



Patch Application Instructions

To begin, determine if the backing on your patch is **peel and stick** or **iron-on**.

- 1) **Peel and Stick:** For items that are not commonly washed by machine (tote bag, backpack, ball cap, pouch):
 - a. Peel off paper backing.
 - b. Apply to clean, dry surface and press firmly.
 - i. *For items such as clothing, that may be cleaned in a washing machine, we recommend first following steps a & b above, and then considering the following additional steps:*
 - c. An adult can heat treat with an iron or heat press to improve adherence.
 - i. Press in a heat press for 30 seconds at 235 degrees, or follow instructions provided with your heat press. Allow to cool before handling.
 - ii. Place on an ironing board, cover with a pressing cloth, and apply hot iron for 30 seconds per side (follow the manufacturers recommended heat settings for your fabric). Allow to cool before handling.
- 2) **Iron-on Household Instructions for Number Bars:** Iron-on patches should only be applied by **an adult**.
 - a. Place a cloth or thin cotton fabric on a hard, non-heat sensitive, sturdy surface.
 - b. Position area of garment where patch is to be attached on a cloth, face up.
 - c. Position patch on garment.
 - d. Cover patch with a pressing cloth or thin cotton fabric.
 - e. Apply hot household iron (hottest setting) with as much pressure as you can apply for 60 seconds.
 - f. Turn garment over and repeat steps d & e from the reverse side. Without allowing the garment to cool, move pressing cloth to a new position (to prevent scorching) and repeat step e again.
 - g. Allow patch and garment to cool completely prior to handling.
 - i. *When washing, place in a mesh laundry bag and wash in cool water for best results. To best secure for frequent washings, or if the iron-on patch loosens, it can be reattached following steps d through g, or with some hand or machine stitching.*

CAUTION: Using an iron or heat press to secure a patch to a cotton garment must be performed by an adult. For other fabrics or bulkier garments, follow the manufacturers recommended heat settings. To assure a good bond on hard-to-bond fabrics, steps e and f may be repeated 2 or 3 times. **Important: Do not apply heat directly to the front of an embroidered patch or the patch will be damaged. Place a cloth over the patch prior to applying heat.**