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Editorial Review

Review

Craft blogger Roach's first book is an excellent addition to any sewer's collection. Instead of presenting another plethora of patterns, she seeks to empower her readers by teaching the skills they'll need to mend nearly any piece of clothing, from ripped buttonholes to torn hem. While there's no substitute for learning in person, the publisher and author should be commended on creating a book with excellent, clear photographs that show, step by step, how to complete basic repairs. The chapter *Stitch Smarts*, which covers everything from the blind hem stitch to the little-known prick stitch, is particularly outstanding. Roach also presents a few patterns, most from other crafters, that provide inspiration towards more mending, less discarding of torn clothing. With the exception of the odd placement of two projects before instructions on the stitches required to make them, the book unfolds in an accessible manner; great layout (and lovely photos) provide eye candy. This is the rare sewing book that will be pulled off the shelf for reference again and again. Full color photos and illustrations, 13 patterns.

From the Back Cover

Wear Your Patches with Pride

Patch, hem, and darn new life into your torn and tired clothing. Kristin Roach's creative techniques, along with original mending ideas from guest crafters, will inspire you to adjust your hemlines, play with creative stitches, add pops of color with vintage buttons, apply boldly patterned patches, and so much more. Simple step-by-step instructions and basic sewing supplies are all you need to make your worn clothing better than ever. You'll love the fun and frugality of upcycling!

About the Author

Kristin M. Roach, creator of the popular website Craft Leftovers, is the author of *Mend It Better*. She enjoys teaching art classes, organizing community art programs, and inspiring others to live creatively. Her designs have been featured in a variety of publications, including *Interweave Knits*, *KnitScene*, *Craft*, and the book *Button It Up*, by Susan Beal.

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