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Angela Wolf shows us how to hem jeans the professional way.



Hem your jeans the professional way ...

- **Supplies:**

- Sewing Machine Needle:
 - Denim Needle size 90/14 or Topstitching Needle size 90/14
- Thread options - try to match the color of the original hem
 - Jean thread
 - Topstitch thread
 - 2 spool of the same color – thread the machine as if you had one thread (both threads go thru the needle)
- Use regular Polyester or Cotton thread in the bobbin
- Extra folded piece of fabric to lay under presser foot for a steady and even stitch
- Hammer

- **Techniques:**

- Sewing Machine Stitch Length
 - 4.0 and higher – run a sample piece of fabric thru the machine with the topstitching thread to test color and length.

- **Steps:**

- Mark your hem - let's say you need to hem your jeans 1".
 - Rip out existing hem.
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- Fold fabric, right sides together. Using the original stitch line as a guide: measure up half of the total length you need to hem (in our case 1/2") and press. (see picture)



- Using 100% polyester thread and a stitch length of 3.0 sew 1/8" away from the original stitch line.



- Trim cut off extra fabric, leaving 1/4" seam allowance.
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- Now your old hem should just fold under leaving you with the original stitch line to follow.



- Hammer the entire hem, especially at the side seams where you now have 4 layers of fabric. This will allow you to sew thru all those layers without skipped stitches.
- With "right sides" up, topstitch along the original stitch line.



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