

The Jeans Collection

Video 6 - Creating the front pockets - part 1

The tools that you will need:

- 1. Sewing threads - standard sewing thread and 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 - The parts to make up the pocket

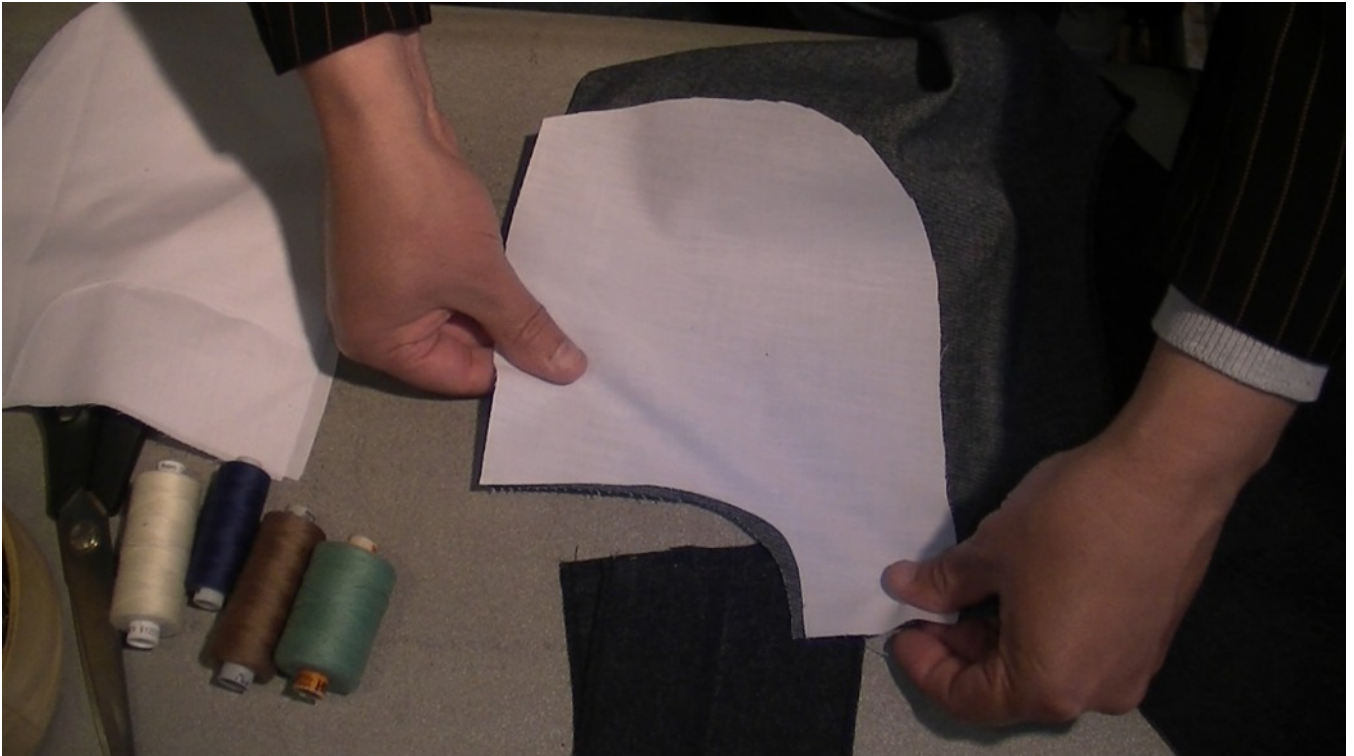
Before we start, lets just recap the parts of the pocket that you will need to create the front pocket. The small pockets positioned within the main front pocket are optional so it is up to you if you want to include these within the pockets themselves. The other parts that you are going to need are the top and bottom bags for both the pockets and the facings. These parts attach to the main front jeans panels so you will need those as well for this stage in the garment make up.



