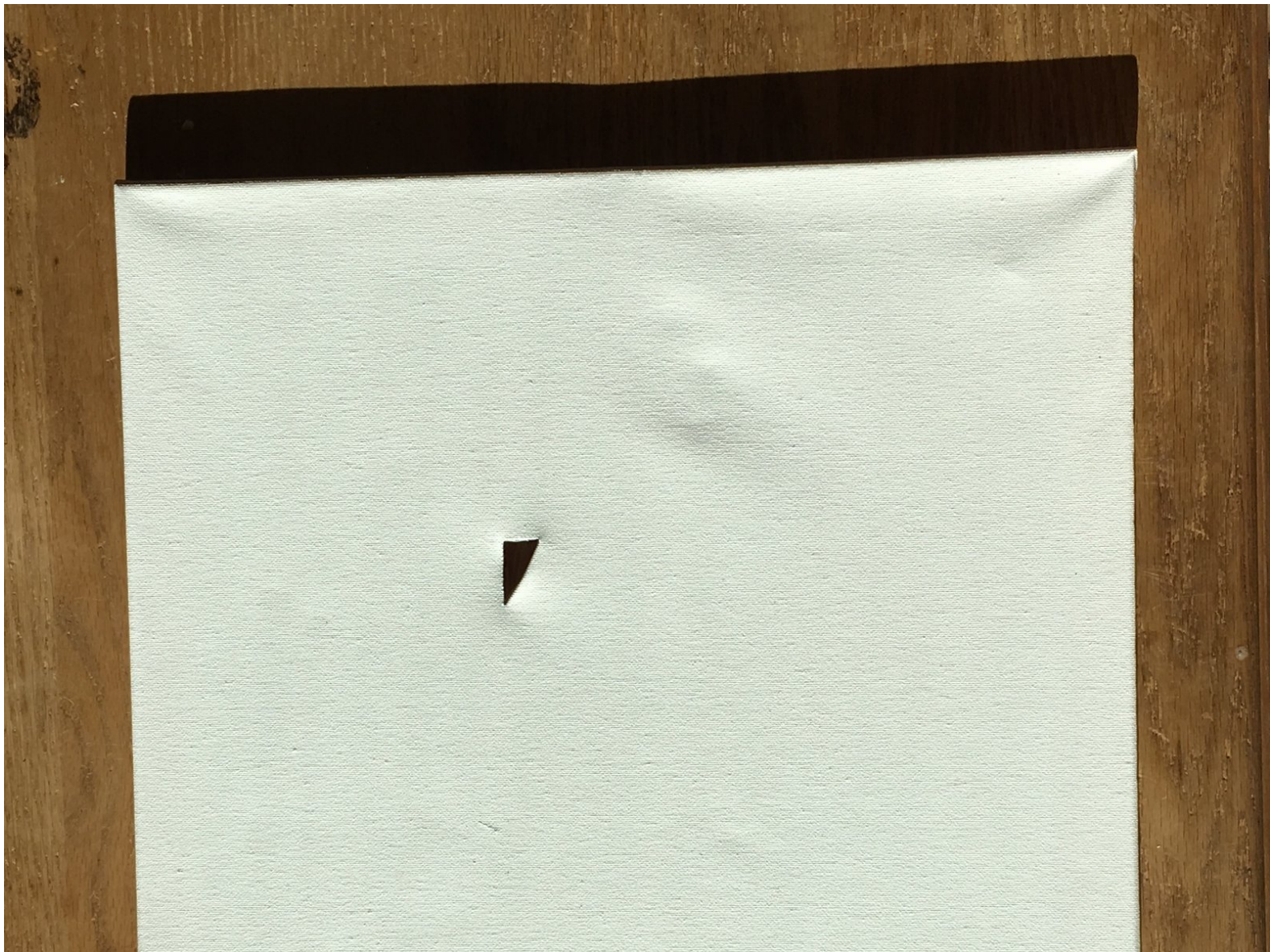




Repair a Tear in Stretched Canvas

This guide will walk you through the steps on how to repair a tear in a stretched piece of canvas.

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INTRODUCTION

Tears and holes in stretched canvas can ruin its usefulness. This guide will explain how these pesky plot holes can be fixed.



