



Grace's Convertible Capri Jeans

Grace's Jump-Up Jeans – Turn a pair of jeans (especially ones with worn hems) into a pair of convertible capri pants. These fashionable, flirty capris include several length options for any kind of weather or activity, like bike riding.

Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies:

- Baby Lock Grace Sewing Machine
- Pair of jeans
- Iron and ironing board
- All-purpose thread to match
- 14 buttons
- ½ yard cotton fabric
- 1/2 yard of ½" wide ribbon
- Fabric Glue or Steam-a-Seam 2 Fusible web
- Hand needle
- Scissors
- Tape Measure
- Ruler
- Pins
- Chalk
- Friend to measure you

Instructions:

1. Try on the jeans; have a friend mark a chalk line on the jeans for the desired length for the capris.

NOTE: You cannot achieve accurate measurements on yourself; as you bend down the measurement will change. Having a friend help will take only a few minutes and will give you the opportunity to tell them about your project!

2. With the jeans on a flat surface, use the chalk and ruler to draw a solid line for cutting ½" below the mark across both legs.

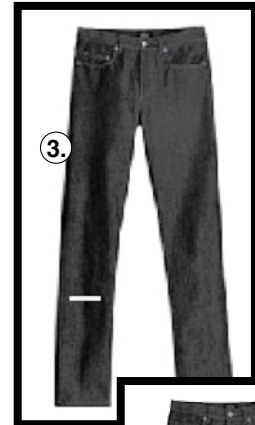
3. Cut the legs off at capri length.

4. Fold the cotton fabric wrong side out so you have four layers.

5. Lay the leg down on the wrong side of the cotton fabric. Trace the leg shape on the cotton fabric using the chalk.

6. Trace up the leg 6".

7. Cut ½" outside the traced lines on all sides. This is for the seam allowance.



8. Thread the Baby Lock Grace sewing machine with all-purpose thread.
9. Stitch the side seams of two of the cotton leg pieces together forming a tube shape.
10. Fold over ½" and press the top edge of the cotton piece.
11. Pin the lower cut end of the jeans leg and the cotton leg piece right sides together. Stitch the lower leg using a ½" seam allowance.
12. Turn the jeans wrong side out; press.
13. Glue or fuse (following the manufacturer's instructions) the upper edge of the cotton piece to the inside of the jeans leg.
14. Repeat for the other leg. Turn the jeans right side out. Fold up and press the lower edge 3" to form the cuff.

15. Stitch 5 buttons to each leg, 3 on each denim side and 2 on each cuff. To sew the buttons by machine, attach the button fitting foot M (Figure 1), select stitch 05, and lower the feed dog on the machine.

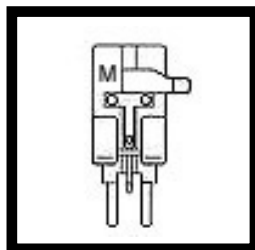


Fig. 1

16. Place the button into the button fitting foot (Figure 2).

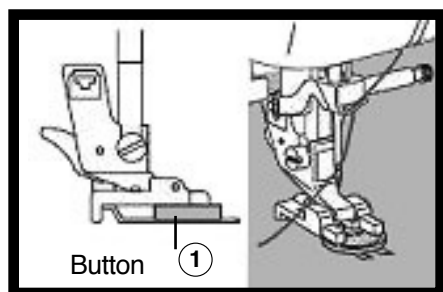


Fig. 2

17. Adjust the stitch width, and turn the handwheel to check if the needle enters into each hole in the button. Lower the foot to hold the button in place. The holes in the button should align with the slot of the foot.
18. On a four-hole button, stitch the two holes closest to you first and then slide the button so the needle aligns with the remaining holes (Figure 3). Stitch several times.

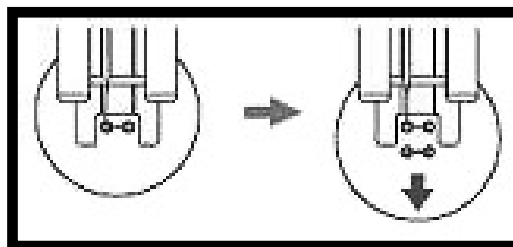


Fig. 3

19. Repeat this process until all the buttons on the legs are secure. Remember to raise the feed dog after sewing.
20. To embellish the pockets, cut two strips of ribbon the length of the pocket plus 1". Fold the ends of the ribbon under and glue or fuse (following the manufacturer's instructions) the ribbon to the top of the back pockets.
21. Using a hand needle and thread or fabric glue, place a button on both ends of the ribbon.



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