



Technique:	Sewing, Repurposing
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Skill Level:	Beginner
Crafting Time:	An Evening
Finished size:	Custom

Featuring Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP®

Kids grow taller faster than they grow wider, so if you've got a child with high-water jeans, cut them off and fashion a new ruffy skirt. Or, if that's not the case, shop your favorite thrift store for a fun pair of jeans.

Supplies

- Coats & Clark Dual Duty XP® All-purpose Thread
- One pair of jeans
- ½ yd (45.72cm) print ruffle fabric
- ¾ yd (68.58cm) pre-gathered eyelet, 3" (7.62cm) wide
- 1½ yds (1.37m) grosgrain ribbon, ¾" (.95cm) wide

Cutting

1. Pin together the jeans front and back along the lower waistband. Mark a line about 1½" (3.81cm) below the fly front opening and an even distance from the lower waistband edge across the jeans front. Cut on the line through both layers. For some sizes, you will be cutting through the front and/or back pockets.
2. Measure the circumference of the lower cut edge. Multiply by three and add 1" (2.54cm) for seams. This is the cut width of the fabric ruffle, piecing as needed. For example, if the lower edge measures 22" (55.88cm), the ruffle needs to be the desired height by 67" (170.18cm).
3. The ruffle length is determined by personal preference for the finished skirt length, including the jeans section. The featured ruffle was cut 7" (17.78cm) long.

Seam allowances are ¼" (.64cm).

Assemble the Skirt

1. Cut the ribbon into four equal lengths. Fold the jeans in half matching the side seam and center front and make a quarter mark on both sides. With right sides together and matching edges, baste a ribbon to each front marking lower edge.
2. With right sides together, baste the eyelet header to the lower skirt edge, leaving 1" (2.54cm) free at the starting edge and stopping 1" (2.54cm) from the starting point. Make a seam in the eyelet and trim off the excess. Finish basting the unattached portion. Note that the ribbon is between the jeans and the eyelet.
3. Baste another ribbon section over the first two on the eyelet wrong side.
4. Seam the ruffle as needed to create the required finished size. Press under a narrow double hem at the lower ruffle edge and topstitch. Sew a double gathering line around the top of the ruffle edge. Fold the ruffle into quarters and pin-mark.
5. Matching the quarter marks to the jeans side, center back and center front seams, draw up the gathering threads so the ruffle fits the jeans lower edge and fullness is evenly distributed. Stitch in place and finish the seam. Note that the ribbons are under the ruffle so be careful not to catch the loose ends in the seam.

Finishing

1. Press the ruffle seam toward the jeans, and topstitch if desired.
2. Tie the ribbons in a bow to draw up the eyelet. Trim the ribbon ends if needed.



