

patch

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1. [pætʃ] *n*
- заплата
to cover a tear with a patch - поставить заплату на прореху
 - клочок; лоскут
colourful patches - разноцветные лоскутки
 - кусочек наклеенного пластыря
 - повязка на глазу
a man with a patch over his eye - человек с повязкой на глазу
 - уст.* мушка (*на лице*)
 - пятно (неправильной формы)
a patch of brown (on the skin) - тёмное родимое пятно (на коже)
a patch of white on a horse's nose - белое пятно на носу лошади
a patch of sunlight on the floor - солнечный зайчик на полу
a patch of moisture - пятно сырости
 - небольшой участок, клочок земли
a cabbage patch - участок под капустой
a garden patch - садовый участок
 - отделка на платье, накладка
these patches are the very height of the fashion - такая отделка сейчас в моде
 - 1) обрывок, отрывок
this letter was written by patches - это письмо писалось урывками
a patch of poetry - стихотворный отрывок
the book is good in patches - местами книга неплоха
 - 2) отрезок времени
 - мед.* пятно, бляшка
 - воен.* оболочка пули
 - геол.* включение породы, пятно породы
 - разрыв ледника (*альпинизм*)
 - тех.* перемычка, (временное) соединение
 - вчт.* «заплата», вставка в программу (*с целью исправления или изменения*)
◇ not a patch on smth. - ничто в сравнении с чем-л.; ≅ в подмётки не годится
a fine young man but not a patch on his father - славный молодой человек, но не идёт ни в какое сравнение с отцом
what had happened wasn't a patch on what might happen - то, что случилось - ерунда по сравнению с тем, что могло бы произойти
to be in /to hit, to strike/ a bad patch - попасть в полосу невезения

2. [pætʃ] *v*

- латать, ставить заплаты
he is patched and darned - он весь в заплатках
windows patched with rags and paper - окна, заткнутые тряпками и бумагой
patched like a whaleman's shirt - а) ≅ заплатанный парус; б) заплатана заплате
- идти на заплаты, использовать для починки
- 1) быть местами покрытым, усеянным (*чем-л.*)
grey rocks patched with moss - серые скалы, местами поросшие мхом
- 2) покрываться пятнами
his face was patched and mottled - его лицо было всё в красных пятнах
- наклеивать мушки
- вчт.* делать «заплату» (*исправлять программу ЭВМ с помощью подпрограммы*)

II

[pætʃ] *n разг.*

- 1) шут
- шут гороховый, придурок
- диал.* тяжёлый, трудный человек, брюзга
- амер. сл.* юрист, адвокат

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patch [patch patches patched patching] *noun, verb* *BrE* [pætʃ] ¹¹ *NAmE* [pætʃ]

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noun

SMALL AREA

- a small area of sth, especially one which is different from the area around it
 - a black dog with a white patch on its back
 - a bald patch on the top of his head
 - damp patches on the wall
 - patches of dense fog
 - We sat in a patch of shade under a tree.

PIECE OF MATERIAL

2. a small piece of material that is used to cover a hole in sth or to make a weak area stronger, or as decoration
 - I sewed patches on the knees of my jeans.
3. a piece of material that you wear over an eye, usually because the eye is damaged
 - He had a black patch over one eye.

see also ↑eyepatch
4. (NAmE) (BrE **badge**) a piece of material that you sew onto clothes as part of a uniform
5. a piece of material that people can wear on their skin to help them to stop smoking
 - nicotine patches

PIECE/AREA OF LAND

6. a small piece of land, especially one used for growing vegetables or fruit
 - a vegetable patch
7. (BrE, informal) an area that sb works in, knows well or comes from
 - He knows every house in his patch.
 - She has had a lot of success in her **home patch** .

DIFFICULT TIME

8. (informal, especially BrE) a period of time of the type mentioned, usually a difficult or unhappy one
 - to go through a **bad/difficult/sticky patch**

see also ↑purple patch

IN COMPUTING

9. a small piece of code (= instructions that a computer can understand) which can be added to a computer program to improve it or to correct a fault
 - Follow the instructions below to download and install the patch.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: perhaps from a variant of Old French **pieche**, dialect variant of **piece** 'piece' .

Thesaurus:

patch noun C

- There were damp patches on the wall.

mark • • **spot** • • **dot** •

a patch/mark/spot/dot **on** sth

with patches/marks/spots/dots

Synonyms:

patch

dot • mark • spot

These are all words for a small part on a surface that is a different colour from the rest.

patch • an area of sth, especially one which is different from the area around it: ▪ a white dog with a black patch on its head ◇▪ patches of dense fog

dot • a small round mark on sth, especially one that is printed: ▪ The letters 'i' and 'j' have dots over them. ◇▪ The island is a small green dot on the map.

mark • a noticeable area of colour on the body of a person or animal: ▪ The horse had a white mark on its head.

spot • a small round area that is a different colour or feels different from the surface it is on: ▪ Which has spots, a leopard or a tiger?

