

## **Make Do And Mend**

### Background:

One of the main slogans for those living in Britain during World War Two was 'Make Do and Mend'. During this time, it was not so easy to just go and buy something, sometimes things had to be mended or made. This was in relation to the rationing on food but also resources such as clothes and hardware. For example, badges could not be bought so the girls embroidered their own.

### Time Taken to Complete:

Depends on the task at hand for example: sewing a badge – 30 minutes

### Equipment Required that is dependent on the task:

- Sewing a badge – needle, thread, blanket or Guide top, scissors

### Safety Precautions:

- **Needles and scissors are sharp!** – use a thimble if you have one and adult supervision needed if required
- **Ask the owner's permission!** - You might be eager to help but the owner might say something else/or be willing to teach you
- **Some activities require adult supervision** – using a hammer for instance

### Suggested Activities:

You can do anything you put your mind to as long as it's fixing/mending something such as:

- Fixing a bike chain
- Changing a car tyre
- Putting up a shelf
- Fixing an item of clothing that has been ripped

### Challenge Yourself!

Here are some suggestions if you are looking for more of a challenge:

- During this time a lot of households are doing DIY, could you help with anything around the house?
- Thought of throwing something away that could easily be fixed liked a piece of clothing with a hole in it, patch it up. Broken toy that needs gluing, stick it back together.

- Can you fix something temporarily with what's in the house without requiring needing to leave the house to buy something? String can be very useful!

## Hints and Tips:

- Need something fixing – YouTube is your friend, alternatively ask your family.
- Does not need to be anything humongous it could be something small, like a rip in some clothing.

## Photos examples of mending things:



Fixing a flat bike tyre



Tool roll, similar to a lady's maid

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Mending a strawberry pot



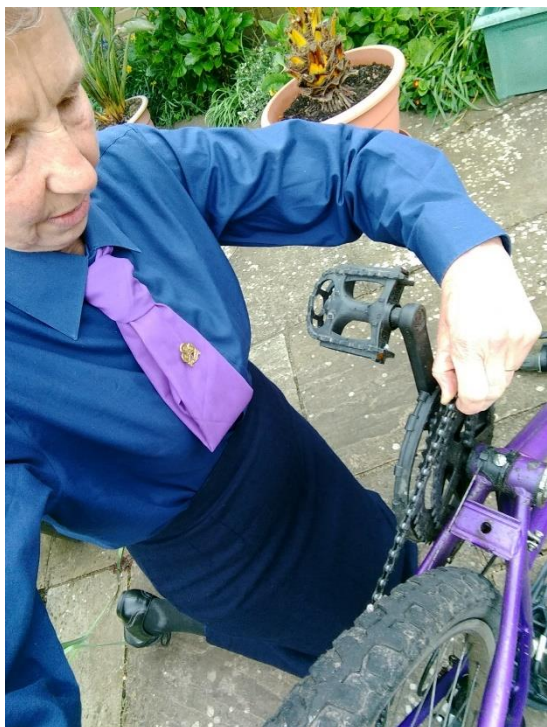
Mending a fence panel



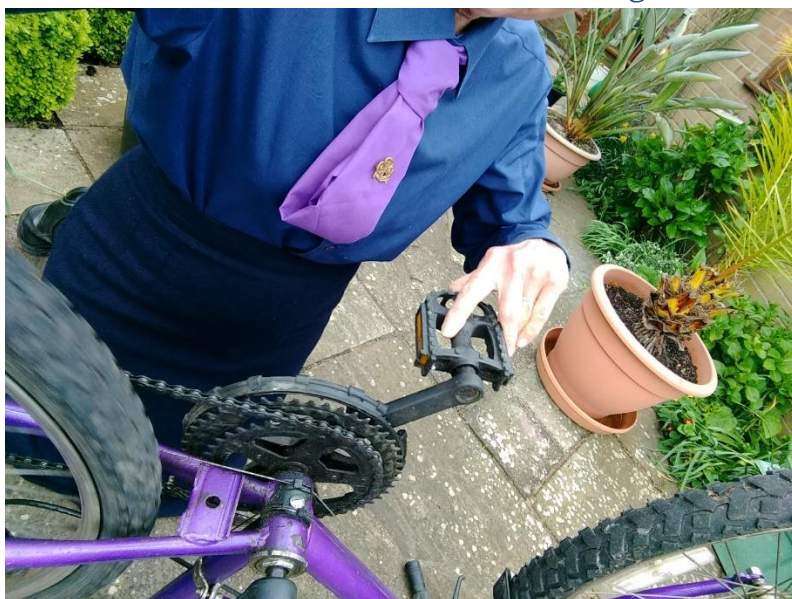
Sewing repair needed



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Fixing a chain on a bike





Fixing a patch on a bed sheet



Filtration for water tank using the end of tights



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Mending a glass pane (**Careful of broken glass, it can be sharp**)



Book in serious  
 need of repair



Hose extension to watering can