

# How To Make Colorful Jean Short Cutoffs

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Wondering how to make use of those old jeans in your closet? Maybe you have some jeans that are too short, or maybe, you just want to change the color from blue to yellow! This technique will show you how to turn old jeans into cute cutoffs and also how to dye your shorts whatever color you want: Pink, Yellow, Green, Purple, etc.

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## Step 1 — Bleach Your Jeans



1. Place a big bucket in a working sink or on the driveway where spillage doesn't matter. 2. Fill bucket with 1 part warm water to 1 part bleach -enough to cover the jeans. 3. Place jeans in bucket and let saturate completely. You need only bleach the upper half of the jeans if you are making jean short cutoffs. 4. Let jeans soak in the bleach until they have turned white completely. 10-20 minutes. 5. Do not leave the jeans for longer, they will become destroyed by the bleach. 6. Take jeans out of bucket and rinse with cold water. 7. Dump the bucket 8. Let jeans dry completely

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## Step 2 — Cut Your Jeans To Make Short Cutoffs



It's all about looking cute in your jeans! In this step, you will be able to cut your desired length of short cutoffs and get frisky by adding side slits. 1. Try jeans on and look in the mirror so that you know what length you want to cut them. 2. Take jeans off and lie them flat on the floor. 3. Use a pen to draw line on one jean leg so that you know where to cut and rip your jeans. 4. Fold jean in half so that both legs are on top of one another. Draw equal line on other leg using first leg as an equal guide. 5. Cut alongst the line and carefully rip alongst the line, using scissor to keep the correct cut line. 6. Once jean legs are cut off, rip the side of each jean alongst the seam to create an even more ragged appearance. This will give you side slits - cute!

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## Step 3 — Dye Your Jeans Any Color



This is where it gets fun! Now that you have perfect short little jean short cutoffs, it's time to dye them a vibrant color so that you can really show off your unique creation. 1. Fill bucket with warm water - approximately 2 or 3 gallons. 2. Place jean short cutoffs in the water so that they are completely saturated 3. Pour 1/4 cup salt into water 4. Pour 3 tsp garment dye - color is your choice - into the bucket of water. 5. Stir the jean shorts and water so that color is well dispersed. 6. Let the jean shorts soak in the dye water for 20 minutes. 7. After 20 minutes, add a 1/3 cup of dye activator (soda dye fixer) to the dye water. 8. Stir the dye

water and let the jean shorts process in the solution for approximately 1 hour. 9. After 1 hour, dump the bucket and thoroughly rinse the jean shorts - being careful not to splash other surfaces. 10. Move dyed jean shorts promptly to the washing machine and let them run through 1 cycle so that all excess dye is removed. NOTE: Do not use bare hands like I did - you will dye your hands...make sure to use plastic gloves!

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## Step 4 — Radical Jean Short Cutoffs!



Once you remove the dyed jean short cutoffs from the washing machine, allow them to dry. Now you can flaunt your cool new colorful jean short cutoffs!!!

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