

JUNKOVERS Patch Work

Turn graphic emblems from old uniforms, shirts and letter jackets into nostalgic accessories.



KI'S TIP Dig through bins at flea markets to find patches that speak to you. Want pristine condition? Hold out for "new old stock."

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You'll earn a merit badge for coolness with this Boy Scout patch necklace, *top left*. Glue two patches together, with a jewelry bail mount sandwiched between them. Perfect worn with a graphic T-shirt. Scout's honor!

Stanley and the gang would get a kick out of seeing name patches from old work shirts clock in as ID tags, *above*. Cut a piece of elastic to fit snugly around a bottle, factoring in the patch. Sew patch to elastic using embroidery thread.

Patches are trending in fashion, and they're equally welcome in home decor. Turn some of your faves (find them for \$2 and up) into coasters, *top right*. Sew or glue to a fabric coaster or use them as-is. (If desired, back with felt.)

Be the envy of baggage claim with colorful luggage tags, *above right*. Glue or sew a patch to felt cut to the size of a vinyl ID card badge holder. Sew felt to holder. Slip your contact info into the sleeve; attach with a luggage tag strap.

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Put your best foot forward.

Clip on patches, *top left*, and slip on the sneakers. Glue or sew stainless-steel shoe clips to the backs of matching patches. Attach to shoes, a pocket or purse strap for a one-of-a-kind fashion statement.

Finding the readers

is easy when they're in the eyeglass case, *above left*. Cut a piece of felt sized to the glasses when folded. Sew top and side of patch to unfolded felt. Fold felt. Sew bottom and outside, going through all layers.

Presentation counts!

Turn patches into gift tags, *top right*, in a few easy steps. Poke a hole in a patch and a piece of grosgrain ribbon folded in half (going through all ribbon layers). Insert a double-cap rivet; pound in place. Done!

Can you feel the pull?

Magnetic-backed patches, *above right*, will be instantly attracted to photos and notes on a fridge. Simply glue magnets to patches. (If needed, back flimsy patches with heavy felt.)

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