



# How to Make More Room in Your Skinny Jeans

## Pockets (Hand Sewn)

This guide will help demonstrate sewing an extension on a pair of skinny jeans to make the pocket larger.

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## INTRODUCTION

Skinny jeans are a very popular style of jeans, loved by both men and women. But, this doesn't mean that they don't have their flaws. The average pocket size on a pair of skinny jeans is very small.

Because of their popularity, they need to be functional in everyday life and be able to hold necessities like a phone or wallet.

This step-by-step guide will help you add the much-needed space in your favorite pair of skinny jeans. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or an expert, this will grow your sewing skills.



### TOOLS:

- [Hand Sewing Needle](#) (1)

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- [Sewing Thread](#) (1)
  - [Fabric Scissors](#) (1)
  - [Ruler](#) (1)
  - [Fabric Marker](#) (1)
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## Step 1 — Flipping the pocket



- Flip the pants inside out to reveal the pockets that you will be extending.

## Step 2 — Opening the Pocket



- Using your fabric scissors, cut the bottom of the pocket open. Cut above the original stitching and preserve as much of the original pocket as possible.

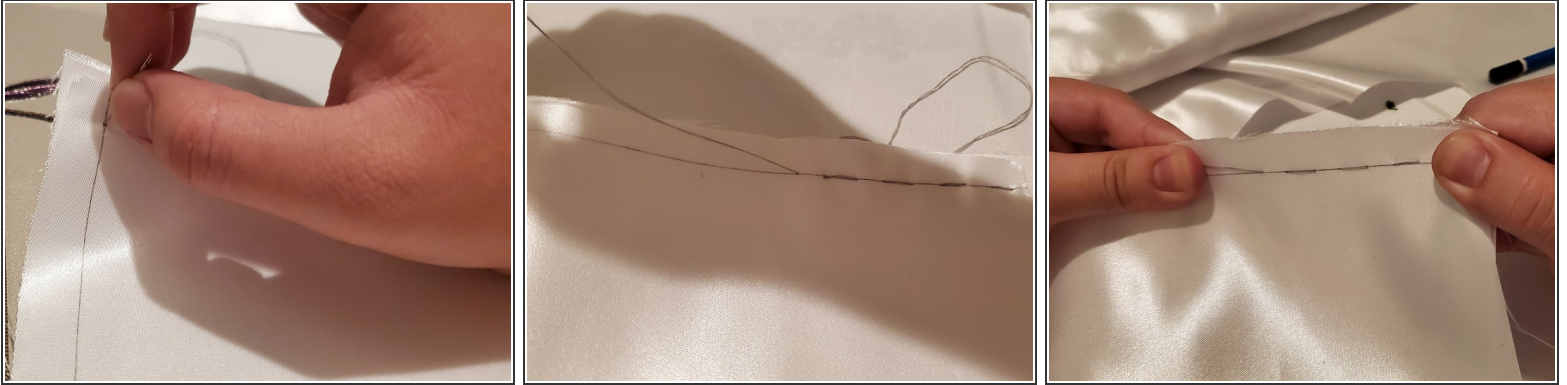



### Step 3 — Preparing to sew the Extension



- Before cutting your fabric, measure the length of the fabric you want to extend.
- Measure the length and width of the original pocket. Write these measurements down.
  - Add one inch to the length ( $L+1\text{in}$ ) and do the same for the width ( $W+1\text{in}$ ).
  - Next, double the width for your final calculation  $(W+1) * 2$ .
- Take your piece of fabric and trace your measurements onto the material.
- ⓘ It may be easier to fold the large piece of fabric in half, so you only have to trace and cut once.
- Ensure your two cut pieces of fabric are the same size.
- In order to make sure that the pocket will be successful, align the piece of cloth to the pocket. If the measurements are accurate fold your piece in half where the fold is the bottom. Pin the cloth to the bottom of the original pocket and the sides as well.

## Step 4 — Stitching the Pocket Extension



- Fold the two cut pieces in half widthwise. For designed fabric, make sure the dull side is facing you.
  - Mark a line half an inch above the raw edge on the bottom side and the side opposite of the fold.
  - Take your needle and thread and sew along your marked lines. Keep the stitches small and close together for durability.
-  Thread size will vary.
- Once you have finished stitching, be sure to tie a knot.

## Step 5 — Stitching the Pockets Together



- After you have completed your stitching, check to make sure your new pockets are secure. There should only be one opening in each pocket.
- Flip the new pockets inside out to hide the stitching and expose the outside pattern. On your original pocket, mark a straight line a half an inch above the raw edge.
- Take your two new pocket squares and place them inside the old pockets with the opening matching the old pockets.
- Stitch the new pocket together by going along your marked line on the original pocket.

**⚠ Avoid stitching the opening shut by only joining one original layer and one new layer all around your pocket.**

- Once finished, pull your new pocket downwards and make sure it is attached tightly.
- ① You can use a clothes iron to iron the pocket if you want it to be flatter.

Once you have finished, you can now flip your pants back out and test your new pockets.