

The Jeans Collection

Video 16 - Attaching the outside leg seams

The tools that you will need:

- 1. The Overlocking machine - To overlock the side seams*
- 2. Sewing threads - Standard sewing thread and overlocking threads.*
- 3. Small sharp scissors for cutting thread ends.*
- 4. A jeans foot is required for sewing jeans.*
- 5. Sewing machine needles - 100 or 110 for sewing denim or thick cotton fabrics.*
- 6. Tape measure.*
- 7. Pins.*
- 8. Fabric shears.*

Part 1 - Secure the pockets.

Before you start attaching the outside leg seams together, make sure that the pockets and pocket bags are laying flat. Press the whole pocket area and pin the top and sides as to secure the pockets in place.

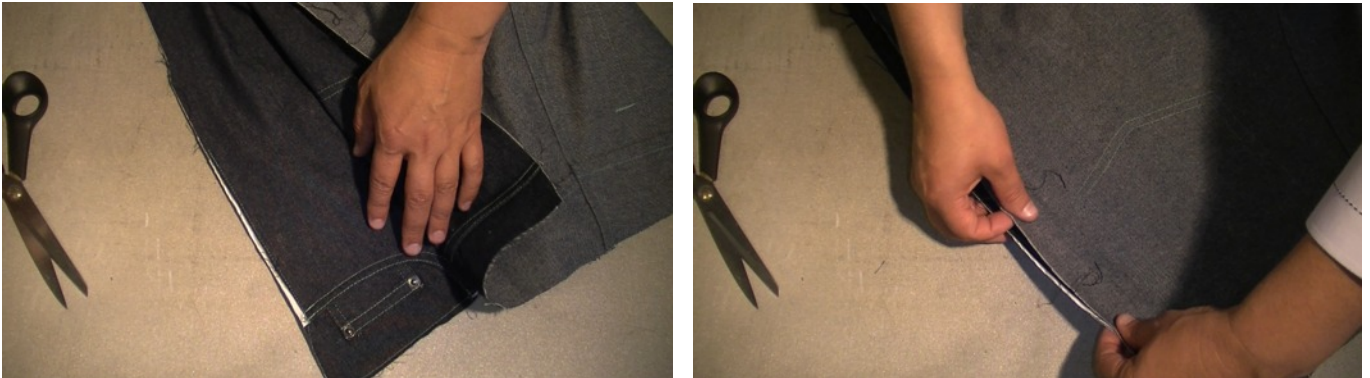
Stitch right on the edge of the pockets at the top and along the side seams catching in the bags as you go, this gets us ready to attach the outside legs together and you know that the pockets and bags will not move or distort.



Make sure the pockets and bags are secure before the side panels are attached together.

Part 2 - Attaching the side panels.

Now that the pockets are secure and you know that they are not going to move, place the back panel onto the front panel, right sides facing each other. Pin the two panels together on both sides (the left and right sides of your jeans).



Part 3 - Stitch and adjust.

Stitch from the top of the jeans all the way down the full length of the leg and do this for both sides.

When you have stitched the front and back panels together, it is now time to try on your jeans and adjust the side seams at the waist if need be. If you do need to adjust then it should only be a small amount as the pattern was made to fit near enough perfectly for you or who ever you are making the jeans for.

Adjust the side seams at the waist as shown in the image below. Once you are happy with the fit, then it is time to go onto the next part.



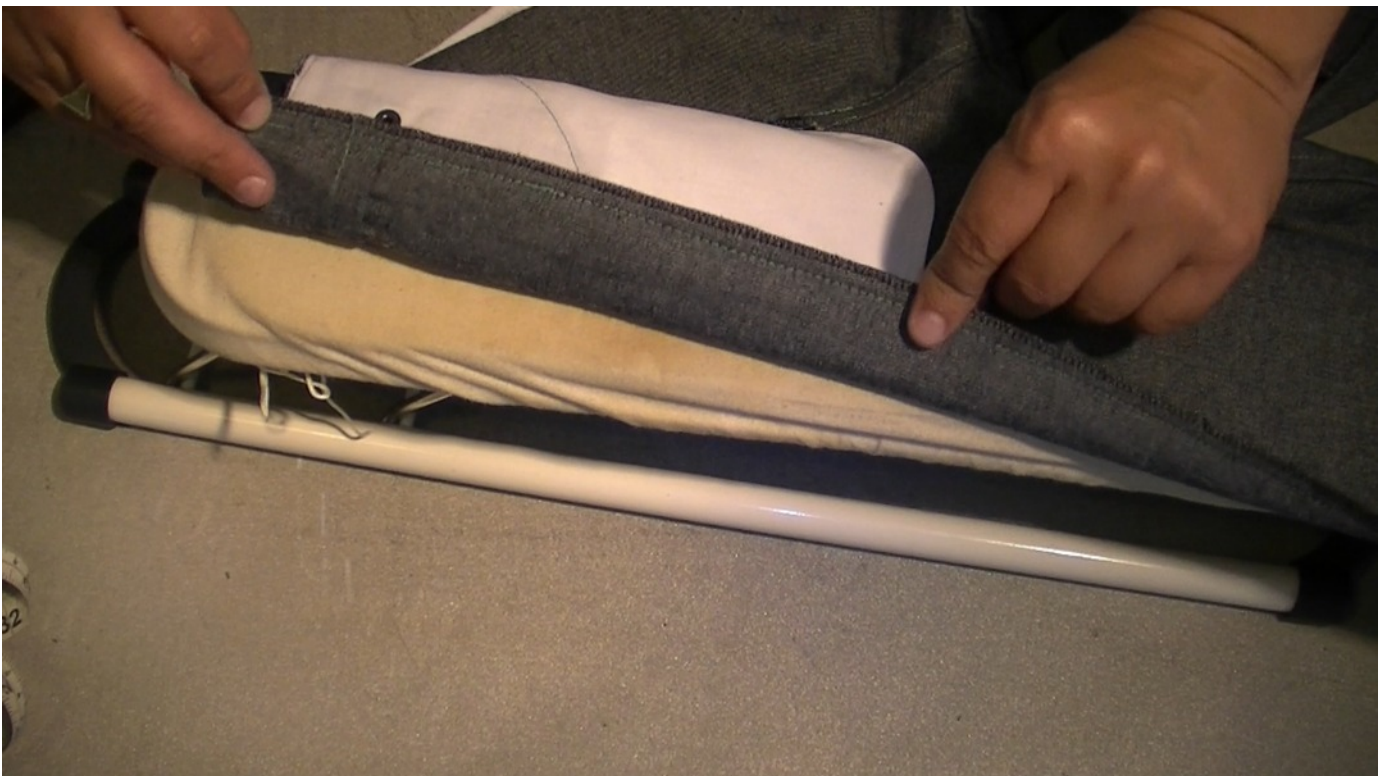
It is easy to adjust the waist of your jeans via the side seam at the top.



Once adjusted at the waist you can snip any excess fabric to neaten.

Part 4 - Overlocking the side seams.

When you are happy with the width of the waist and the jeans are comfortable, you can go ahead and overlock the side seams. Overlock with a three thread combination overlock stitch in the same colour as your jeans. Once completed, the overlocked seam should look like the image below.



Part 5 - Pressing the seams to finish.

Now that the side seams are attached and overlocked, we can press the seams to finish. Slide each jeans leg onto a sleeve board as to press and create a really neat finish, do this for both the left and the right legs.



Pressing the legs is so easy when you use a sleeve board.



With our jeans now pressed, this concludes the attachment of the outside leg seams.