

Class: Creative Mending + Patching

4 hours, up to 8 people, \$800

In this workshop, participants will explore hand-stitching techniques to be used for patching, mending and reinforcing beloved worn clothing. Techniques can be used for both inconspicuous mends, as well as bold visible mending. This workshop will focus on woven fabrics, like linen, cotton and denim, and not knit or stretch fabrics.

Mending your clothing is not only a way to be more sustainable in your daily life, but it also offers the opportunity for a beautifully utilitarian mode of self-expression, and a chance to operate outside of the confines of commercial fast fashion. The skills learned in this workshop can be used in infinite ways, transforming the participants' clothing into beloved, heirloom garments that reflect the wearer.

Participants will need to select 1-2 garments that need some love, with the space needing repair measuring no more than about 4 x 4 inches. The knees or back pockets of denim, button plackets, or the worn elbows of a shirt are perfect for this. If your space needing mending is on the larger size, simply e-mail a photo to Aaron before the workshop to talk it out and see what might be possible.

Aaron will provide naturally dyed and vintage fabric scraps for patching, along with necessary marking tools, threads and mending notions. Participants are highly encouraged to bring fabrics and threads that are special to them to utilize in their mending as well.

Participants will leave with several stitched swatches as well as several repairs in various states of completion.

Materials:

Provided by instructor:

- naturally dyed and vintage fabrics for patching
- Naturally dyed and undyed thread
- all mending notions

Other materials like rotary cutters, cutting mats, marking pens and more will be available for everyone to use.

Provided by students:

-if you have a hand-sewing materials you enjoy using (specific needles, scissors, thimbles, threaders, etc), please feel free to bring those in addition to what is provided by Aaron

-if there are special fabrics from home, or beloved fabric scraps, please bring those as well.