

# Rolled hem cheating!

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<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/rolled-hem-cheating>

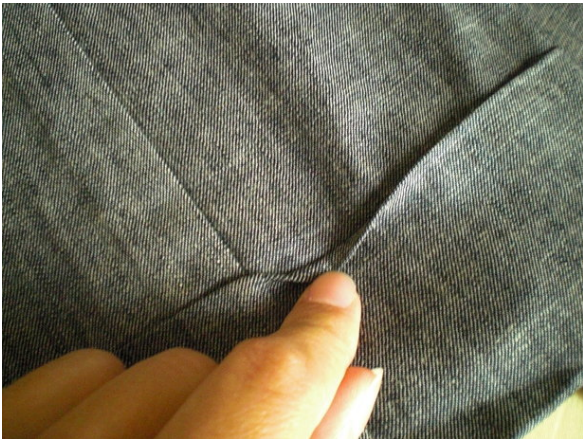
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Let's say you have this pair of pants, that have to be shortened and they came with a beautiful rolled hem, you don't want to ruin. You have two choices : either create a rolled hem from scratch or cheat! I'll show you how to the second option! Go to this link, or follow the steps  
<http://mariasewing.blogspot.com/2011/09/little-hem-cheating-is-not-always-bad.html>

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## Step 1 — Observe



Observe how the rolled hem is created. There usually is a small overlapping part that can hide well a stitch underneath it. Here's what I did :

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## Step 2 — Measure and pin



I measured the desired length. I had to shorten these pants 4 cm. That means 2 folded cm ( $2 + 2 = 4$ ). I turned the pants inside out and I pinned 2 folded cm. After pinning I pressed, to create a sharp folded edge.

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### Step 3 — Pin in place



Having my edge all sharp, I removed the pins. I folded the hem, having the edge as a guide. I pinned making sure that : a) the side seams match and b) the overlapping piece is kept, by the pins, down, so that when I'll sew right next to the existing seam line, I won't sew over it . Got it?

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### Step 4 — Stitch



I stitched really close to the existing seam line. I used my zip foot, to keep my needle really close to the seam line.

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## Step 5 — Done!



Then I turned the pants outside in (!) and I pressed really good. This is how it looks in the inside. For more pictures and tips please go to my blog :  
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