

darn

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1. [dɑ:n] *n*
заштопанное место, штопка
2. [dɑ:n] *v*
штопать, чинить

II

1. [dɑ:n] *n* (*эвф. ем. damn I*) *разг.*
проклятие
 - ◇ not to care /to give/ a darn - совершенно не интересоваться, плевать; ни в грош не ставить
 - not worth a darn - ≅ гроша ломаного не стоит
2. [dɑ:n] *a эвф. эмоц.-усил.*
крайний
it's a darn shame! - стыд и срам!
3. [dɑ:n] *v* (*эвф. ем. damn IV*)
 1. проклинать; ругаться
 2. в *грам. знач. междометия* проклятие

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darn [dɑrn dɑrns dɑrned darning dɑrnedest] *verb, noun, adjective, adverb* BrE

[dɑɹn̩] ⁺ NAmE [dɑɹn̩] ⁺

verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)

to repair a hole in a piece of clothing by sewing *stitches* across the hole

- to darn socks

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	darn
	BrE /dɑ:n/
	NAmE /dɑ:rn/
he / she / it	darns
	BrE /dɑ:nz/
	NAmE /dɑ:rnz/
past simple, past participle	darned
	BrE /dɑ:nd/
	NAmE /dɑ:rnd/
-ing form	darning
	BrE /dɑ:nɪŋ/
	NAmE /dɑ:rnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

n. and *v.* early 17th cent.: perhaps from dialect dern 'to hide', which is from Old English diernan, of West Germanic origin; compare with Middle Dutch *dernen* 'stop holes in (a dyke)'.
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noun

a place on a piece of clothing that has been repaired by ↑darning

- a sweater with darns in the elbows

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adjective (also **darned**) (informal) used as a mild swear word, to emphasize sth

- Why don't you switch the darn thing off and listen to me!

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adverb (also **darned**) (informal) used as a mild swear word, instead of saying ↑damn, to mean 'extremely' or 'very'

- You had a darn good try.
- It's darn cold tonight.

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See also: ↑darned

darn¹ /dɑːn/\$ dɑːrn *BrE* *AmE* (also **darn it/him/them etc**) *interjection American*

English informal

used to show that you are annoyed or disappointed **SYN damn**:

- " Darn! I forgot my keys!
- " Darn it! I'll have to do it all myself!

II. darn² *BrE* *AmE* (also **darned**) *adjective spoken informal*

1. used to emphasize how bad, stupid, unfair etc someone or something is **SYN damn**:

- " The darn fool got lost on the way.

2. **a darn sight better/harder etc** a lot better, harder etc **SYN damn**:

- " He'd earn a darn sight more money there.

—**darn**,

— **darned** *adverb*:

- " It was a darned good movie.

III. darn³ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: Probably from French *darnier*]

to repair a hole in a piece of clothing by stitching wool over it:

- " Her cardigan had been darned at the elbows.

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THESAURUS

- **repair** to do some work on something that is damaged or not working properly, so that it is in good condition again: The builders are coming to repair the roof. | Have you had the washing machine repaired yet?
- **fix** *especially American English* to repair something: I'm taking the car in to get it fixed. | The chain on the bike needs fixing.
- **mend** *especially British English* to repair something that is damaged, torn, or not working: I've found someone who'll mend the fence. | Can you mend this sweater for me? | Fishermen sat mending their nets in the sunshine.
- **service** to check a vehicle or machine and repair it if necessary, especially regularly: You should have your car serviced every six months. | When was the last time we had the gas boiler serviced?
- **renovate** to repair an old building so that it looks in good condition again: They bought an old house and renovated it themselves.
- **restore** to repair something old and valuable, especially a building, piece of furniture, painting etc, so that it looks the same as it did originally: Many paintings were damaged in the fire but have now been restored. | The hotel was restored to its original Victorian splendour in 1984.
- **do up** *British English informal*, **fix up** *American English informal* to repair an old building or vehicle, so that it looks in good condition again: He does up old cars and sells them. | A builder bought the house and fixed it up.
- **patch something up** to quickly repair something that has a hole in it, by putting a piece of material on it, especially temporarily: They patched up the wall with bits of cement.
- **darn** to repair holes in clothes: Are you any good at darning socks?

IV. darn⁴ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

a place where a hole in a piece of clothing has been repaired neatly with wool

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RANGE: **6k DARN**¹⁸¹⁰

darn¹³⁷⁶

darned³⁵⁵

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

976 **20298**¹⁰⁶⁷ *jj*

167 **56686**¹⁷⁶ *uh*

95 **74338**¹⁰⁴ *vv0*

28 **144696**²⁹ *vvi*