

Blue Jean Remake

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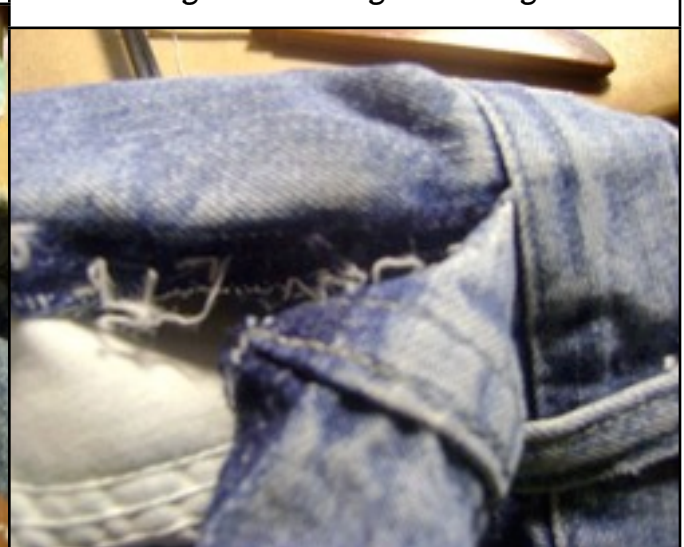
I love to shop at the thrift store, I purchase most of my kids clothes there, as well as supplies for much of my craftiness. Recently I went shopping sans children and I found some jeans that I thought would fit #1. I was wrong. So I decided to deconstruct the jeans and add in some space so that they would fit #1. This is written as a tutorial for an idea, and assumes that you have made a pair of pants before.

Looking at the problem.



Use a seam ripper to open the side seam of the jeans.

The left is a double seam not good
The right is a single seam good.



Rip the seam up to the waist band.



Remove the waist band from the back of the jeans, leave the waistband on the front part of the jeans.



Press seams flat.

Figure out how much more room you need in the jeans and cut corresponding strips. I needed 2.5 more inches on each side. I wanted to double up the fabric because the cotton was not as heavy as the denim, so I use two layers of cotton.



Put both patterned fabric together (WST) and sew to the right side of the back of the jeans.





Finish the edges with a serger or a zig zag.



Pull the front up and match up the top edge, the waistband should be removed enough not to be caught in the side seam.



Sew the front to the back, be careful of any grommets in the jeans and make sure you catch the pocket.

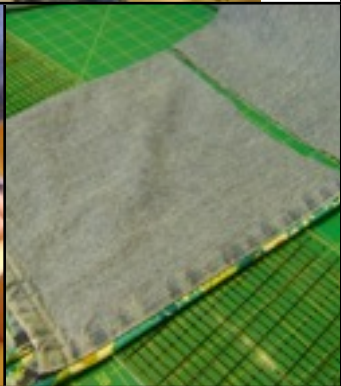
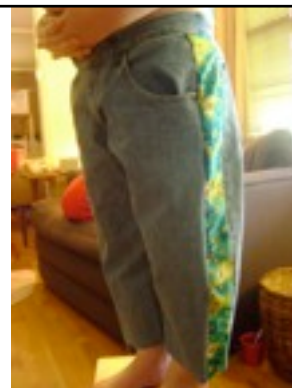


Make sure they fit before you reattach the waistband.



Measure and add the needed fabric in the waist band (about 4 inches for mine)

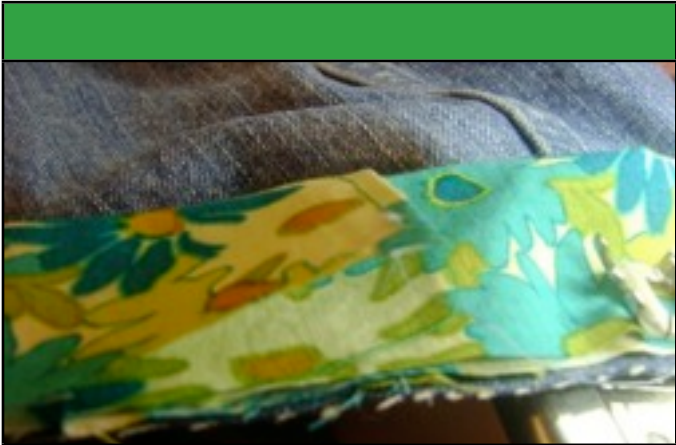
Pin the waistband back in place and reattach.



They kinda need to be hemmed. So cut off the extra



Cut 2 more 2.5 inch stripes, fold them in half lengthwise WST and press. Place the RST on the pant leg sew them to the bottom of the jeans.



Finish edges



Press and top stitch.

