



How to Access the Insides of a Patagonia Down Jacket

This guide will walk you through the necessary steps to prepare your down jacket for internal repairs.

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INTRODUCTION

A down jacket provides exceptional warmth for its weight in a wide range of conditions. Because of their versatility, we place numerous demands on our down jackets – from the mundane of running daily errands to use on multi-day alpine climbs. This guide will walk you through the steps needed to access the inside of your Patagonia down jacket when you've determined it's time to make repairs. There are numerous styles of Patagonia down jackets, and each one is constructed slightly differently, so be sure to go slowly to ensure you aren't causing irreparable harm to your jacket.

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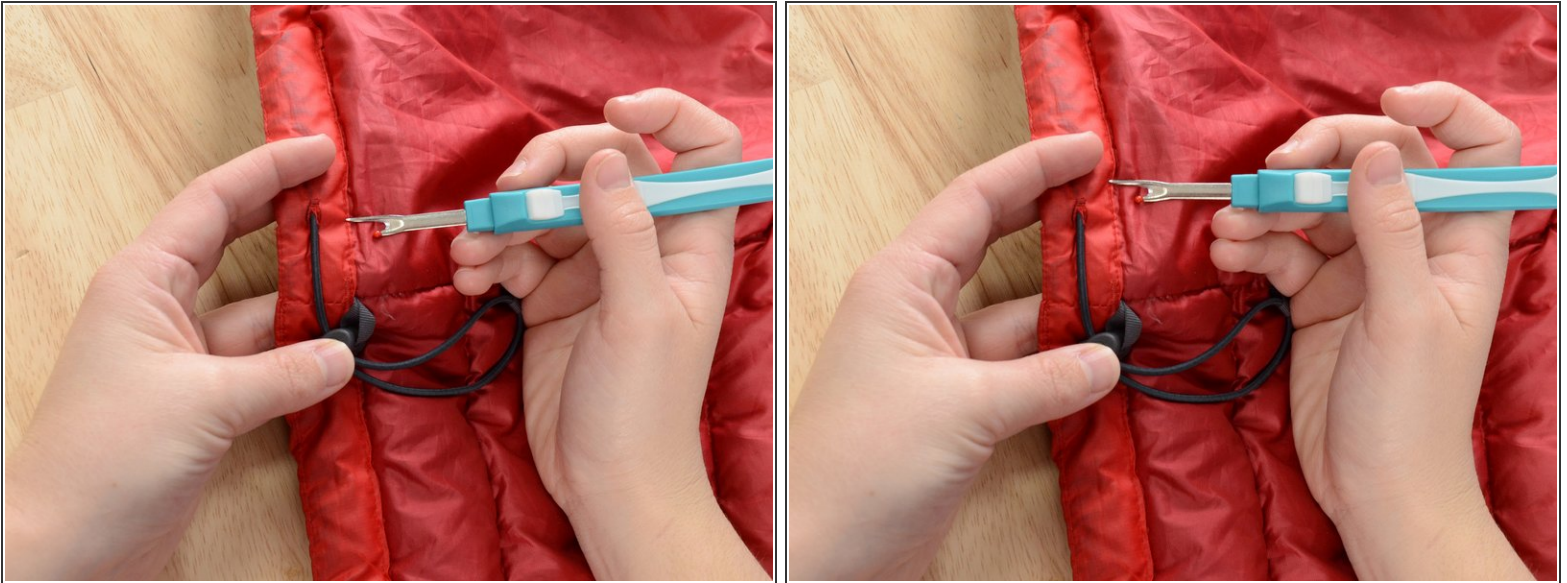
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Step 1 — How to Access the Insides of a Patagonia Down Jacket




- Unzip your Patagonia jacket.
- ⓘ Examine the area of your jacket that needs a patch. If your jacket has a lining, or the area that needs repair does not have baffle stitches and pulls away from the front of the jacket, follow this guide.
- ⓘ If the area of the jacket that needs repair is not lined, check our our Baffle Repair Guide.

