

Flat-felled seam

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When you look at the flat-felled seams on your store bought jeans you see two rows of stitches on both right and left side; cutting edges have been nicely tucked between two details on the outside and on the inside and the back center is right between those two rows of stitches. And here is how you can do same looking flat-felled seam at home on your commercial sewing machine.

Step 1 — Adding seam allowance before cutting

First you need to figure out how wide you want your flat-felled seam to be and how wide apart the two rows of stitches are going to be. I figured I will mimic the inseam on my favourite pair of jeans where the stitch rows are about 0,7 cm apart. So you will multiply the width of your two seam rows by two. I got 1,4 cm and decided to add 1,5 cm of seam allowance. (Really, 1 mm is not that big of a loss)

Step 2 — Cutting and ironing



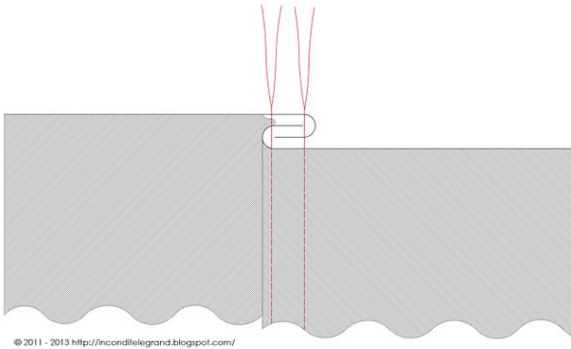
Now that you have added the seam allowance you are ready to cut your pieces out. After cutting, you will iron back 1 cm of your seam allowance as follows: on one piece, let's say seat seam, on to the right side of the fabric, on the other piece to the left side of the fabric.

Step 3 — Folding and pinning



Folding your seam allowances into each other and pinning the pieces.

Step 4 — Sewing



Now sew your pieces together from the right side making the first seam about 0,1 cm from the folded edge and the second one around 0,7 cm from the first seam.

Step 5 — Finished look



Now you should have two parallel rows of stitching on the right

Step 6 — Finished look left side



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