

# *The Jeans Collection*

## *Video 20 - Finishing the jeans*

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

- 1. Sewing threads - Standard sewing and top stitching thread*
- 2. Small sharp scissors for cutting thread ends.*
- 3. A jeans foot or an optional walking foot, great for top stitching.*
- 4. Sewing machine needles - 100 or 110 for sewing denim or thick cotton fabrics.*
- 5. Tape measure and pins.*
- 6. A sleeve board.*

### *Part 1 - Finding the correct length.*

*To create the correct length for your jeans you need to fit them on your self or who ever you are making the jeans for. Walk around, sit down and just get the general feel of your jeans to see if they are comfortable.*

*The correct length for jeans is the hem needs to be resting or level with the top of the heel at the back of your shoes, with ladies high heels, gauge that the hem is about 1 - 1.5 cm off the floor. If you are measuring with no foot wear on at all, the jeans hem needs to be just of the floor by about 2 millimetres so we are talking very close to the floor. As you put your shoes on the jeans will rise up and be positioned to the correct length. The length of your jeans is down to the individual person so we can only advise here.*

*Pin your jeans hem up into the correct length and bare in mind that the most important point is the back.*



*Sit down in your jeans to see if they are comfortable to wear.*

## ***Part 2 - Marking out the correct length.***

*The first thing that needs to be done is mark where the bottom of the hem will be and add on 3 cm to that point. The 3 cm is classed as your seam allowance.*



*With the hem marked and the seam allowance added, any excess fabric can be cut off. Please be care full that you are confident that the added seam allowance is the end point of the fabric. Once the fabric is cut, it is cut and you cannot add it back on so please be 100% confident that the excess you cut off is correct. Cut off the same amount for both legs to make them identical in length.*

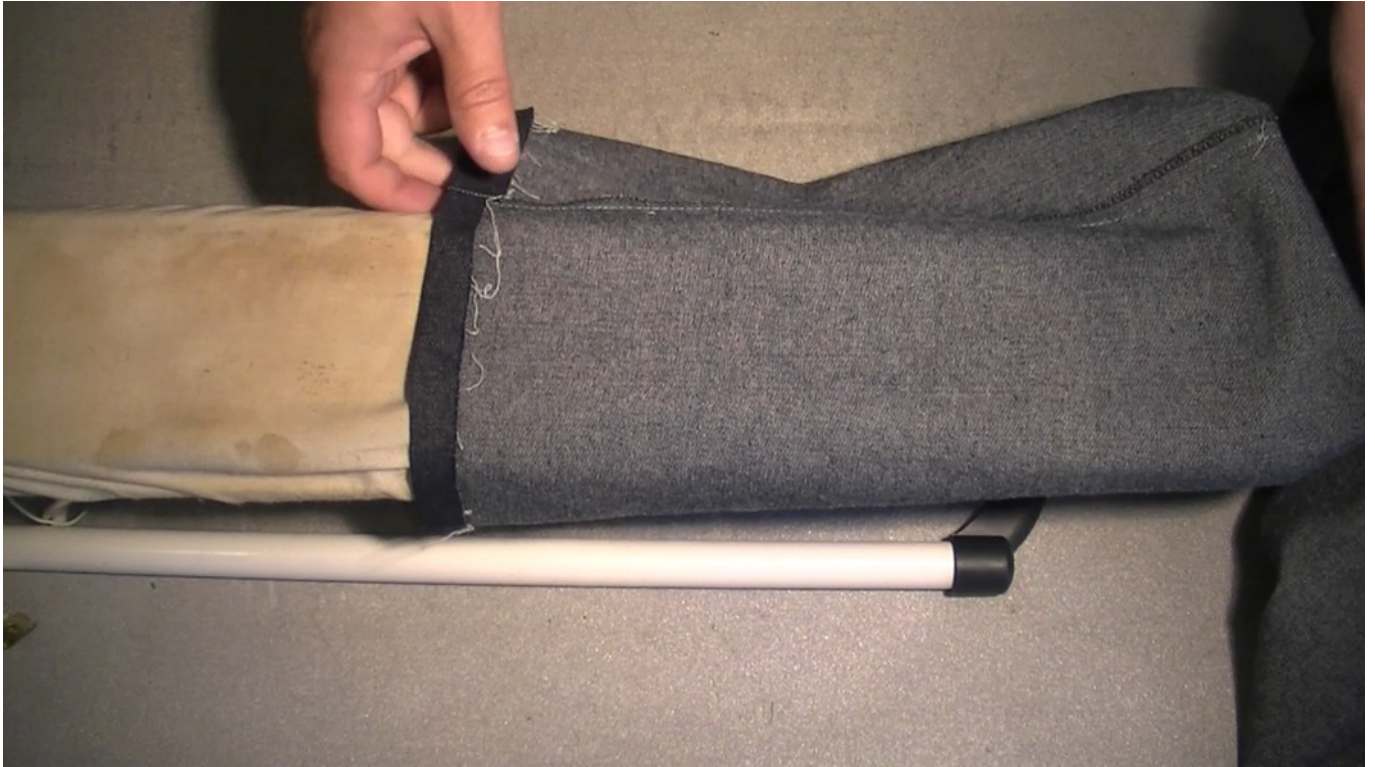


*Always double check the length before any fabric is cut off.*



### ***Part 3 - Pressing the hem.***

*Now that the jeans are cut to the correct length it is time to press the hem into position. With the jeans folded inside out, place one of the jeans legs onto a sleeve board and fold the fabric over by 1.5 cm. Press into position. Do this for both of the legs.*



*Now fold the hem over a second time as to catch the raw edges inside. Press and pin as you go, this will get the hem ready to be top stitched in place.*

*Press both legs in the same way so that the stitching can be created in one operation.*



*A sleeve board is a great asset to have when it comes to pressing the hem in your jeans.*



#### ***Part 4 - Stitching the hem.***

*With both the jeans hems pressed and pinned, stitch with your top stitching thread on the edge of the seams. This can be seen a lot easier from the inside and the best results are created from stitching in that position, (the inside). You can place your jeans on the free arm of the sewing machine for easier stitching. The stitching on the edge of the hem will create a stitching line 1.5 cm up from the very bottom of the hem as indicated in the image below.*



#### ***Part 5 - The final press.***

*With both legs hemmed, give your jeans a final press just to neaten them up. This concludes the hemming of the jeans and the finished garment so you can put them on and see how they fit.*

*Congratulations, your jeans are finished.*

