

The Jeans Collection

Video 4 - Cutting out the panels

The tools that you will need to cut out your cloth:

- 1. Commercial jeans pattern*
- 1. Measurement sheet*
- 2. Tailors chalk.*
- 3. Tape measure*
- 4. Pattern cutting scissors - you may need to change the pattern at some point*
- 5. Fabric shears to cut out the fabric panels*
- 6. Small sharp scissors for cutting notches*
- 7. Pins for attaching the pattern pieces to the fabric*

Part 1 - Make sure you are prepared.

Before you start you will need to make sure you have all of your tools ready before you start laying out your fabric and then cutting out all of the panels of your jeans. Once you have all of your equipment to hand, you are then ready to start laying out your pattern pieces onto the cloth.



There is a varied selection of tools you will need to cut out the panels of your jeans

Part 2 - Your fabric.

To make jeans you will need denim fabric which is 100% cotton. Denim usually comes as a 60 inch wide cloth so the standard amount you will need in order to make up your jeans is between 2 and 2.5 metres depending on your size.

Denim will come in many different colours and of course this is down to you personally which colour you choose. When you purchase your denim feel the cloth and choose the one which suits you best. A heavier weight denim is recommended for jeans.

White 100% cotton is used for the front pocket bags, this is a lightweight cotton which can also be used for shirts or handkerchiefs. No more than 50 cm is needed for the pocket bags.

Part 3 - Placing the pattern on the cloth.

Lay out your denim cloth onto a large hard surface. Place the cloth down doubled over with the selvedges aligned together as this reduces time for cutting out your panels.

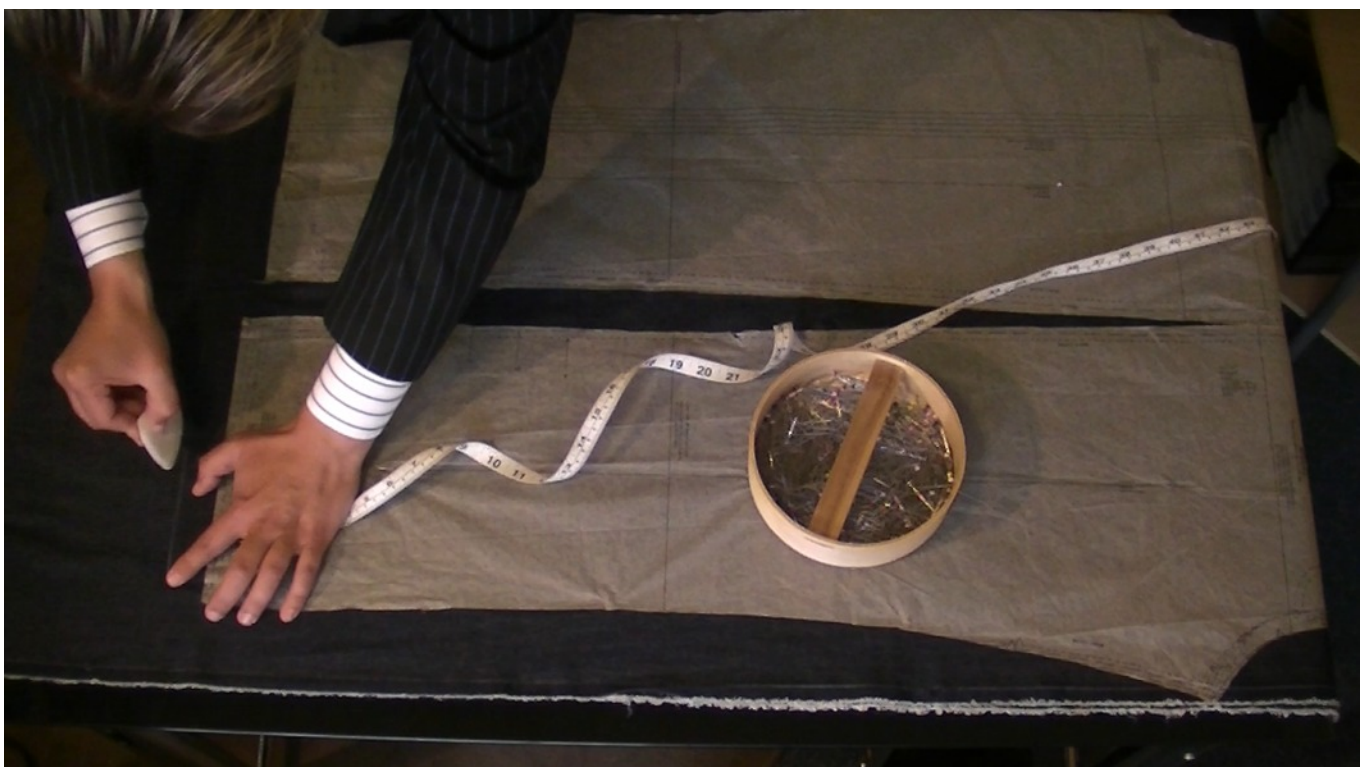
Place your pattern pieces onto the cloth and align them by measuring from the grain line on the pattern to the selvedge, when aligned straight pin the pattern to the cloth. Repeat this technique for all of your pattern pieces. Remember to mark onto your cloth any adjustments made to the pattern for instance adding hem onto the bottom of the main panels. Always use tailors chalk to mark onto the cloth.



Aligning the pattern pieces onto the fabric by using the grain lines in conjunction with the selvedge.



Once the pattern is aligned onto the cloth you can start pinning the pieces around the edges to secure.



Remember to mark any alterations made to pattern. Here we mark the extra hem needed with tailors chalk.

Part 3 - Cutting out your fabric.

Once all of your pattern is pinned to the fabric and you are happy with everything, it is now time to cut out our panels.



