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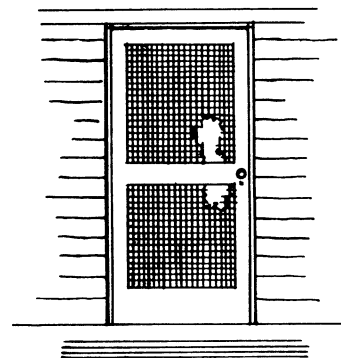
# simple home repairs

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## REPAIRING SCREENS

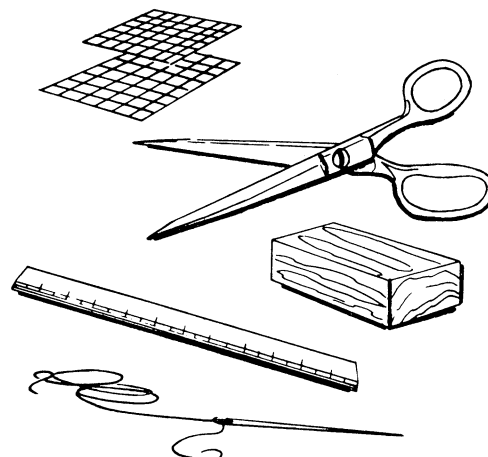
### YOUR PROBLEM

- Insects come in through holes in screens.
- Small holes tend to become larger.
- New screens cost money.
- Help is hard to get.



### WHAT YOU NEED

- Screening or ready-cut screen patches
- Shears
- A ruler or small block of wood with a straight edge.
- Fine wire, or nylon thread.



## HOW-TO

1. Trim the hole in the screen to make smooth edges. (Fig 1.)
2. Cut a rectangular patch an inch larger than the hole.
3. Remove the three outside wires on all four sides of the patch. (Fig. 2)
4. Bend the ends of the wires. An easy way is to bend them over a block or edge of a ruler. (Fig. 3)
5. Put the patch over the hole from the outside. Hold it tight against the screen so that the small, bent wire ends go through the screen. (Fig. 4)
6. From inside, bend down the ends of the wires toward the center of the hole. You may need someone outside to press against the patch while you do this. (Fig. 5)

**Mending**—You can mend small holes by stitching back and forth with a fine wire or a nylon thread. Use a matching color. (Fig. 6)

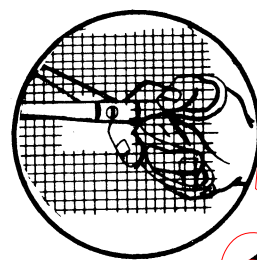


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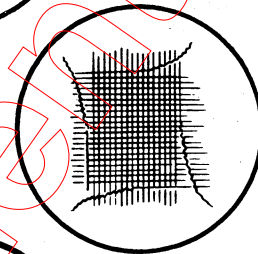


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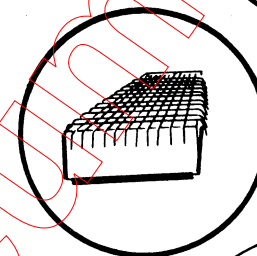


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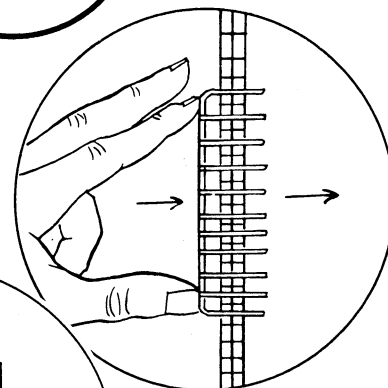


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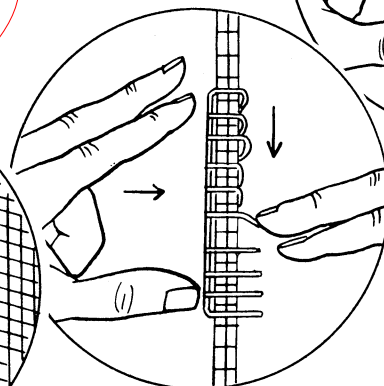


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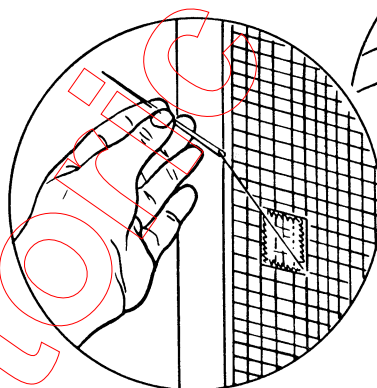


Fig. 6

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