Converting old jumper into new cardie

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Got a boring old jumper you don't wear. Change it into a cardigan! Easy.

Step 2 — Cut jumper up the front middle

be brave and hope mother in law does not recognise gift you never wear....

Step 1 — Get old jumper you never wear

that old jumper, sweater, jersey... a bit small? a bit too boring? Needs something. Turn it into a cardie!

Step 3 — Get fabric for front band

I chose some shiny slightly stretchy fabric. Cut band about 10cm wide and a couple of centimetres longer than the cut edges of your cardie. Iron it wrong sides, long edges, together. Neaten one long edge, and press it over 1.5 cm. To finish top and bottom edges, turn right sides together and sew top edge together, catching folded edge creating a finished edge. (This soundsmore complicated than it is really!)
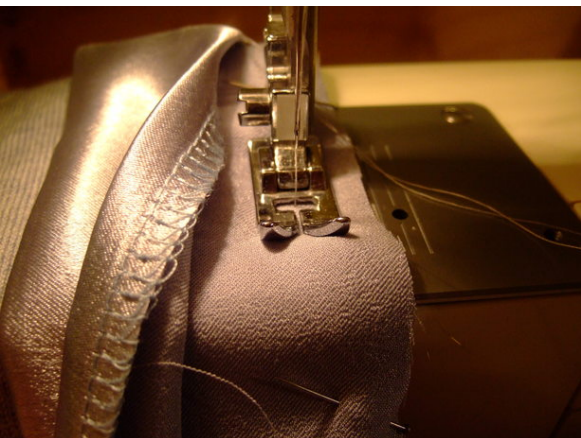
Step 4 — Attach band to jumper.

Right sides togther, raw edges even. Pin long unfinished edge to right side cut edge of jumper. Matching bottom (or top depending on where you are starting from?), so it looks nice when you turn it over.

Step 5 — Measure length

Pin most of it on and measure other end (top of bottom, which ever end you havn't sewn together yet. Mark where end should be.
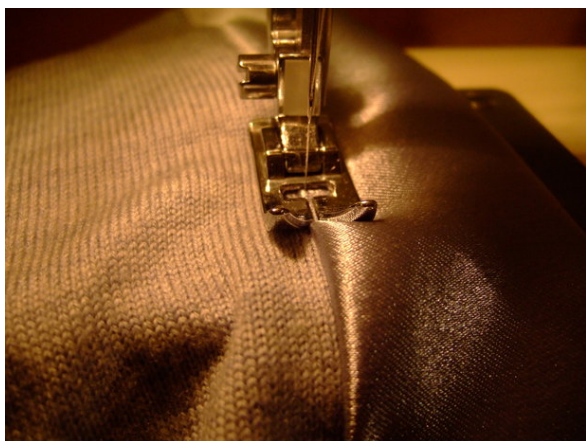

Step 6 — Attach to cardie

Sew end together (right sides together, raw edges even), and then turn to right side. The band should not fit the front long edge of cardie. Sew it on, matching ends and being careful not to catch the folde over edge yet. Finish long seam edge (I sewed it on machine and overlocked the edge as satiny stuff was pretty good at fraying).

Step 7 — Press seam to inside

Press seam to inside and turn band over so inside egde (previously turned over and finished edge) is now on inside.

Step 8 — Sew top stitch from outside

Sew from outside close to sewn edge being sure to catch folded edge hem on the other side. Does this make sense?

Step 9 — Press band and wear cardie

yay! I guess you could put on buttonholes and buttons at this point ? and other fun decorations?