

RE-VAMP AN OLD  
JUMPER WITH

# ELBOW PATCHES

*that are pretty  
and practical*

If your much-loved jumper has seen better days and you're tired of looking at old, worn-out elbows, upcycling is a chic alternative to the charity shop. These cute oval patches will bring instant pizzazz to hum-drum or fraying sleeves. If you're feeling like something a little different, you could also try romantic heart-shaped patches or something geo for a funky edge. Pick a fun print like this snake-skin leatherette for a powerful style statement.

## BOOK SHELF

DIY Wardrobe  
Makeovers by Suzannah  
Hamlin Stanley, £17.99,  
[ctpub.com](http://ctpub.com)



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## ESSENTIAL KIT

Square of fabric, 30cm  
Co-ordinating thread

### PLUS:

Jumper  
Iron-on adhesive

### MEASUREMENTS:

Custom sized

## ELBOW PATCHES

**1** Try on the garment and place pins on either side of one elbow to mark where the patch will go. Lay it flat and find the same points on the other arm. Press the sleeves flat.

**2** Cut two rectangles of both the fabric and the iron-on adhesive that are the approximate length and width of the patches you require.

**3** Iron the adhesive rectangles to the fabric rectangles using a pressing cloth to prevent anything sticking to your iron or ironing surface.

**4** Cut one patch into the desired shape and position it on a sleeve, checking for placement, size and shape. Repeat for the other patch.

**5** Peel the paper backing off the patch and iron it on to the sleeve.

**6** Using a straight stitch, sew on the first patch. Repeat for the other sleeve.



WHEN SELECTING THE FABRIC FOR YOUR PATCHES, BE SURE TO CHOOSE A MATERIAL THAT IS SIMILAR IN WEIGHT TO THE TOP YOU ARE UPCYCLING. THIS WILL HELP PREVENT THE SLEEVE PULLING WHEN THE SHAPES OF YOUR CHOICE ARE SEWN ON.