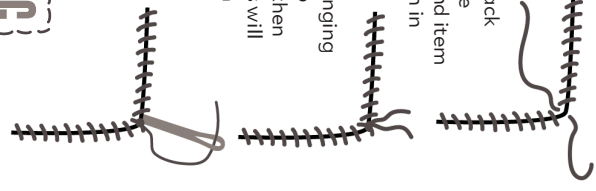
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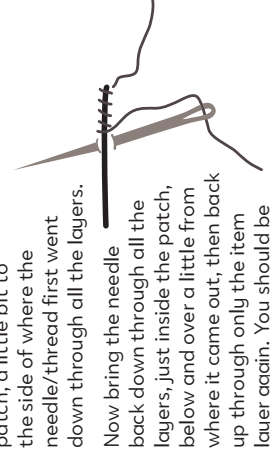
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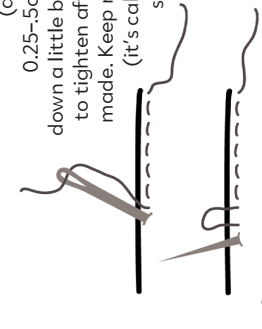
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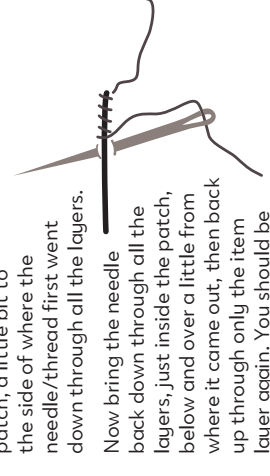
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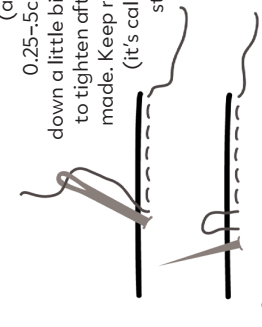
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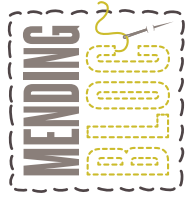
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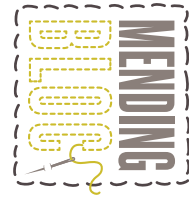
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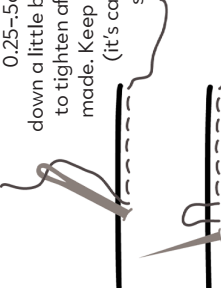
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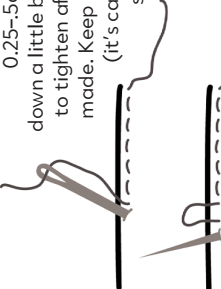
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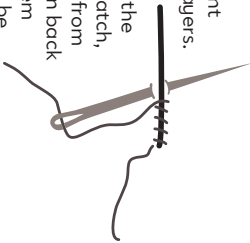
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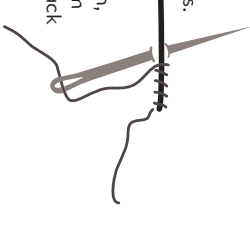
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