



# MAKE-YOUR-OWN JEANS ORGANISER

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Lots of old jeans with pockets
- Good fabric scissors
- Trouser hanger
- Needle and thread, pins
- Sewing machine (optional)



## STEP 1. GATHER YOUR JEANS

Gather your jeans and decide which ones you want to use. Find torn jeans in charity shop, mix up the denim, or keep to the same colour.



## STEP 2. THE BASE

Start with the base of the organiser. Try to use a larger pair of jeans and incorporate the waistband and front two pockets to save you time, to create less waste and for durability.



## STEP 3. CUT

Cut the legs from from the jeans and cut up the seam at the crotch to allow the fabric to sit flat.



## STEP 4. FLATTEN

Lay one side over the other to create an almost flat rectangle shape. The seams are the hardest to cut through so avoid if at all possible two seams overlapping that will need sewing.



## STEP 5. POCKETS

Now the fun bit! Start cutting pockets from other jeans laying them in place before you make your final decision and pin in place. Make sure to allow extra fabric around the pockets for the seams when sewing.



## STEP 6. MARK YOUR SEW-LINE

Use a ruler and a piece of chalk to mark the sewing line. Make sure this line is such that you don't cut too close to the pockets!



## STEP 7. PIN

Fold and pin your pockets to the jeans.



## STEP 8. SEW

Using a sewing machine, or you can sew by hand, start sewing the pockets in place first.



## STEP 9. EXTRA SEWING TIPS

Sew at a slow pace on your machine as the denim can be bulky. When you are sewing over seams use the hand wheel on the sewing machine as opposed to the foot pedal. This gives you more control.



## STEP 10. BACKING

Taking some extra fabric create a backing for the organiser. This is optional. You could just use what you have but the backing makes it more durable and gives you more storage.



## STEP 11. CUT & SEW BACKING

Cut the fabric slightly larger than the jeans panel (this allows for seams when sewing). Sew a 1 inch hem along the top, as it will be slightly visible.



## STEP 12. PIN & SEW

Place the lining fabric on top of the jeans panel with right sides facing. Pin in place. Fold and pin your pockets to the jeans. Take to sewing machine and sew the two pieces together.



## STEP 13. TRIM

Trim off the excess fabric at the seam and turn right side out.



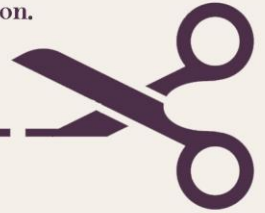
## STEP 14. HANG

Using a trouser hanger attach the organiser and hang in place.



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