

The Jeans Collection

Video 13 - Attaching the back pockets

The tools that you will need:

- 1. Sewing threads - top stitching thread.*
- 2. Small sharp scissors for cutting thread ends.*
- 3. A jeans foot is required for sewing jeans. An optional walking foot is great for top stitching..*
- 4. Sewing machine needles - 100 or 110 for sewing denim or thick cotton fabrics.*
- 5. Tape measure.*
- 6. Pins.*
- 7. Fabric shears.*

Part 1 - Preparing the pockets.

The first thing you need to do when preparing the back pockets is to consult your pattern to determine the size that you are going to make them. If you have altered the pattern to a different size, then the pockets need to correspond to match that size. If you already have a pair of commercial jeans, then you can compare the size of the pockets with your jeans.



The back pockets on a pair of jeans.

Once you have determined the size that your pockets are going to be, remember to measure and add on the seam allowances.



Part 2 - Cutting out the pockets.

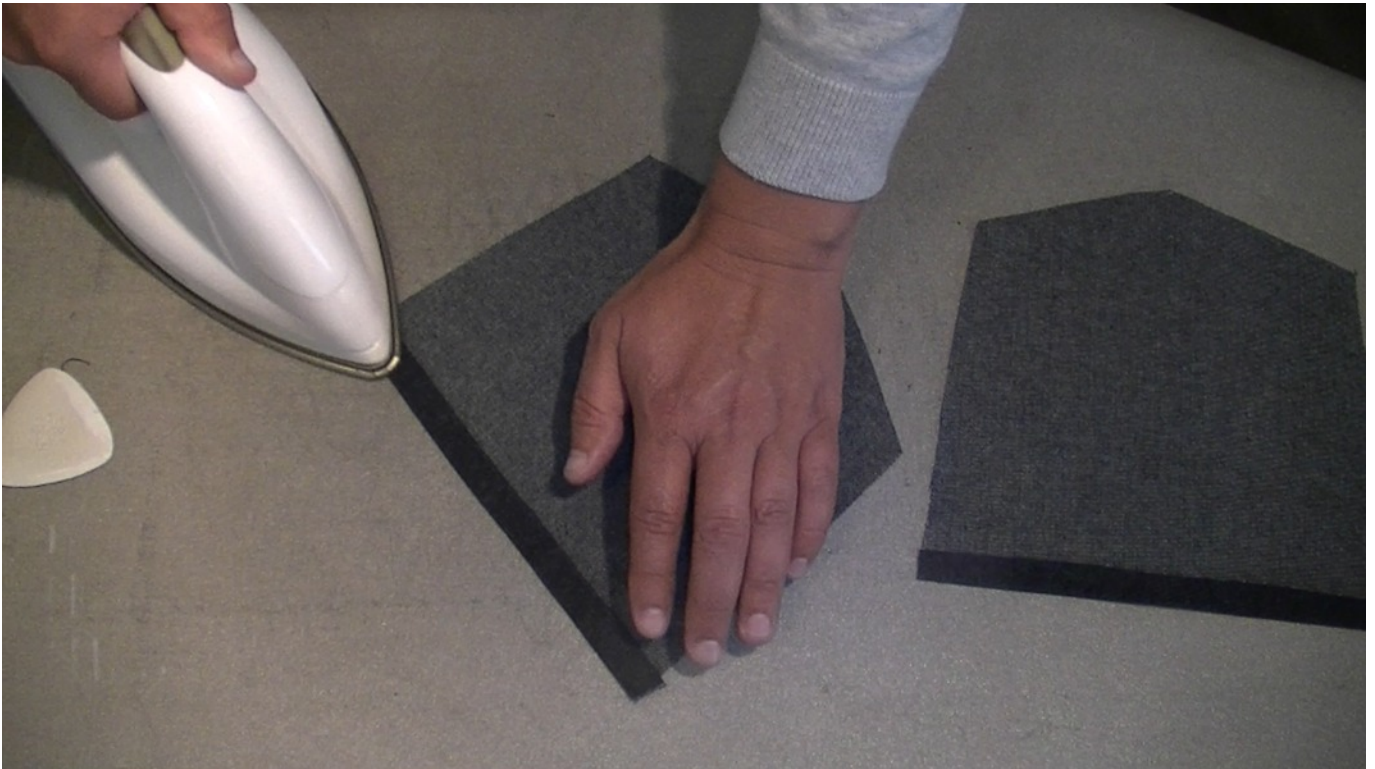
When you are happy with the size that you are going to make your pockets, place the pattern on the fabric. If you have your fabric doubled over, you can cut 2 pockets out at the same time, this reduces time and also makes the 2 pockets identical in size. As you can see from the image below we have chalked the seam allowances around the pocket.



