

SINGER® PROJECTS

Turning Jeans Into a Skirt



Reduce, reuse, and refashion with this simple denim sewing project! Create a timeless denim skirt with a single pair of jeans.

PROJECT SKILL LEVEL: ■ □ □ □

Shopping List

Everything you need to complete this project in one place. Use this convenient checklist to ensure you have all required materials in your sewing room, or take it with you while you shop for supplies.

- SINGER® Sewing Machine
- 1 Pair of Jeans
- Scissors
- All-Purpose Thread
- Seam Ripper
- Pins
- Marking Chalk
- Ruler

Project Steps

1. Gather your materials.

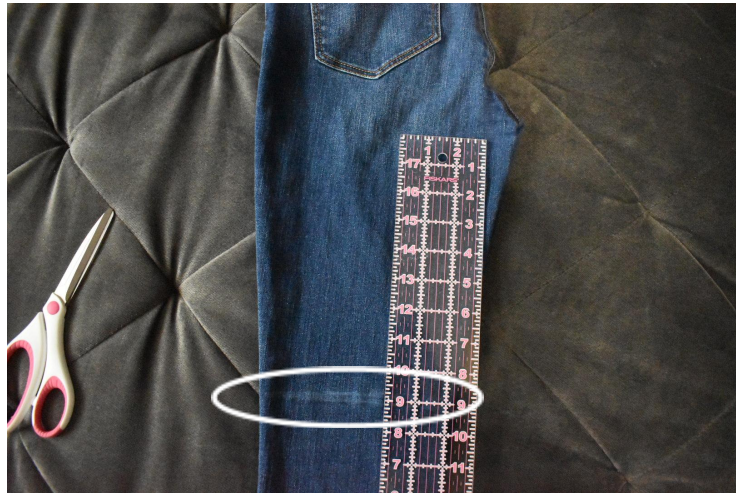


2. Lay your jeans flat, and fold them down the middle.



3. Take your ruler, and measure from your jean's crotch point to where you'd like the hem of your skirt to be. Mark a horizontal line at your skirt's (not yet cut) hemline.

Pro Tip: At this point, we recommend adding at least 2 inches to the hemline before you mark it. This is because it's easier--and neater--to create a shorter hemline by simply cutting off the excess fabric. By adding 2 inches to your marked hemline, you're giving yourself a little wiggle room to shorten your skirt to the perfect length after you try it on. Garments can look slightly different when you try them on for the first time after sewing them--especially if you're not using a dress form.



4. Following the mark you've just created, cut straight across both pant legs.

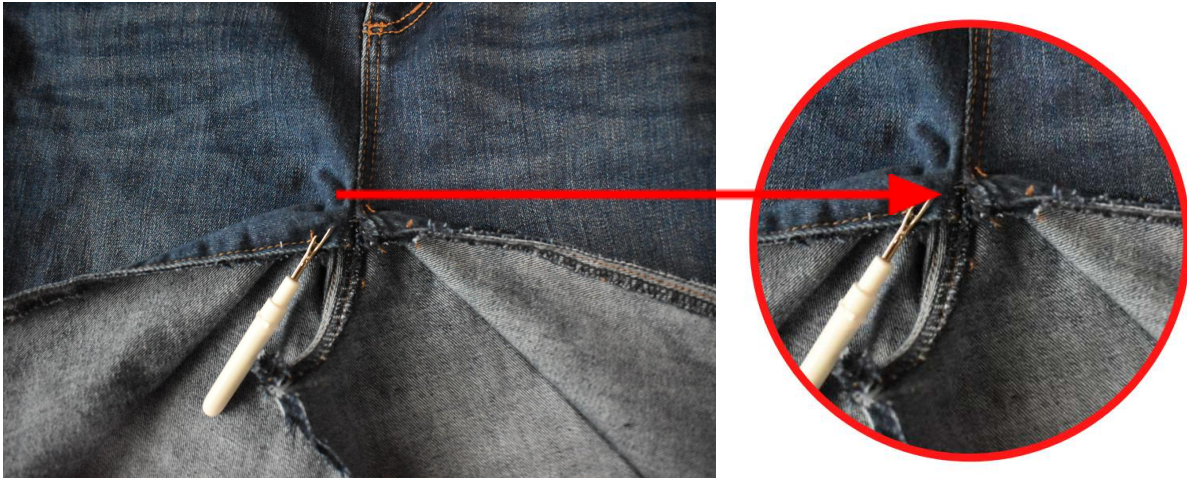
Pro Tip: Keep your jeans folded while you cut them to ensure you're cutting the exact same amount on both pant legs.



5. Carefully cut as close to the inner seam as possible on both pant legs. **Do not cut through the front crotch point.**



6. Using your seam ripper, **gently** remove the stitches at the front crotch point.



7. Repeat this step for the back crotch point.



8. Cut the existing topstitched seam out of the front left pant leg.



9. Flip the skirt inside out, and bring the side seams to the center. Line them up perfectly, and pin them together at the bottom. This will keep your skirt lined up as you sew your left and right edges down.



10. Pin diagonally (on the left edge of the skirt) from the top of the crotch point to the bottom of the skirt. We measured about a 1" seam allowance, but you can make yours more narrow if you'd like a little bit more room in your skirt. Using a straight stitch, sew along the path you just created with your pins.

Pro Tip: If you need to make a small slit on the back of the skirt to allow for more leg movement, you don't need to sew all the way to the bottom of the skirt. Instead, stitch from the top of the crotch point until you're about 2" from the hemline. Remember to backstitch at the beginning and end of your seam.



11. Repeat the previous step for the right edge of the skirt.

Pro Tip: Trim any excess fabric from the seams you just stitched to about ½". Feel free to "seal" the raw edges with a zigzag stitch to keep the fabric from unraveling.

12. Flip the skirt right side out, and try it on. If you think it's too long, just trim it at the bottom (this is where that extra 2" from step #3 comes in handy).

13. Enjoy your skirt!

