

# Make a baggy T-Shirt into a Skinny!

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If you, like me, spend a lot of time going to gigs and collecting band T-shirts you will probably have encountered the following problems (1) bands not sticking skinny T-s (2) Skinny T-s being in unrealistic sizes (3) Skinny T-s being sold out. This technique helps you turn boy T-shirts into skinny fit girly T-s and its SO easy! NOTE: Sorry about the bad quality pictures :- ( Had to take them on my phone, also this is a very 'rough and ready' how-to, I'm not a person to measure things and get them, feel free to be more precise than moi! :- ) :-\*

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## Step 1 — Arrange your T-Shirts



You're using your small T as a template, so lay the smaller one over the larger one, consider ironing to make sure there are no wrinkles, you need to line up your collars and shoulders. NOTE: your template shirt should be around the same elasticity and weight as your baggy shirt, most skinnies have an element of stretch so if your baggy shirt doesn't you're going to have to take that into account on your next step.

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## Step 2 — Pin and draw!



Pinning the sleeves of your smaller T out of the way you need to trace the outline of your body of your T-shirt, Pin the 2 T-shirts together so that they don't shift, draw the outline with chalk.

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## Step 3 — Remove the template



remove the template T and pin the front and back of the baggy T together

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## Step 4 — CUT IT!



Your chalk outline is where your seam is going to be. bearing this in mind, cut your T shirt, if you've done this correctly you should not be cutting across the collar or shoulder seams, you should be cutting down the side seams and chopping off your sleeves. I'm going to add a dropped seam so I'm cutting off as little material as possible to give me plenty to play with later.

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#### **Step 5 — prepare your sleeves**



next using your template T shirt as a guide roughly chalk out the alterations you're going to make to the sleeves, again the chalk line is the seam, your seam will be on the underside (armpit) of the sleeve

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**Step 6 — repeat with other sleeve and pin together**



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**Step 7 — Pin Sleeves to Tshirt**



Next you need to pin your Sleeves to your T shirt body, this works best if you turn your sleeve right way round again and put it inside your T shirt body, you will have spare material for your hem hanging loose in the armpit area, thats ok, we'll tidy that up in the next step.

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### Step 8 — SEW!



first you want to sew your sleeves to your T-shirt body, sew from armpit to armpit, if you chose to do this with the T-shirt sleeves inside the body, now is the time to pull them out. To do the side seams sew right from the bottom hem to the end of the sleeves in one continuous stitch, straight stitch is fine, You're almost there!! :-)

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### Step 9 — Admire your seams!



of course modify as you wish I'm going to add a dropped seam to this one but you don't have to ... I'll add a technique for dropped seam later as there doesn't seem to be one???)

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### Step 10 — AND YOU'RE DONE!



turn the T-shirt right way round and try it on! yeyy!! at this point if you want to take up the sleeves or bottom hem give it a go... I left it as it was because I like longer Tshirts

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