

# *The Jeans Collection*

## *Video 7 - Creating the front pockets - part 2*

### *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.*
- 8. An awl for creating a hole to where the rivets will be positioned.*
- 8. Rivets set for decoration around the pockets.*
- 9. A small hammer for attaching the rivets in place.*

### *Part 1 - The pockets so far.*

*In the previous exercise we created the front pockets as far as getting them ready to be attached together. We created the top bag with the facings and the small pocket completely and the under bag completely. We*



*An example of how the completed pockets will look.*

## ***Part 2 - Attaching the rivets.***

*For this part we need a small hammer, your rivet set which should consist of rivets and setting in tools and an awl.*

*First create a hole through the top of the small pocket by piercing with an awl. Once the hole is created push through the bottom part of the rivet up through the hole from the back. Be careful that you do not make the hole too big as the rivets will move around or possibly come out. The rivets need to sit snug through the hole.*



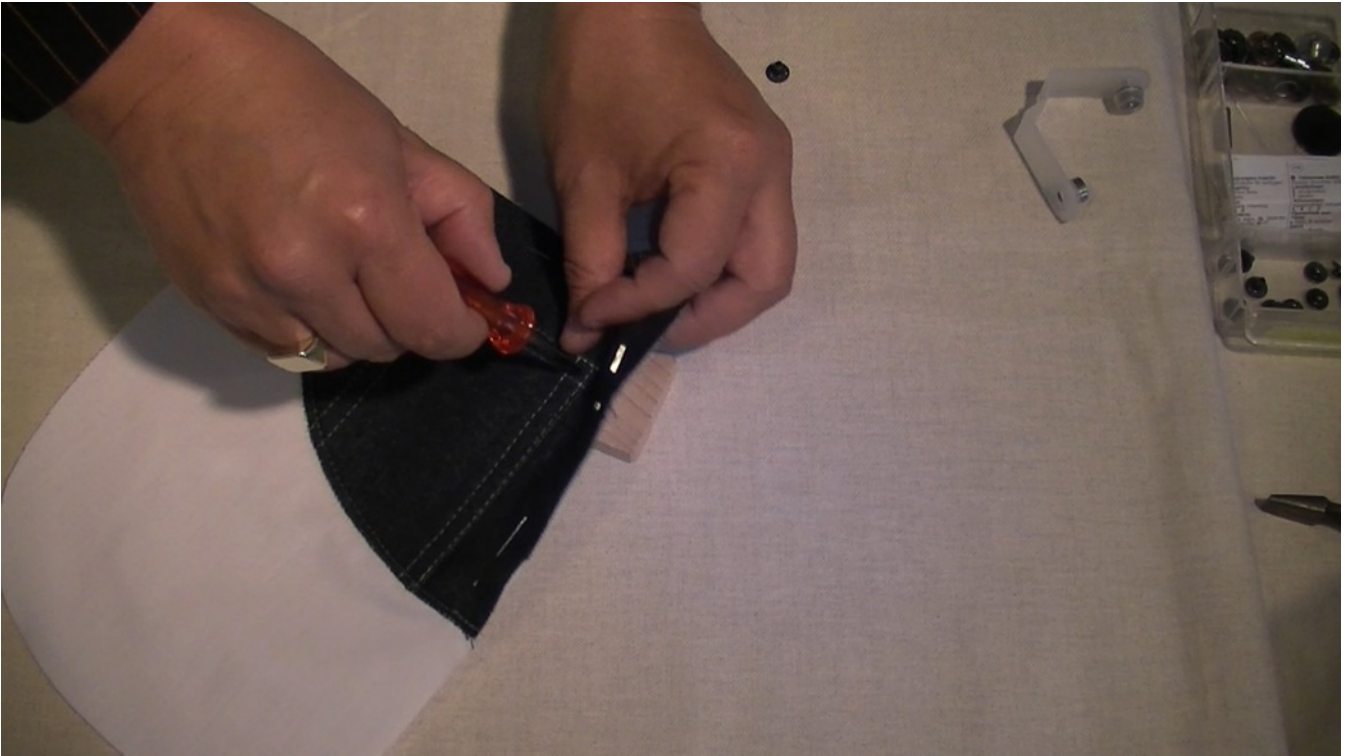
*To create the rivets we need a rivet set consisting of the top and bottom rivets and the setting in tools. They come like this in a pack.*



