

Marching Band Uniforms: Darning Collar Tips

The uniforms are starting to show their age (1st season was Fall 2009). One common repair is the tip of the collar on the back of the jacket, where the white plastic collar structure is starting to show on the tips, as shown below:



Before



After

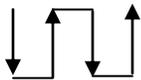


After

If this spot is left alone, it will expand and become a problem. The repair is to darn the hole, filling in the hole with thread where the fabric has worn away.

To Darn:

- * Use thread matching the area, navy blue thread matching the jacket. The right thread is available in the uniform room.
- * Stitch by hand using doubled thread; this covers more space with each stitch.
- * Hide the knot in the black fabric inside the uniform collar near one end of the spot.
- * The first stitch should run from the inside of the collar, over the hole to the outside of the collar. The next stitch starts on the outside of the collar then over the hole to the inside of the collar. The stitch pattern is similar to diagram below:



- * Stitches should be very close together, lying side by side, to give a smooth look. Be sure to bring the needle through secure spots on the fabric, or your stitch will just pull itself out and you can try again.
- * Continue stitching until the hole is covered and blue shows instead of white.
- * Once the hole is covered, stitch to return to the inside of the collar and hide the knot again in the black fabric inside the collar.
- * Check the other collar tip, and darn if needed.
- * Mark DONE and initial next to the darning need on the instruction index card to indicate that you completed the darning.
- * Return completed uniforms to the rack marked as Alterations Completed in the DV Uniform Room.

If you have any questions, please contact the Marching Band Uniform Committee Chair.
Thank you for your help! ☺