

**Patch Small Holes:**

- ◆ Pin Holes
  - ◆ Holes less than 4" Across
  - ◆ Tears and Rips under 18" Long
- 1) Wash area surrounding the hole on the *topside* of the tarp.
  - 2) Cut patch according to size of the hole; approximately 2" to 3" larger in diameter than the hole
  - 3) If using a square or rectangular patch, round the corners of the patch.
  - 4) Brush glue on top of the tarp and on one side of the patch.
    - ◆ Please note that a lot of glue is not necessary. Use just enough to make it tacky. You can always peel it up and add more before it dries.
  - 5) Press the patch to tarp – try to avoid air bubbles
    - ◆ Air bubbles and spots without glue will allow water to seep in between the patch and the tarp, often lifting the patch off the tarp.

**Patch Large Holes, Tears & Rips:**

- ◆ Holes over 4" across
  - ◆ Tears and Rips over 18" long
- 1) Wash area surrounding the hole on the *topside* of the tarp.
  - 2) Cut patch according to the size of the hole or rip.
    - ◆ Patches for larger holes and tears need to be wider than small hole patches to allow for the extra strain the rips put on the tarp and patch.
    - ◆ Tears & rips usually require a patch that is at least 6" wider on both sides and at least 4" longer on both ends than the hole.
  - 3) If using a square or rectangular patch, round the corners of the patch.
  - 4) Brush glue on the top of the tarp and on one side of the patch.
    - ◆ Please note that a lot of glue is not necessary. Use just enough glue to make it tacky. You can always peel it up and add more before it dries.
  - 5) Press the patch to the tarp – try to avoid air bubbles.
    - ◆ Air bubbles and spots without glue will allow water to seep in between the patch and the tarp, often lifting the patch off the tarp.

*Please note:* Large tears and rips may warp and stretch the material around the hole making it difficult to have the patch lay flat. If this happens, small darts may be cut in the patch to help it lay flat.