

Top Clothing Docs

These experts give damaged goods new life. BY RUTH J. KATZ

The puppy chewed your favorite heels? A hole in your cashmere sweater got your goat? Relax. We've compiled a list of clothing-care experts who tackle problems large and small. All accept repair jobs by mail, but be sure to call for a phone consult first—and always insure goods when shipping.

Modern Leather Goods, New York City

Come here to have the zipper on a handbag replaced (\$30), a belt shortened (\$15 to \$20) or a shoulder strap lengthened (\$50 to \$70).

These pros will also replicate locks, gold-plate metal fittings, hand-stitch beaded bags and reline purses.

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