TOOLS:

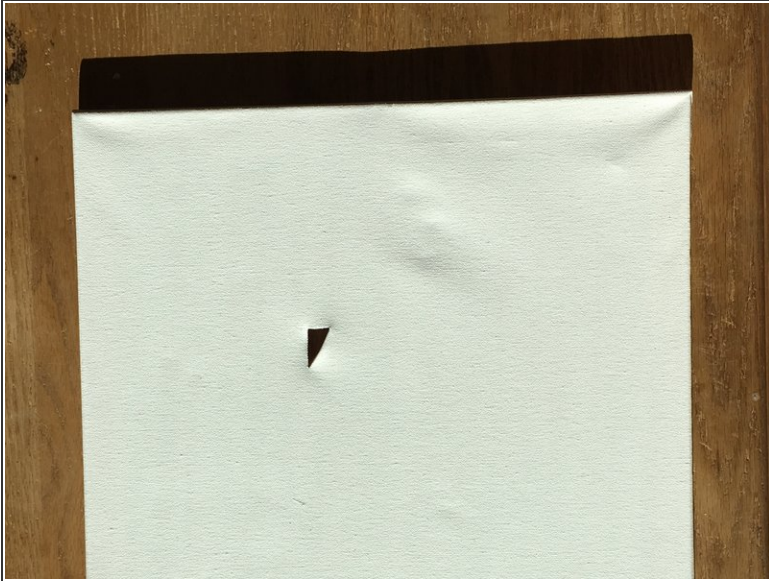
- [Acrylic Gesso](#) (1)
- [Acrylic Texture Paste](#) (1)
- [Super Fabric Adhesive](#) (1)
- [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
- [Sandpaper 100 grain](#) (1)
- [Repair Canvas](#) (1)
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PARTS:

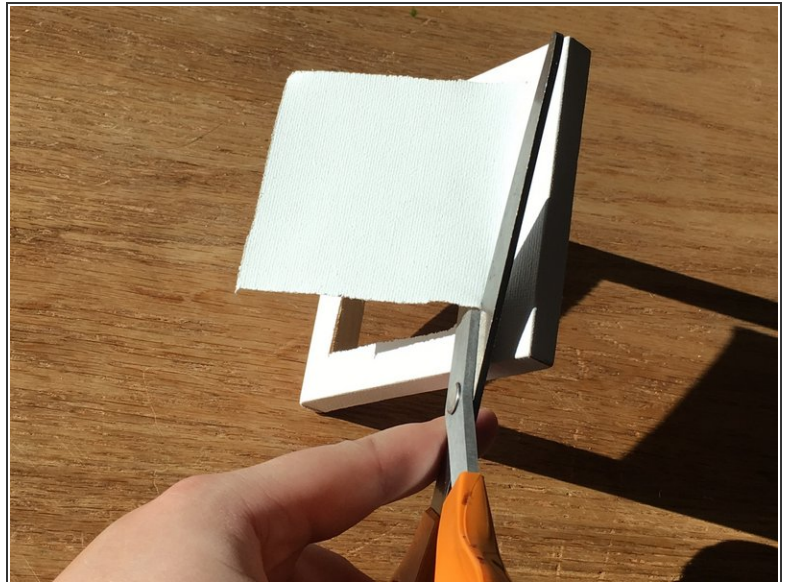
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Step 1 — Repair a Tear in Stretched Canvas



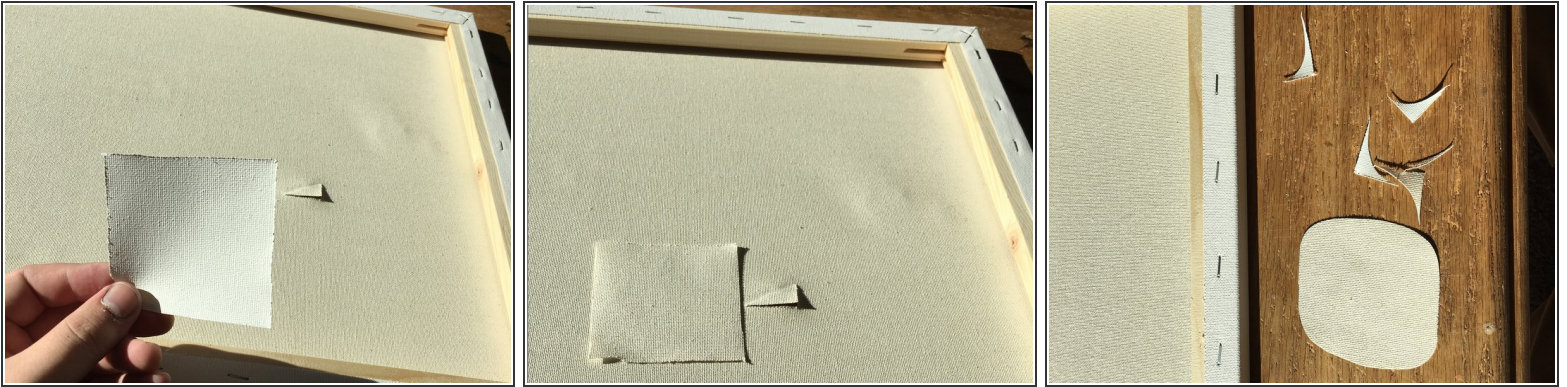
- A tear can come in all shapes and sizes. Identify your tear and obtain a spare sheet, roll, or square of canvas to fully cover the torn area.