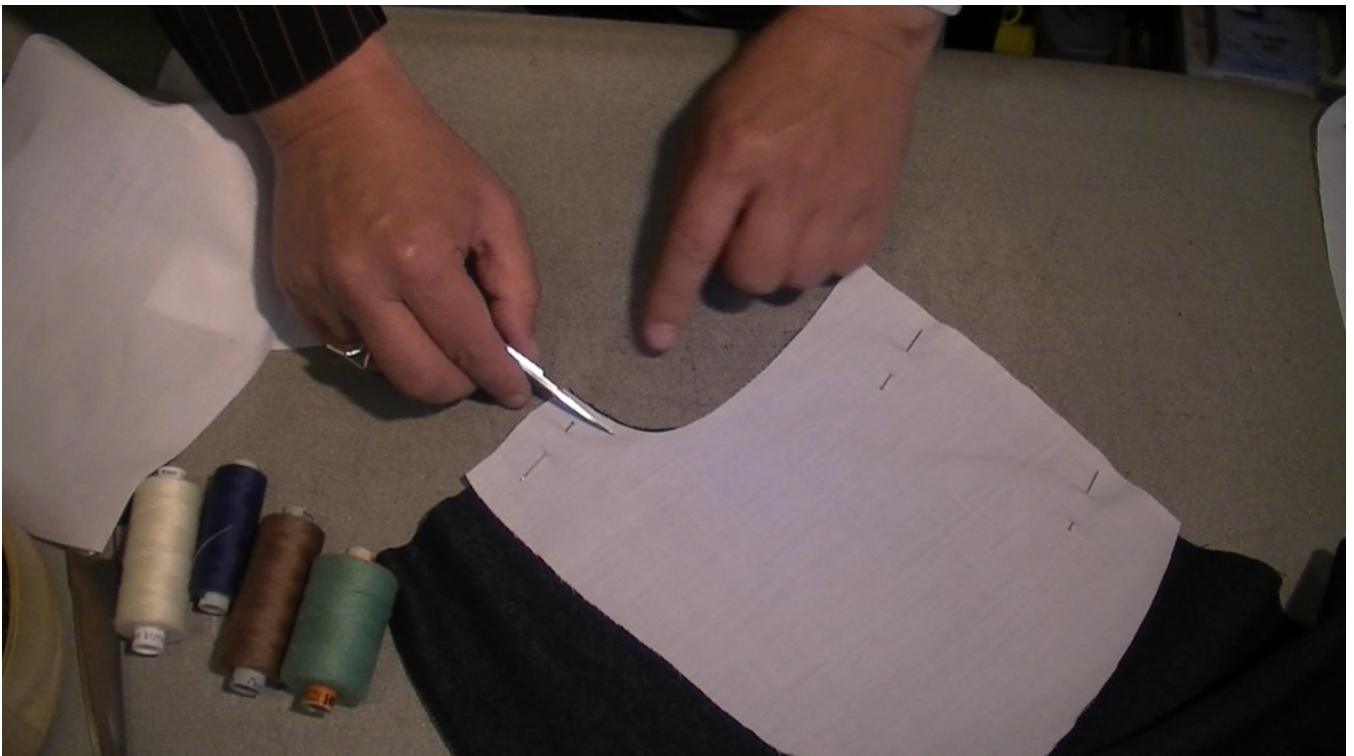
An example of how our pockets will look when they are complete.

Part 2 - Attaching the under bag.

Position the under bag onto the front panel as shown in the image below and pin to set into place. Once you are happy, stitch around the curved section with a 0.5 cm seam allowance to secure. (the seam allowance is very narrow because this will create a nice curve). Stitch with your standard sewing thread for this part.



Place the under bag onto the main front panel.



Position with pins before you sew to secure.

Part 3 - Pressing the under bag.

Once you have stitched around the curve, turn the pocket bag to face the inside of the main front panel and press into place.



Your stitch line should be 0.5 cm allowance as shown in the image above.



Once stitched in place turn the bag to the inside of the main front panel and press to secure.

Part 4 - Creating the small pocket (optional).

Once you have pressed the under bag, discard for now as we will top stitch that later. That brings us over to creating the small pocket, this pocket is an optional part to the jeans design and is up to you if you include this within the make up of your jeans.

As you have already overlocked the sides of the small pocket we will start by creating a rolled seam at the top. This seam needs to be the width of what your top stitching is, the usual width would be about 1 cm. Once you have pressed the rolled seam in place create a double row of top stitching to secure. Remember to use the top stitching thread and colour for this process. We also use a walking foot for a really nice top stitching finish, this foot is however optional as a standard jeans foot will also do the job in hand.



Top stitch with a double row of stitching at the top of the small pocket to secure the rolled seam.



Once top stitched press the sides with a 1 cm seam allowance as shown in the image above.