a patch/dot/mark/spot **on** sth

with patches/dots/marks/spots

a **blue/black/red, etc.** patch/dot/mark/spot

Example Bank:

- Flowers provide bright patches of colour/color.
- He has a small bald patch on the crown of his head.
- He wears a patch from his employer, Verizon.
- Her jeans have patches all over them.
- I spent Sunday working in my vegetable patch.
- I was going through a patch of poor health.
- It has a UPS patch sewn on the right shoulder.
- She wore a jacket with bright patches sewn onto it.
- Students were wearing American flag patches on their sleeves.
- The team has hit a purple patch, with nine wins from their last ten games.
- The track passes through dense weeds and briar patches.
- The velvet curtains were faded in patches.
- Their business hit a sticky patch last year.
- There were some patches of clear blue sky.
- This led Nixon into a political briar patch= painful situation difficult to escape.
- We found a nice patch of grass to sit on.

- an isolated patch of forest
- dancers with patches on their costumes
- flowers providing little bright patches of colour around the garden
- icy patches on the roads
- located on a small patch of flat ground
- working in his vegetable patch
- She has had a lot of success in her home patch.
- The team has been through a rough patch recently.
- There were damp patches on the wall.
- We did have a patch of bad luck, but we're through it now.
- We had a strawberry patch beside the greenhouse.
- a white dog with a black patch on its back

Idiom: ↑not a patch on somebody

Derived ↑patch somebody through ▪ ↑patch somebody up ▪ ↑patch something together

verb ~ sth (with sth)

to cover a hole or a worn place, especially in clothes, with a piece of cloth or other material

Syn: ↑mend

- patched jeans
- to patch a hole in the roof

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	patch
	BrE /pætʃ/
	NAmE /pæʃ/
he / she / it	patches
	BrE /pætʃɪz/
	NAmE /pæʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	patched
	BrE /pætʃt/
	NAmE /pæʃt/
-ing form	patching
	BrE /pætʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /pæʃɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Richard and Liz are trying to patch things up between them.
- Sarah's managed to patch up her differences with her boss.
- He was wearing patched jeans.
- We need to patch that hole in the roof.

See also: ↑badge

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I. **patch**¹ /pætʃ/ BrE ¹ AmE ¹ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from Old French *pieche* 'piece']

1. PART OF AN AREA a small area of something that is different from the area around it

patch of

- " We finally found a patch of grass to sit down on.
- " Belinda watched a patch of sunlight move slowly across the wall.
- " Look out for icy patches on the road.
- " a cat with a white patch on its chest
- " He combs his hair over his bald patch.

2. OVER A HOLE a small piece of material that is sewn on something to cover a hole in it:

- " a jacket with leather patches at the elbows

3. FOR GROWING SOMETHING a small area of ground for growing fruit or vegetables:

- " a strawberry patch

4. COMPUTER a small computer program that is added to software to solve problems

5. EYE a piece of material that you wear over your eye to protect it when it has been hurt:

- " He had a black patch over one eye.

6. DECORATION *American English* a small piece of cloth with words or pictures on it that you can sew onto clothes **SYN badge**
British English

7. a bad/difficult/sticky/rough patch *informal* a period of time when you are having a lot of difficulty:

- " Gemma's going through a bad patch right now.

8. sb's patch *British English informal* an area that someone knows very well because they work or live there **SYN turf**:

- " Policemen know what's going on in their home patch.

9. not be a patch on somebody/something *British English informal* to be much less attractive, good etc than something or someone else:

The second film isn't a patch on the first.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + patch

- **a small/large etc patch** Some of the hills still had small patches of snow.
- **a white/black/red etc patch** The bird has a large black patch on each side of its neck.
- **a damp/wet patch** There were damp patches on the ceilings.
- **a bald patch** He stroked the bald patch on the back of his head .
- **a dark patch** She noticed two dark patches on the sleeve of his shirt.
- **a clear patch** Clear patches of brilliant blue sky appeared briefly through the white storm clouds.
- **a bright patch** Poppies and daisies provided bright patches of colour along the edge of the field.
- **icy patches (=on a road)** Some icy patches are likely on roads as temperatures drop tonight.
- **fog patches** There'll be a widespread frost with mist and one or two fog patches

II. patch² BrE^u AmE^u (also patch up) verb [transitive + with]

to repair a hole in something by putting a piece of something else over it

patch something ↔ together phrasal verb

to make something quickly or carelessly from a number of different pieces or ideas:

▪ A new plan was quickly patched together.

patch something/somebody ↔ up phrasal verb

1. to end an argument because you want to stay friendly with someone:

▪ Try to patch up your differences before he leaves.

patch it/things up (with somebody)

▪ He went back to patch things up with his wife.

2. to repair a hole in something by putting a piece of something else over it:

▪ We'll have to patch up the hole in the roof.

3. to give quick and basic medical treatment to someone who is hurt:

▪ We patched up the wounded as best we could.

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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