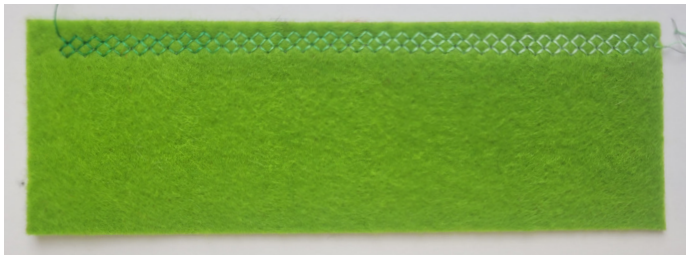
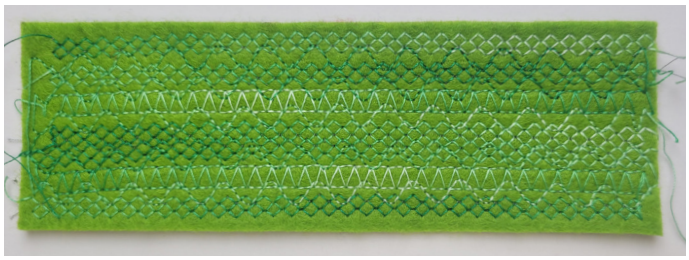
Make a Decorative Mending Patch

A fun way to design your own mending patch to be used on clothing, bags or any textiles.

Step 1: Create your fabric

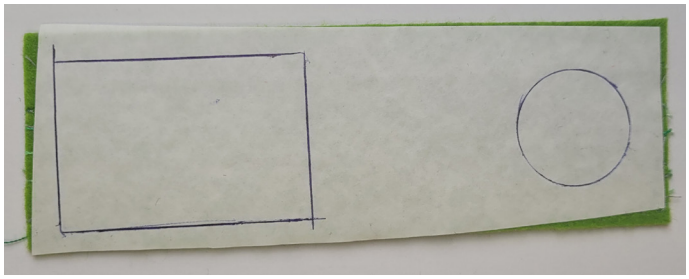


Using a heavy-weight fabric such as denim or thick felt, stitch a variety of decorative stitches in rows or cross-hatched to create interesting patterns. Alternatively, drop the feed dogs on the machine and use free motion to draw a pattern.



Design Tips: Use a variegated thread or alternate different coloured threads to add interest and design choices.
Add satin stitch lines over the top of the decorative stitches to create statement words. (See image at bottom right.)

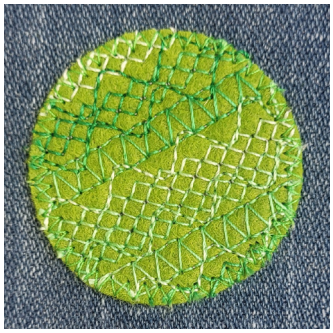
Step 2: Cut out shapes



Trim any loose threads and iron some double-sided fusible webbing onto the wrong side of the fabric. E.g. Vliesofix or Thermofoile* etc. Sandwich your fabric and fusible in between baking paper to protect the iron and board.

Draw your chosen patch shape onto the paper backing and cut out your patch.

Step 3: Apply the patch



Peel the paper backing off the patch. Place patch on your clothing or bag and iron into place. Put baking paper over top of the patch whilst ironing.

Sew around the patch with the stitch of your choice. For a classic satin stitch edge - sew with a standard zig zag first, (stitch width 3 & stitch length 3). Trim any stray threads and then sew again with a tight satin stitch, (stitch width 3.5 & stitch length between 0.5 - 0.7).

Tips:

- Use an open toe presser foot, such as #20 for better visibility of the stitches.
- Machine settings: For the majority of the decorative stitches - set the **Stitch Width: 5** and the **Stitch Length: 2**. But this can be played with to get different effects.

**Thermofoile is a permanent double-sided fusible and doesn't have to be stitched down after applying the patch.*