Once pressed, position the small pockets onto the facings and pin into place to secure ready to be sewn onto the facings. Remember to align the left and right pockets so that they look symmetrical for the left and right facings.

Part 5. Top stitching all the parts.

Now that the small pockets are positioned, top stitch down the sides and also around the curve part of the main front panel securing all parts in place.

After the top stitching process, overlock around the curved part of the facing securing the small pockets and tidying up the raw edges at the same time.

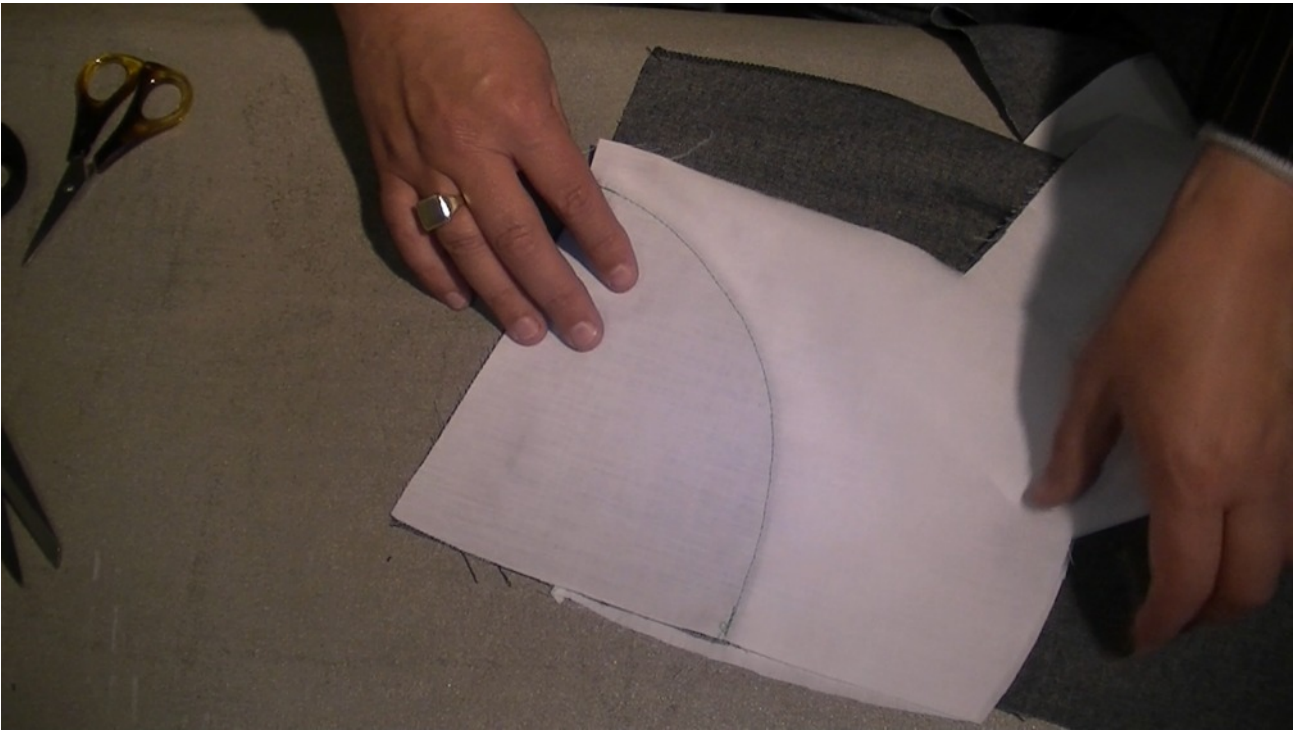


If you have followed part 5 correctly, you should end up with the panels looking like the image above.

Part 6. Positioning the facings.

Pin the facings to the top pocket bag as shown in the image below to secure in place. Once secure and both the left and the right bags are all sitting correct, you can now stitch in place. Use your standard thread for this part to secure in place.





Once stitched in place, you should see a curve of stitching on the wrong side of the pocket bag as shown in the image above.



When turned over the correct way you can lay your top and under bags together to see how they will sit. If all sewn correctly you should have your front pockets resembling what we have in the image above, the only difference would be the colour of your top stitching as this is down to you and your design preference.

In the next exercise, we will finish off the pockets and attach in the first of the rivets around the small pockets.