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HOW TO SEW ON YOUR BADGES



Whether for military, public service, a job, or a scout troop, many of us wear uniforms with patches as insignia or rank.

Let's Get Started:

1. Get a sewing needle and thread that is either the color of the uniform or the color of the edge of the badge.
2. Position the badge where you want it to go.
3. Use a safety pin or straight pin to hold the badge where you want it to go.
4. Try the uniform on with the patch held on with a safety pin to be sure it is positioned correctly.
5. Cut a piece of thread. If you are not very familiar with sewing, start with a piece of thread long enough to go around the badge twice, plus a little extra.
6. Thread the needle and tie a knot in the end of the thread. The best way to do this is to;
 - a. Wet your thumb and first finger.
 - b. Holding the thread between your thumb and first finger, wrap the thread around your first finger once (but not too tight). Continue to pinch the thread between your thumb and finger.
 - c. Slide your first finger down your thumb causing the thread to unwrap its self from your finger. This will cause the thread to knot its self.
 - d. Pull on thread to tighten the knot.
7. Put the needle through the uniform under the patch to start the first stitch (so that the ends of the thread that are beyond the knot will be hidden between the patch and uniform and not stick out).
8. Stick the needle back up through the uniform and catch the edge of the patch with the needle. Put the needle back through the uniform about 1/4" away. You have made your first stitch! It gets easier from here!
9. Continue stitching the patch to the uniform all the way around the edge of the patch. Remove the pins
10. When you have sewn all the way around the edge of the patch, knot the thread and pull the needle through between the patch and the uniform. Cut the ends of the thread beyond the knot to about 1/2" long. Tuck them under the patch.

FINISHED!! You have just sewn on your badge, and hopefully with minimal bloodshed!