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How To Patch a Torn Window Screen

If you have screen windows and screen doors, it is only a matter of time before a section is punched out. Usually, it is the tendency of the average person to rush out and buy a whole new section of screening and then begin work on what is a tedious project. We offer you a time-and money-saving alternative.

Utensils

Household shears or scissors

Ingredients

Section of screening, 36" inches by 24" Inches (only a small part of this will be used, but keep the rest for later repairs)

Approximate Time: 15 Minutes

- 1. From new screening, cut an even square or rectangular piece 2" inches larger in width and length than the damaged area.
- 2. Create a frayed edge in this piece by removing wire strands 1/2" inch all around as shown in Figure 45A.
- 3. Bend this frayed edge all around, making sure all edges are bent in the same direction (Fig. 45B).
- 4. From the unused section of new screening, pull one length (36" inches) of wire to be used as sewing thread.

Making close, tight stitches, sew on patch over damaged area as shown in Figure 45C.

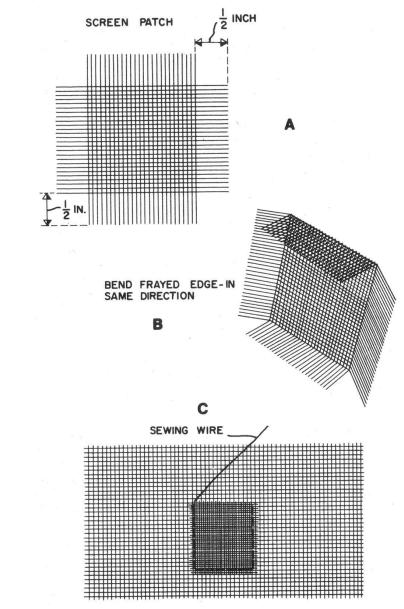


Figure 45. Patching a Torn Window Screen