

Jean Backpack Instructions

Step 1. Lay the jeans on a flat surface. Cut out the largest portion of the leg to use for the backpack.
(Jeans with large legs work the best for this project).



2. Turn the pant leg inside out.



3. The widest part of the leg is the bottom of the backpack. Pin this end and stitch it together.



4. Create points on either side of the stitched edge. Sew across the pointed end to create a square bottom for the bag.



5. Cut the excess fabric off of each pointed end.



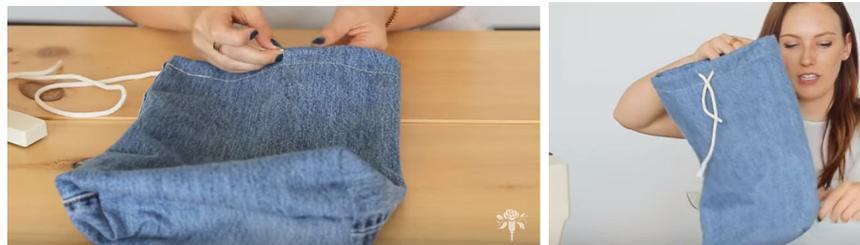
6. Turn the project right side out. It should look like the picture.



7. Turn inside out. Fold over the top edge $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Then fold again $1\frac{1}{4}$ " to create the opening for the drawstring. Stitch close to the inside fold.



8. Turn the backpack right side out. Cut two slits in the top for the drawstring to go. Insert the drawstring.



9. Take the other leg of the jeans and cut out big, long strips (4" wide) for the straps of the backpack.



10. Fold the long, wide piece in half and then fold in the edges. Pin and sew close to the edge. Repeat to make the second strap.



11. Cut out a tongue shape with the remaining pant legs for the flap.



12. Hem around the edge of the flap. (Or use the serger to finish the edge) Leave the top unstitched.



13. Cut out a belt loop from the jeans.



14. Assemble the parts of the backpack.
Place the bag with the top flat on the table. Place the straps along the top of the bag as pictured.



15. Place the belt loop in between the straps as pictured.



16. Place the raw edge of the tongue flap on top of the straps. Pin in place.



17. Sew inside the bag to attach the straps and the flap..



18. Pin the bottom of the straps to the bottom of the bag.



19. Sew the straps to the bag.



20. Attach patches or pockets from the jeans.

