

Hems



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Stitches & Tips

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There seems to be an aversion to hemming pants or other pieces. They are not difficult to do if you have the right tools, knowledge and the patience. You will need someone to help you with marking.

There is the **fusible bond** tape if you are seeking only a temporary hem. It tends to come out in the wash and



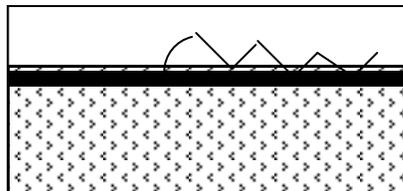
Jeans are a knowledge of their own when it comes to hemming. There are “quick” ways to hem jeans, but, if you want your jeans looking original, they are not suggested.

1. Mark your jeans where you want them hemmed and have someone else help you pin where you want them to “break” .
2. Make another mark 1/2” BELOW where you want them to break. This is your cutting line.
3. Cut evenly across (I use tailor’s chalk and ruler).
4. Press a 1/4” fold where jeans were trimmed. Press again another 1/4” fold. You have you hem line now.
5. Using a needle made for denim in your machine, sew 1/8” straight stitch beginning at a side seam and continue around.
6. A helpful tool is the lifter from Dritz shown to the left. It helps your presser foot go over the seam and not break your needle.



Blind Hem— A stitch suitable for any fabric but particularly for hemming fabrics where a hidden hem is difficult to achieve, such as knits and wool.

1. Fold the hem edge back about 1/4”.
2. Take a small stitch in the garment.
3. Take the next stitch ahead in the hem.
4. Continue, alternating stitches between the hem and garment.



Whip Stitch— A simple flowing stitch used for holding fabric seams together or for hemming.

Place the two edges together. Take the stitches from back to front, close to the fold and close together.