*To create hole for the rivets to sit in the cloth we need an awl or a sharp implement that can pierce small holes through fabric.*



*Make sure that the facing and the bag are secure so that when the rivets are attached the fabric does not move or distort. This can be done by placing pins around the area of the facing and the bag.*



*Pierce a hole at the top of the small pocket going through all of the layers, be careful that you do not make the hole too big. When the hole is created gently ease the awl back out to reveal a nice small hole.*



*With the hole created push through the bottom part of the rivet up through the hole from the back of the pocket. Position the rivet placement tool on the back of the rivet as shown in the image above.*



*While holding the bottom rivet in place with your fingers, turn the pocket bag over to the right side and position the top rivet onto the bottom rivet. When in position, close the rivet clamp and hammer your rivet in place. A few well positioned blows will secure the rivet in place.*



*A few good hammer blows will secure the rivet in place.*

### ***Part 3 - Attaching the bags together.***

*Jeans pocket bags are always sewn inside out first and then with the second stitch line they are stitched the correct way. This technique traps the raw edges of the pocket bag within itself and keeps a very neat bag. Lay the main front panel flat so you are looking at the wrong side and pull the bag attached to it upwards so it is all laying flat. Position the top bag (with the rivets and small pocket) with the correct side facing you onto the under bag and pin around the curved part and the side ready to be sewn in place.*



*Pin the two bags in place ready to be stitched together.*



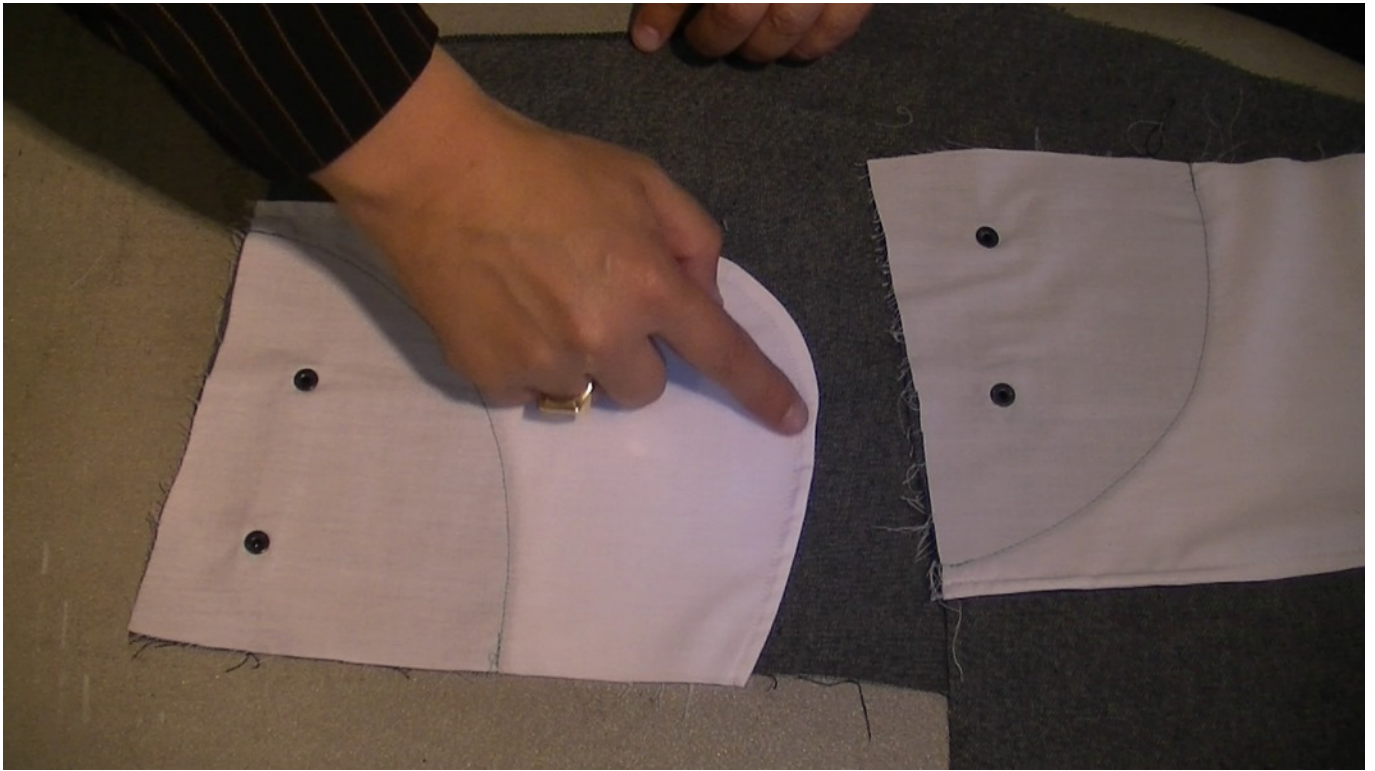
*When positioned correctly, stitch the two bags together starting from the bottom, working around the curve and making your way to the top.*



