Repair Your Umbrella

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You know the story: Itâs raining, which is bad enough, but on top of that, some pieces of your umbrella are helplessly flapping about in the wind, as theyâve come unmoored from their spokes. Donât fret, and donât throw it away! Weâre about to show you how to give your umbrella a new lease on life.

Step 1

Ah man, your umbrella is busted!

Step 2

Find the offender. Thread your needle. We didnât have any matching heavy-duty coat & button thread, so we used 4 thicknesses of all-purpose poly-coated polyester thread. The seam of the umbrella was unsewn at the tip, so we used a chain stitch to repair it.

Step 3

Turn the very tip in towards the umbrellaâs center, about Â¼â, and give a few stitches.

Step 4

Insert your needle into the edge seam hem, as shown.

Step 5

Pass the needle through the hole in the spoke of your umbrella.

Step 6

Give another stitch on the opposite side, just through the hem. Now, go back through the spoke hole again, and repeat steps 5 & 6.

Step 7

Knot the end of your thread: working very close to the fabric, wrap the thread around the needle twice, then pull the needle through. Repeat for strength.

Step 8

8. Go sing in the rain! Here are a few other ideas for busted umbrellas: If the fabric is ripped, you can use a nylon repair kit to mend it. If the umbrella is beyond repair, upcycle the fabric to make a waterproof toiletry bag or laptop slipcover.