

LESSON 5: 'Tis the Season: Christmas Stockings from Jeans

Trace shape from another Christmas stocking or draw your own pattern on newspaper. Cut out.

Open the leg of jean legs next to the inseam. Refer to the diagram for the placement of the pattern on the back leg of the jeans, place pattern on jeans, with the top edge of the pattern at the top of the waistband.* Be sure there is at least ½" or more from the edge of the pocket to the edge of the sock. Pin pattern to jeans. Using pinking shears or pinking edge on rotary cutter cut around the pattern for the front of the sock.

Turn pattern over and position lower on the leg (if wide enough) and cut out back of sock.

*If pocket is not desired, or is damaged, place pattern elsewhere on undamaged area of jeans.

Decoration:

If contrasting toe and heel are desired, cut pieces from small print or contrasting color. Top stitch in place on right side of front of sock.

Add braid, ball fringe or appliqués to decorate the front of the sock. Appliqués can be made by pressing fusible web to the wrong side of print fabric and cutting the desired shape. Remove paper backing from web and press with a warm iron to attach it to the sock.

Add a loop to the top back of the sock for hanging. This can be made from bias tape or cord.

Supplies needed for this lesson:

- Good backs of denim legs
- Sock pattern
- Coordinating fabric scraps
- Thread
- Fusible web, optional
- Scraps of trim: braid, ball fringe, rick rack

Equipment needed:

- Sewing machine
- Pins
- Fabric shears
- Iron and ironing board
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat (optional)
- Pinking shears or rotary pinking cutter
- Jeans needles for sewing machine

Put wrong sides of sock together and stitch with a straight stitch, 1/4" from the edge.

Optional: *put small Christmas ornament or hanky in the pocket. *put length of belt or cording through belt loops.

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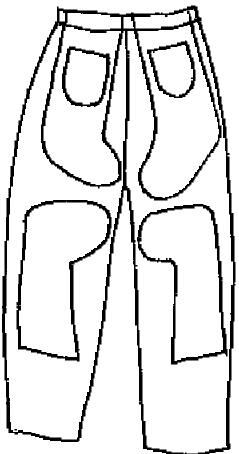


Diagram for cutting Christmas stocking from jeans.

