



Patching Canvas Rips and Tears

Tears in the canvas can occur even when your canvas is new. Branches can fall onto your tipi and poke holes, furniture with sharp corners can be poked into the canvas or animals with sharp hoofs or claws can step onto it. Over time, the rubbing of the canvas on the poles will weaken it, and the exposure to harsh UV will dry it out. You can easily extend the lifespan of your tipi for several years if you look out for these rips and tears and patch them right away.



To repair a tear, we recommend Bish's Original Tear Mender Fabric Adhesive (1). You can purchase it on amazon, at JoAnn's or directly from us. Our repair kit will come with the fabric swatches as well. Tear Mender is a white liquid that you apply on the fabric around the tear to be repaired as well as on your fabric patch (2).

Ideally, you use the same fabric as the cover, but any canvas will do. Cut out a fabric swatch that covers the tear well, then spread the adhesive on both the fabric swatch and the inside of the canvas. Press the two parts together, assuring that the edges are well covered. Always patch the inside, so weather and moisture will not loosen the patch over time.

