

# HOW TO CREATE A Mending kit

Don't be caught with a loose button or ripped clothing! Put together a mending kit so you're always prepared.

## Tips

- Stash mending kits wherever you might need them: your car, desk, backpack, or purse.
- Choose fabric pieces and thread that coordinate with your style and wardrobe.
- There's no right or wrong way to build a mending kit, customize it to suit your needs!
- Check out our [video](https://www.youtube.com/ReuseMN) tutorial on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/ReuseMN](https://www.youtube.com/ReuseMN)).



## Supplies

- Metal tin or box (such as mint tins)
- Fabric scraps (consider using salvaged fabric from damaged garments)
- Embroidery floss
- Small spools of thread or thread wrapped around cardstock
- Buttons (various sizes and colors)
- Safety pins
- Sewing pins
- Sewing needles (different size are handy)
- Felt
- Glue gun and hot glue sticks or strong double sided adhesive tape/mounting squares

## Preparation

1. Wash and dry your container to prevent rusting.
2. Cut 6" x 6" squares from materials and patterns of your choice. Keep in mind that thicker materials like denim take up more space, while thinner ones take up less space.
3. Cut embroidery floss to 24"-30" lengths. We included embroidery floss in three different colors.
4. Cut out a piece of felt that will fit inside the lid of your container when folded in half.

## Assembly

1. Fold your fabric pieces into a quarter square. Tightly roll each fabric piece and wind embroidery floss around it. Place inside the tin.
2. Use the hot glue gun or strong tape to attach the felt to the top of your lid. Be sure to pay attention to the edges of the felt to make sure it is securely attached. Slide sewing pins and sewing needles into the upper (unglued) part of the felt. Fold felt so the needles are between the two halves.
3. Add your buttons, safety pins, spools of thread, or any other additional supplies to your tin.

## Additional resources

Want to learn mending and sewing skills? Join the [RETHINK Tailoring Patreon](https://www.patreon.com/rethinktailoring) for sewing support and access to tutorials and livestreams. [www.patreon.com/rethinktailoring](https://www.patreon.com/rethinktailoring)



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