

Tip: Darning That Hole in a Sock or Stocking

Materials: You will need a needle, yarn to darn and a rounded object to put inside the sock onto which to stretch the fabric. Traditionally a wooden darning mushroom is used, but we found the back of a ladle or the bottom of a tea light holder make quick and cheap alternatives.



1. Choose the darning wool as close in texture and colour to your original item. Without tying a knot, stitch a running stitch all the way round the hole. N.b. you darn on the right side.



2. Following the warp (or lines) in the stocking, darn in vertical lines across the hole.



3. Working at right angles, you need to weave under and over the warp lines picking up a stitch of fabric at each side.



4. Don't make a knot when finished, but working at the edge again, make several running stitches and one back on itself to stop it coming undone.

There you go, you've done.