

The Jeans Collection

Video 14 - Attaching the back panels

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 - Take note of the seam.

When it comes to attaching the back panels together, the first thing you need to establish is the way the flat felled seam is facing on the front panels. The stitching line needs to look like one continuous seam from the front to the back.



Establish the way the seam is facing.

Part 2 - Preparing the seam.

The way the flat felled seam faces in a particular direction is down to the front closure so this will differ from men's to women's.

Preparing the seam - men's: *Place the right panel on top of the left panel with the wrong sides facing each other. The right panel needs to be 1 cm further back than the left so in other words you should see the left panel (the one underneath) peaking out at the centre seam by 1 cm. Fold the left panel seam so that it lays onto the right panel and press as shown in the picture below. Make sure you align the yolk seams exactly, as they need to look like one continuous stitched seam when the back panels are attached.*

Preparing the seam - women's: *Place the left panel on top of the right panel with the wrong sides facing each other. The left panel needs to be 1 cm further back than the right so in other words you should see the right panel (the one underneath) peaking out at the centre seam by 1 cm. Fold the right panel seam so that it lays onto the left panel and press as shown in the picture below. Make sure you align the yolk seams exactly, as they need to look like one continuous stitched seam when the back panels are attached.*

Pin the seams into position and stitch just catching the raw edge going through both panels, your seam should be a 1 cm seam allowance as to match the front seam. Use your top stitching thread for this



Your first stitched seam should look like the image above, which is the first part of the flat felled seam.

Part 3 - Finishing the seam.

Now that you have attached the back panels together, open up the panels so that they are lying flat and the correct sides are facing you. Press the newly stitched seam over so that all the raw edges disappear.

For men - The seam will be facing to the right.

For women - The seam will be facing to the left.

Stitch the seam down to complete the double row of stitching, make sure the yolk seams are aligned and look like one continuous line as indicated in the image below.



With the centre back seam stitched in place, you should have a double row of stitching and all the raw edges are facing in on each other. If done correctly the centre back seam should now match the front centre seam as both will be facing in the same direction. This will become a lot more apparent when the inside leg seams are attached.

This results in the back panels being attached and the centre back flat felled seam all aligning correctly.