Step 2



- Find the closest seam to the area that needs repair. In our case, it's the bottom seam of the jacket.
- Using a seam ripper, gently pull out the visible stitches on the seam.

 Seam rippers are sharp, and it's easy to puncture or tear the fabric of the jacket. Be sure you're only ripping the stitches and not the jacket itself. Take your time.

Step 3



- Rip the seam until you have ripped several inches of seam on either side of the hole. Then continue ripping in the direction of the nearest perpendicular seam. In the case illustrated here, it's the zipper seam.
- With this seam ripped, you should see the baffles inside of the jacket.

Step 4



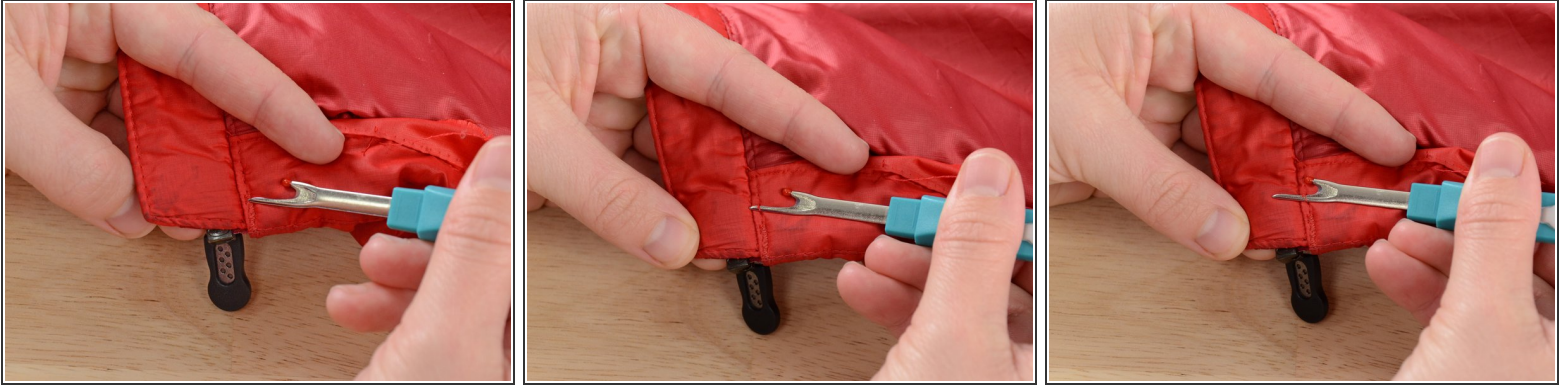
- Identify the stitching in the nearest perpendicular seam. In this case, it's the seam where the lining meets the fabric for the zipper flap.

Step 5



- Rip this seam until the seam opening is three to five inches past the area that needs to be repaired.
- ⓘ In this case, we are ripping about halfway up the jacket.

Step 6



- Using the seam ripper, remove the bottom satin stitching to free the lining.

i This step isn't necessary on all jackets. If your lining comes free without removing these stitches, omit this step.

Step 7



- Insert the seam ripper between the two pieces of fabric and carefully rip any stitches between them that may hold the fabrics together.

! Take care that you only rip the stitches and not the garment!

Step 8



- Fold back the lining so it stays clear of the area that needs repair.

Step 9



- If your jacket has a pocket, make sure the two tabs holding the pocket in place are free.
 - If the tabs aren't free, rip any stitches remaining to free them.
- Fold the pocket away from the area that needs repair.

☑ When reassembling your garment, be sure to catch the two pocket tabs in the seam.

Step 10



- Unless the repair is at the very bottom edge of the garment, leave the drawcord intact. If you can work around it, it will be easier than removing it and sewing it back into place.
- ✦ When reassembling your jacket, try to sew over the existing holes to keep from creating new openings which might allow down to escape. If possible, steam your jacket once you have finished the repair. This will help close any stitching holes and prevent additional loss of the down material.

To reassemble your jacket, follow these instructions in reverse order.