Step 2



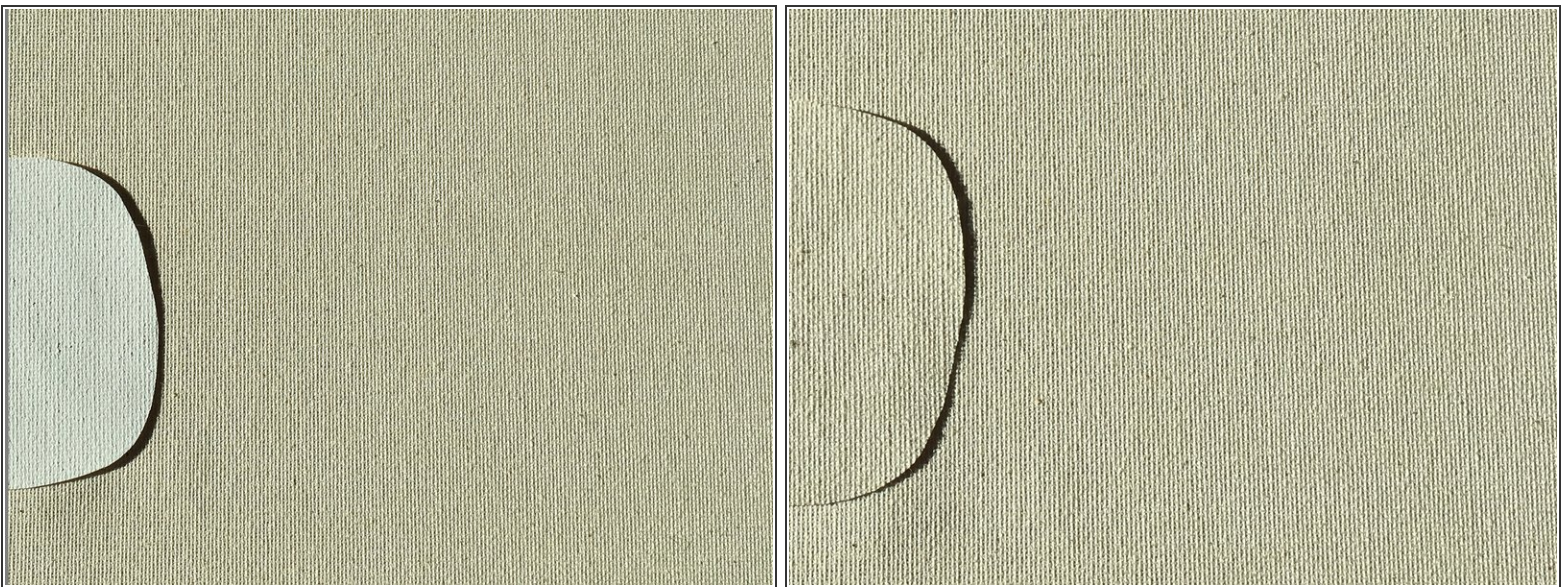
- I purchased a small pre-stretched square of canvas large enough to cover the entire tear. Remove as much of the canvas from the frame as you can.

Step 3



- Once you have your square of canvas, ensure the size is correct for the tear you are repairing. Round the edges off with your scissors. This will create an evenly balanced edge which will remove unwanted corners and points that can arise after the gluing process.

Step 4



- ❗ **PRO-TIP!!** When applying your glue to the repair piece of canvas be sure you are putting it on the **WHITE** side. This will create a cleaner, more blended look to your job and is noticeable to a trained eye. The difference can be seen in the pictures provided.

Step 5



⚠ IMPORTANT!! Remove the super fabric adhesive from its packaging. Use your scissors to cut out a rectangular piece from the back of the packaging.

Step 6



- Apply your glue to the white side of the repair piece of canvas and follow up with the cardboard square to spread the glue around on the canvas. An even layer of glue is preferred and should cover the entire piece of canvas.

Step 7



- Proceed by firmly pressing the repair piece of canvas into the canvas like you would a puzzle piece into a puzzle, not pulling in any direction but pushing down. Follow by placing a weight or book on top of the patch and let dry for 1 hour.

Step 8



- Once the glue has dried, assess the patch job. You will notice that the tear has almost disappeared but there is still the matter of the cut in the canvas.

Step 9



- Evenly spread the texture paste in, over, and around the cut. The smoother you can make the edges of your paste, the easier it will be to clean up later. The paste usually takes about an hour or two to dry fully. The goal here is to fully mask the cut with paste.

Step 10



- Once the paste has dried fully, grab your sand paper and begin to carefully smooth out any bumps or edges you can feel.

⚠ Make sure you have some solid surface behind the area being sanded to avoid creating bumps and deformities in the canvas.

Step 11



- After the sanding process is finished, we apply a final layer of Acrylic Gesso. You can apply it with a small or medium brush. Let it dry for 1 hour.

Step 12



- After your Acrylic Gesso has dried, you are done! Congratulations! Your canvas should be repaired and fully usable for your painting needs. I hope this tutorial was helpful and informative.

These steps should help you to completely repair a tear in stretched canvas.