

How to Shorten Jeans Preserving Original Hem

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When you have spent money on a great pair of jeans, the last thing you want to do is walk around on your cuffs or lose the great stitching on your hems. The beauty of this technique is that the new hem lies flat and is almost impossible to tell that your designer jeans have been shortened. More photos on my blog <http://silklaceandsteel.com/2013/02/28/how-to-shorten-jeans-preserving-original-hem/>

Step 1 — Determine the length



First of all, try your jeans and determine the length you want it to be. Don't forget to wash the jeans first and try them on with a pair of shoes that you would normally wear. Mark the desired length.

Step 2 — Fold up point



Add 1,5 cm above the marked line (the height of original hem).

Step 3 — Fold and pin



Then, fold up the bottom of the pants, to meet with that top row of marking. Now pin the folded pant leg in place, all the way around.

Step 4 — Sewing



Sew the new cuff in place as close to the original hem as you can.

Step 2 — Fold up point

Step 5 — Trim off extra fabric



Thereâ— s a lot of extra bulk and stiffness with that extra fabric. So I decided to trim off the extra tucked fabric on my serger.

Step 6 — Press flat



Then press the fold nice and flat in the direction of the waist of the jeans. Sew a few stitches at the side seams to hold the fold in place and out of the way of the hem. Because the cuff is sewn in place so close to the original hem, there is a seam there, but it is not very noticeable.

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