

# **Project Mend**

## **What is Project Mend?**

Project Mend is a workshop based event intended to inform people about the power of mending, empowering the community with messages of repair instead of waste and to overcome clothing insecurity. Mending, upcycling, and altering clothing to suit your individual needs requires a specific set of skills, but could help in avoiding overconsumption. Loving and caring for our clothing could expand its lifespan, decreasing our contribution to the ever rising landfills. Lily Fulop, author of *Wear, Repair, Repurpose: A Maker's Guide to Mending and Upcycling* explains the positive effects:

“Mending is a way of repairing clothes that have holes, stains, or other signs of wear to make them more useful and beautiful. It’s about using what you have, embracing imperfections, fixing what’s broken, and rejecting the idea that newer is better. “

The event will have workshop stations that inform about clothing insecurity and methods for clothing donation, activity booths that engage the community and teach them important beginner mending skills like utilizing patches and hemming stitches, adorning or adding details to cover blemishes using block printing and embroidery, and responsible fabric disposal for what can not be recycled.

## **Objectives and activities of Project Mend**

The event will have several workshop/information stations:

- Welcome/Check In
- Patchwork Station
- Hand Sewing and Repairs Station
- Block Printing Station will
- Embroidery Station
- Clothing Donation/Clothing Insecurity Station
  - The station will focus on clothing insecurity and how to help through mindful donations. Attendees will receive information on what clothing items are needed and accepted by clothing drives. A zine resource with information, similar to this [illustrated guide](#), will be available for future reference.

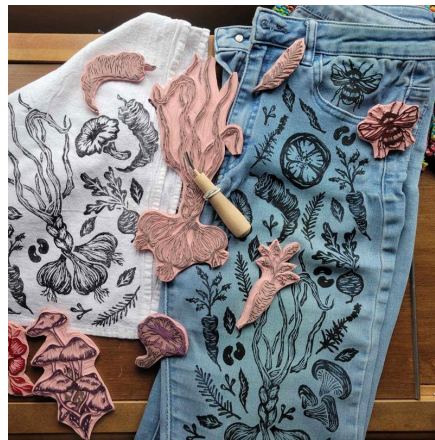
### **Art Materials and Equipment for Project Mend**

- 6(10x10ft) EZ UP Canopy Tents
- 4 (6ft) Tables per Tent (24 tables total)
- 6-8 chairs per tent (36-48 total)
- Recycled Fabric for Patchwork and Sewing Demonstrations
- Block Printing Supplies (Fabric Inks, Linoleum Blocks, Brayers, and Hand Baren)
- Embroidery and Sewing Supplies (Embroidery floss, scissors, thread, needles)
- Microphone and Bluetooth Speakers
- Donated Clothing (from community attendees)
- Advertising
- Printing Costs for small Zine
- Light Refreshments

### **Mounting/Installing/Launching the event**

The event will be made up of 6 stations organized under their corresponding EZ UP canopy with chairs at each table. The welcome tent will double as the announcement area, and should have a microphone and speaker placed there. Ideally this would be outdoors in the morning or afternoon, with no additional lighting necessary.

## PROJECT MEND Design



**Handout Ideas:**

How to design and print your own patches TITLE

Materials PAGE 1

smooth fabric in a solid color (white cotton is very beginner friendly) suggestion: repurpose old sheets or pillowcases, easily thrifted!

Ink (many options!!), easy to start, can just get one color!

Inkpads: (ranger archivalk inkpads are washable once heat set) (look up price)

Fabric block printing ink (requires a roller, surface to roll out ink on)

Baren or Wooden spoons to apply pressure to the print

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Rubber stamps

materials for making your own rubber stamp:

pink linoleum blocks, or rubber erasers

Carving tools: this speedball set is great for beginners

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Draw a design out on your block with a sharpie. Remember when designing that anything you carve away will print white. Your design will print in mirror, so keep that in mind if you want to add text. Carve away!

once you have made a linocut block stamp, you can print it on fabric, paper, or cards a million times!

## Event Budget

ITEM	EST. COST
6(10x10ft) EZ UP Canopy Tents, RENTAL	\$450
4 (6ft) Tables per Tent (24 tables total)RENTAL	\$400
8 chairs per tent (48 total) RENTAL	\$120
Recycled Fabric for Patchwork and Sewing Demonstrations (donations?)	\$100

Block Printing Supplies (Fabric Inks, Linoleum Blocks, Brayers, and Hand Baren)	\$80
Embroidery and Sewing Supplies (Embroidery floss, scissors, thread, needles)	\$80
Microphone and Bluetooth Speakers	\$300
Printing Costs for small Zine	\$50
Advertising (social media and posters)	\$30
Light Refreshments	\$400
TOTAL	\$2010