



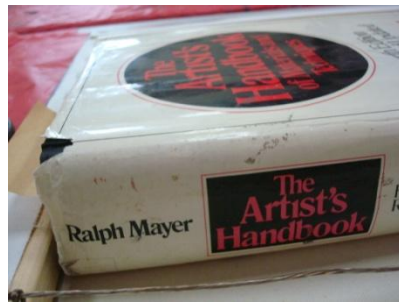
Repair a Canvas



A small tear in a canvas can be heartbreaking. Luckily, most can be fixed reasonably well. This repair is best left to the artist. Here are step-by-step tips to help you.

SUPPLIES

- Acrylic gel
- Palette knife
- #10 unprimed canvas
- Sheets of disposable palette paper or glassine
- A heavy book
- Paint brushes
- Paints to match art work



1. Place the canvas face down on a clean, smooth surface.
2. Place a sheet of glassine or palette paper under the torn spot.
3. From the back, match the torn edges and carefully pull the loose strands to the back side.
4. Cut a small patch of #10 canvas larger than the tear. Leave about 1" extra on all sides.
5. Brush some acrylic gel over the back of the tear.
6. Scoop out more gel with a palette knife and scrape generously onto the entire canvas patch.
7. Ensure the gel covers the edges.
8. Place the patch over the tear and press down gently, working from the centre to the outside edges. This action helps remove any bubbles or excess gel, which you should wipe away.
9. Place the sheet of palette paper or glassine on top of the patch. Place a heavy object (like that giant, expensive, art history book from art school) over top of the protected patch
10. Let sit 24 hours. After that time, you can touch up the painting if necessary.



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