

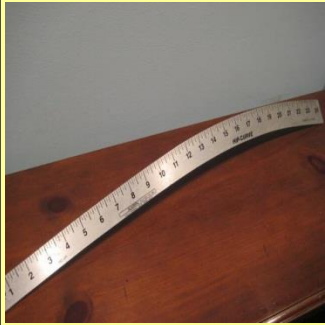




## HEM JEANS

If you follow the steps below, you'll learn how to hem jeans so that they look much like the original. The key is to make the final topstitching  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the bottom edge. This skinny hem is more attractive and looks less like it's been altered.

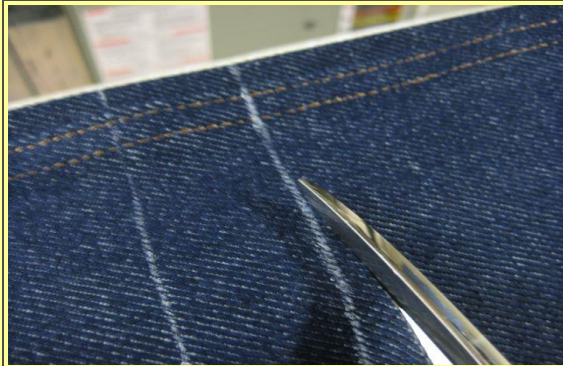
		
Scissors	Heavy Duty Needle	Ruler

	<p><b>STEP ONE:</b> Measure the amount to be shortened Mark that from the bottom up. I make a tailor's chalk line around the entire leg.</p>
	<p><b>STEP TWO:</b> Rip out the old stitching. Note: If the amount you are shortening is greater than <math>1\frac{1}{4}</math>", you can skip this step.</p>



#### STEP THREE:

Mark  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " *down* from the chalk hem line to get your cutting line. Mark all the way around the leg. Use sleeve board for accuracy.



#### STEP FOUR:

Cut along this *bottom* chalk line. Now each leg has a line marking the new hem line. The  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " becomes your hem allowance.



#### STEP FIVE:

Fold the hem allowance along the chalk line toward the inside of the pants. Press well.



#### STEP SIX:

The  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " hem needs to be folded in half again, around  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge. This hides the raw edges inside the hem. Press. Then fold this hem allowance up once on the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " fold line and again on the  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " fold line. Press.



#### STEP SEVEN:

Stitch about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom edge. As shown here, the stitching is done on the outside. If you feel more comfortable, do this with the jeans inside out.



#### STEP EIGHT:

Your finished jean hem will look like this. Use jean thread and a jean needle for best results. You may also need a hump jumper when stitching over those thick inseams and outseams.