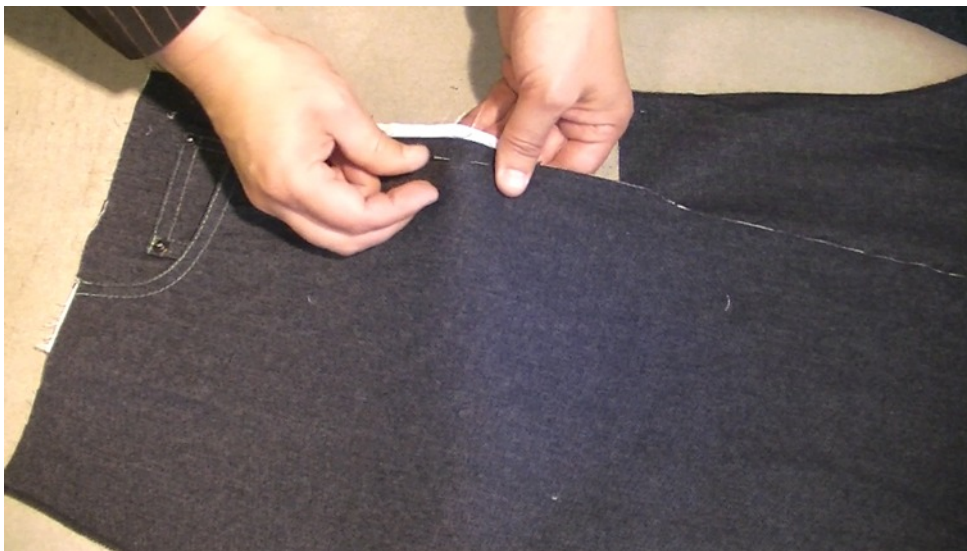
*When you have stitched the two bags together they should look like the image on the left, above. Then trim close to the edge (about 0.5 cm) around the curve to create a nice curved pocket when pressed in place.*



*When the edge of the pocket is trimmed, turn the pocket through to the correct side and roll the edge with your fingers to create a really nice curved pocket. Press the pocket ready for the final row of stitching.*



*Stitch around the bag as shown in the image above. Make sure the stitch line is far away from the edge as to trap all the raw edges inside.*



*When you have securely stitched around the pocket bag, press and pin the pocket bag to the side seams of the main jeans panel as shown in the image to the left. This will then secure the pocket in place ready for when the main panels are attached together later on in the jeans collection.*

*When you have pinned the pocket to the side seams, you can stitch in place at this stage or later on in the jeans collection make up, this is up to you. The image to the right shows how the finished pocket should look.*

