

TURNING JEANS INTO A SKIRT

Turning old jeans that are too short or have ripped legs into a little skirt is so easy. You don't even have to make a hem; a row of stitches at the bottom edge is enough to stop it fraying. Wear it with a T-shirt for a casual yet trendy holiday outfit.



Old pair of jeans



BEFORE YOU START

YOU WILL NEED

- Pair of jeans
- 1 x reel topstitching sewing thread to match topstitching on jeans

Don't throw out those old jeans. Just a few cuts and topstitched seams will give you a nifty casual skirt in no time at all

HOW TO TURN JEANS INTO A SKIRT



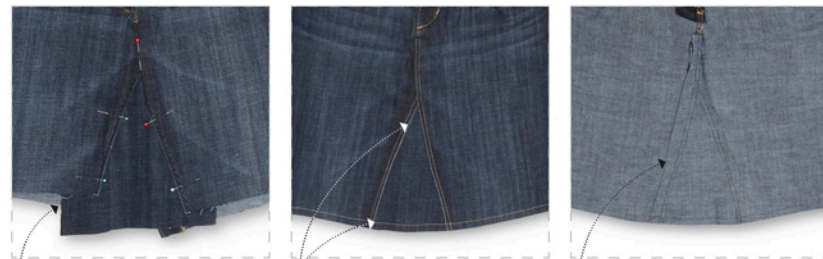
1 Decide the length you want for your skirt and measure down from the waist of the trousers by that amount. Add 3cm (1 1/4in) allowance for the hem, and cut through each leg at that point.

2 Carefully unpick the inside leg seams and the curved section of the crotch seam.



3 Cut off the curved part of the crotch seam on the front and back.

4 Cut through the side seams on one of the leg sections that you removed in order to make a single layer of fabric.



5 Place a piece of this leg fabric under each of the unpicked sections, front and back, to fill in the gap created by cutting away the crotch seam. Pin in place.

6 Starting at the crotch and matching the stitching lines, topstitch together using a longer machine stitch. Turn under a double-turn hem (see p.118), pin, and topstitch.

7 Remove any surplus fabric on the inside.