

# *The Jeans Collection*

## *Video 19 - Buttonholes & Rivets*

### *The tools that you will need:*

- 1. Rivets set and a small hammer.*
- 2. Jeans buttons.*
- 3. Sewing threads - Standard sewing and top stitching thread*
- 4. Small sharp scissors for cutting thread ends.*
- 5. A buttonhole foot.*
- 6. Sewing machine needles - 100 or 110 for sewing denim or thick cotton fabrics.*
- 7 Tape measure and pins.*
- 8. Fray check or fabric glue for the sealing of the button hole stitching.*
- 9. Tailors chalk for marking the button hole.*

### *Part 1 - Positioning the buttonhole.*

*The positioning of the buttonhole on the waistband adopts the same procedure regardless to the closure you have opted for. Start by measuring your button and positioning the button hole on the waistband, mark with tailors chalk. The standard size for a button hole is 2.5 cm in length positioned about 1 cm from the edge of the waistband.*



*Position the button hole onto the waistband with tailors chalk.*

## ***Part 2 - Sewing in the button hole.***

***To much bulk?*** If you find that you are having problems putting in the button hole due to the fabric bulk around the end of the waistband, detach a small part of the waistband from the top of the jeans as shown in the image below and then insert the button hole. This way gives the foot a flat surface to work with and results in a nice even button hole. When the button hole is sewn in place, the waistband can be reattached easily and quickly. When sewing in the **key-hole button hole** use your top stitching thread as to match the rest of your jeans.



*Tailors tip: detach part of the waistband to be able to implement the button hole.*



*Use your top stitching thread to create the key-hole button hole in the jeans waistband.*



### ***Part 3 - cutting open the buttonhole.***

*When you have sewn in the button hole, open with a combination of a seam ripper and scissors. Use the seam ripper first to open the first part and then clip around the key hole part with your scissors. When the button hole has been fully opened, use fray check or fabric glue to seal the stitching and make the button hole more sturdy.*



*Open the button hole with sharp scissors.*



*Use fray check or fabric glue to secure.*

### ***Part 4 - Applying the button.***

*With the button hole in place, you can attach the button in place. Close the front closure so that everything is aligned and put a pin through the key hole part of the button hole. Keeping the pin in place open the front closure and mark with tailors chalk where the pin is. This is now the mark for where the button is going to be positioned. Apply the button in place with the jeans button set and a few swift blows with the hammer. This results with your button in place and the closure now fully functioning.*



*Apply the button in place with a few swift blows of the hammer.*

*With the button and button hole in place, this results in your front closure being complete.*



***Part 5 - applying the rivets.***

*The final rivets are positioned around the front pockets at the waistband point and the side seam as shown in the image below.*



*With an awl pierce the fabric at one of the rivet points, going through all the layers. Make sure you do not make the hole too big as you do not want the rivet to move around or come out. Position the back plate of the rivet through all the layers of the jeans facing up from the back or the inside of your jeans.*





*With the under rivet plate in position, place the top part of the rivet onto the under rivet. With the rivet set plastic tool close the rivets together and set in place with a few blows of the hammer. Your rivet should now be securely in place with no movement at all. Do this for the other 3 rivets and attach in the same manner.*



*With the button and button holes in place as well as the 4 sets of rivets, this concludes the closure and decoration parts of your jeans.*



*All the rivets, buttons and button holes are in place and your jeans are nearly finished.*