

How to Hem Jeans â' Fiskars Unzippedâ' Contest

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I am 5'4 so I am right between petite and regular and therefore I have to hem pretty much everything I buy. So how do I hem jeans? You will start working on them on the right side.

Step 1 — Measure



Measure a pair of jeans that you have and love and use that number to measure and mark the inseam of your new jeans.

Step 2 — Double Check & Mark



Fold the jeans under and try them on to make sure that the length you have chosen is right then measure the base of your jeans up to the mark you have made. My new jeans needed to be 29" and there was an inch and a half that needed to be taken off. I measured 1.5" up and marked all the way around.

Step 3 — Cut off the old hem



Cut off the current hem. I know this can be scary especially if your jeans cost more than \$13.99 (mine were cheap!), so if you have never done this you may want to try on a cheap pair or a pair from you give away pile.

Step 4 — Fold and Press!



Fold jeans under at the mark line and press. I use lots and lots of steam on the hottest setting possible. Then turn your jeans inside out and fold your new hem in half and press the heck out of it.

Step 5 — Thread up



Get your machine ready. My new jeans have that heavy yellow thread so that is what I am using so they keep the same look. But since it is a heavy thread **DO NOT USE IT AS YOUR TOP THREAD**. Only use this thread as bobbin thread. Then I use dark denim colored thread as the top thread.

Step 6 — Sew your hem.



I set my machine with the needle as far left as it goes. And sew as close to the edge as possible. Also use a longer stitch length, I would use about a 3.0 on my Necchi.

Step 7 — Ready!



Now go forth and wear you new jeans knowing that they are perfectly hemmed!

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