



Jean Skirt

Have a pair of pants that are too tight around your thighs but just right in the waist? Or how about too short and still your favorite? This jean skirt is cute, easy and the solution to all those problems!

Supplies:

- 1 Pair of Old Jeans
- Coordinating Color Jean Thread
- Pins
- Scissors
- Seam Ripper
- Water Soluble Marking Pen
- Ruler

- 1.) With your jeans on, decide what length you would like to make your skirt. Use a water soluble marking pen to mark the jeans a half inch lower than the desired length. After taking the jeans off, lay on a flat surface and, using a ruler, connect your marks to make a straight line on the front of the skirt.
- 2.) On the flat surface, use scissors to cut along the line you have just made, making sure to include both the back and front layer of the jeans. After you have cut the legs of the jeans off, set them aside to use later.

- 3.) With a seam ripper, open center (crotch) seam, front and back. The seam should be ripped from the lower edge of the fly in the front and also the lower edge of the back pocket in the back.
- 4.) Place one flap of the center seam over the other so that both of the seams lie touching on the lower end of the fly without any bumps. Pin in place. Repeat with the back seams of the skirt. The inner leg area of the jeans, at this point, should not touch, but rather make an A-line shape.
- 5.) Use the lower leg of the jeans that were set aside in Step 2 as a patch for the gap in the skirt, both front and back. Measure from one half-inch above the bottom of the fly to the bottom hem of the skirt as well as from the left to the right side of the gap at both the most narrow and the widest point. Cut the leg of the jean in a triangle shape to match these measurements. Do the same for the back gap.
- 6.) Follow the above Denim Sewing Tidbits to set up your machine for the jean skirt sewing steps.
- 7.) Turning the jeans inside out, pin both the front and back triangle to the skirt, respectively. Starting at the center seam closest to the fly, sew down both sides a quarter of an inch from the raw edge, remembering to secure your stitch at the beginning and end. Repeat on the back of skirt.
- 8.) With the skirt sewn together, even out any variations or adjust the length. In order to keep your skirt from fraying, use a zigzag stitch. Change the stitch width to 2.0 and sew $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the raw edge.