

# From an old pair of jeans to a stylish skirt



## YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 old pair of jeans
- 1 old gathered skirt or a non-gathered skirt or a strip of fabric (at your chosen depth) that's a minimum of 5 times as long as the width of the jeans hem once they are cut in to the skirt base (or longer, if you want more gather).
- Sewing machine
- Scissors
- Threads
- Trims and embellishments to decorate (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

**A**

Mark a line just above the crotch point of your jeans.



**B**

Follow this around to the back of the jeans, taking care to shape the line around the base of the pockets on the back and leaving at least 2cm below the pockets in order to attach them to skirt base.



**C**

Cut along this line. (If you want to make the denim flower, keep the legs)



**D**

If you're using a gathered skirt, place the skirt in to the hem of jeans and move around until you're happy with the fit.

You may need to cut the waistband off the skirt until you get a perfect fit or, if it's too wide for the hem of the denim skirt, run a gathering stitch along the top of the gathered skirt and gather until it fits.



## INSTRUCTIONS

**E**

If you're using a strip of fabric, join the two short edges of the strip together to make a circle.

If you require a neat stitched hem on the finished skirt, hem one side of the fabric circle now. If not, leave to fray.

Then run a gathering stitch all the way along the other edge of the strip, gather until it fits into the hem of the jeans skirt, then pin.



**F**

Sew the gathered skirt into the jeans skirt hem about 1.25 cm from the denim edge, taking care not to catch the front pocket bags in with your stitching if you want to keep the pockets functional.

You can use the same coloured thread as the jeans or choose a bright one for a contrasting effect.



**G**

Wash the skirt so the denim hem-line frays to give a funky effect. You could even add a handmade denim rose (see other guide).