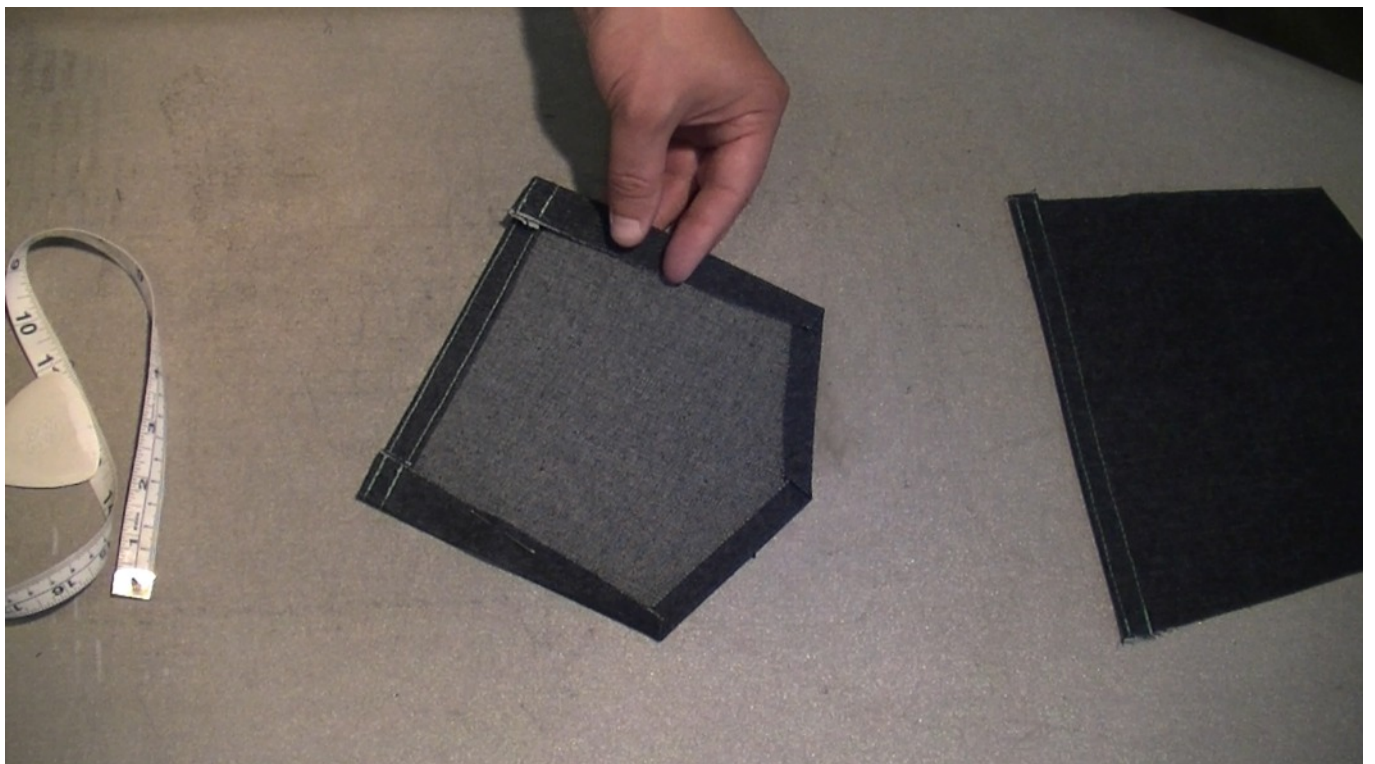
Cutting out the back pockets from the pattern.

Part 3 - Stitching the first part.

With the wrong side of the pocket facing you, fold the top down by 1 cm and press. When pressed, fold over again to create a rolled seam. The seam must be a width of 1 cm to be able to stitch in the double row of stitching. Your pressed seam should look like the image below top stitch the seam in place.



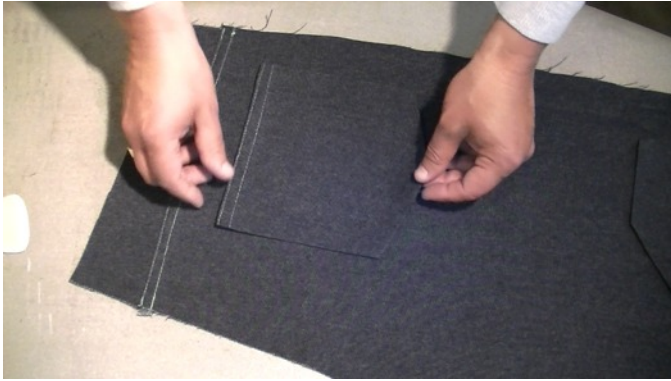
Now that you have created the top stitching on the top of the pocket, press the sides and bottom like the image below. Please note that the sides are wider at the top and taper to a narrower seam towards the bottom, press into position.



Part 4 - Attaching the pockets.

Now that the pockets have been pressed into shape, you can go ahead and place the pockets on the back panels. Consult your pattern for the correct placing and positioning of the pockets, make sure that they are in the same position for the left panel as well as the right. If positioned correctly they should depict a mirror image of themselves on each of the back panels. When you are happy that they are symmetrical and they are aligned on either side, they can then be pinned into place.

Top stitch the pockets with your top stitching thread to secure.



Position the pockets on the back panels.



Attach the pockets using your top stitching.

Stitch the pockets in a continuous line starting from the right side, stitch down, across the bottom and back up the left side. At the top sections stitch back and forth 2 or 3 times to give the pockets more strength. You will notice that the sides are wider at the top than they are at the bottom, this mimics the way the pockets were pressed in part 3.

Once you have stitched your pockets in place, give them a nice press to complete the attaching of the back pockets. If they are done correctly, they should look like the image below.



The finished back pockets look decorative with the top stitching in place.