Cutting out the panels for our jeans.

Part 4 - Cutting out your pocket bags.

Once all of panels have been cut out, we are now ready to place our pattern for the pocket bags onto our other cloth which is our white 100% cotton. Cut out the 2 under bags and the 2 top bags.



Part 5 - Creating the pocket facings.

Now that you have your 4 pocket bags cut out, we can now manipulate a new pattern piece for the pocket facings. Place the pocket bags onto the denim cloth and chalk around the top half of the bags.

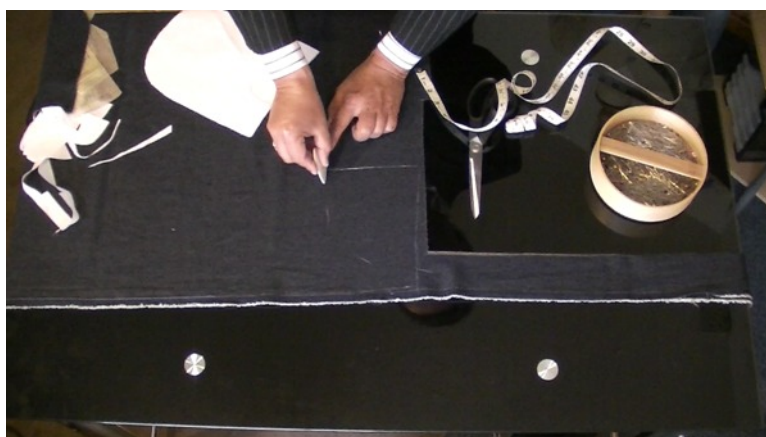


Chalk around the pocket bags top half only.

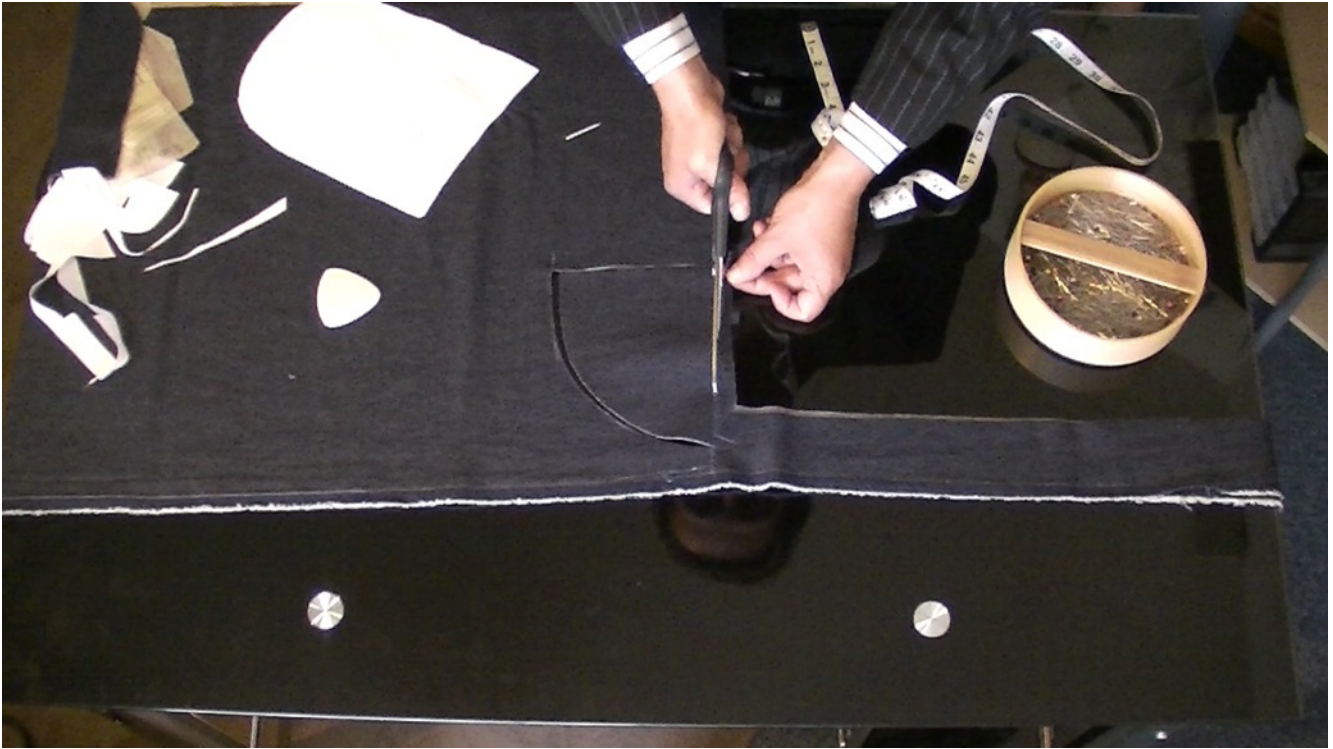


Mark with the chalk how far down the facing should go.

Once you have your marks, take away the pocket bags and mark out the facing ready to cut it out.



When you have your facing correctly marked, cut out the facing panels to complete the pockets as a complete unit. You should now have the 2 top bags and the 2 under bags in the white cotton and the 2 facing panels in the denim.



Part 6 - Creating the smallest pocket of all

With your facing parts cut out, we can now create the small pocket within the main pocket. This small pocket needs to measure 10 cm in width or larger depending on your pocket size, this also includes the seam allowances. The length needs to be the same as your facing.



Place the small pocket onto your facing piece and cut along the rounded bottom part to match the facing.



Cutting the small pocket to match our facings

Part 7 - The finished pocket bags

With all of your panels cut out it completes the cutting stage. We have however left out the front closure panels, the back pockets and the waistband but they will be covered later on in the collection.

