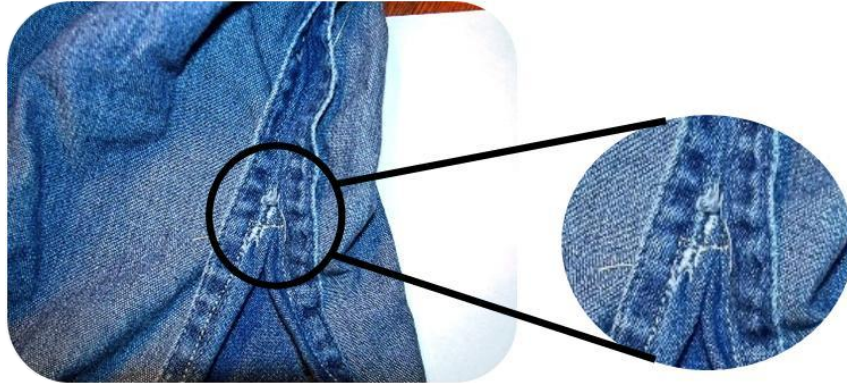


DIY Skirt Slit Repair

(This particular remedy works best when you have a straight slit that does not overlap.)

#1: If you ever wear skirts, you've had it happen: The dreaded skirt slit rip! Well, today I am going to remedy this once and for all, and you CAN too. Shame on any rip that gets by THIS fix!!

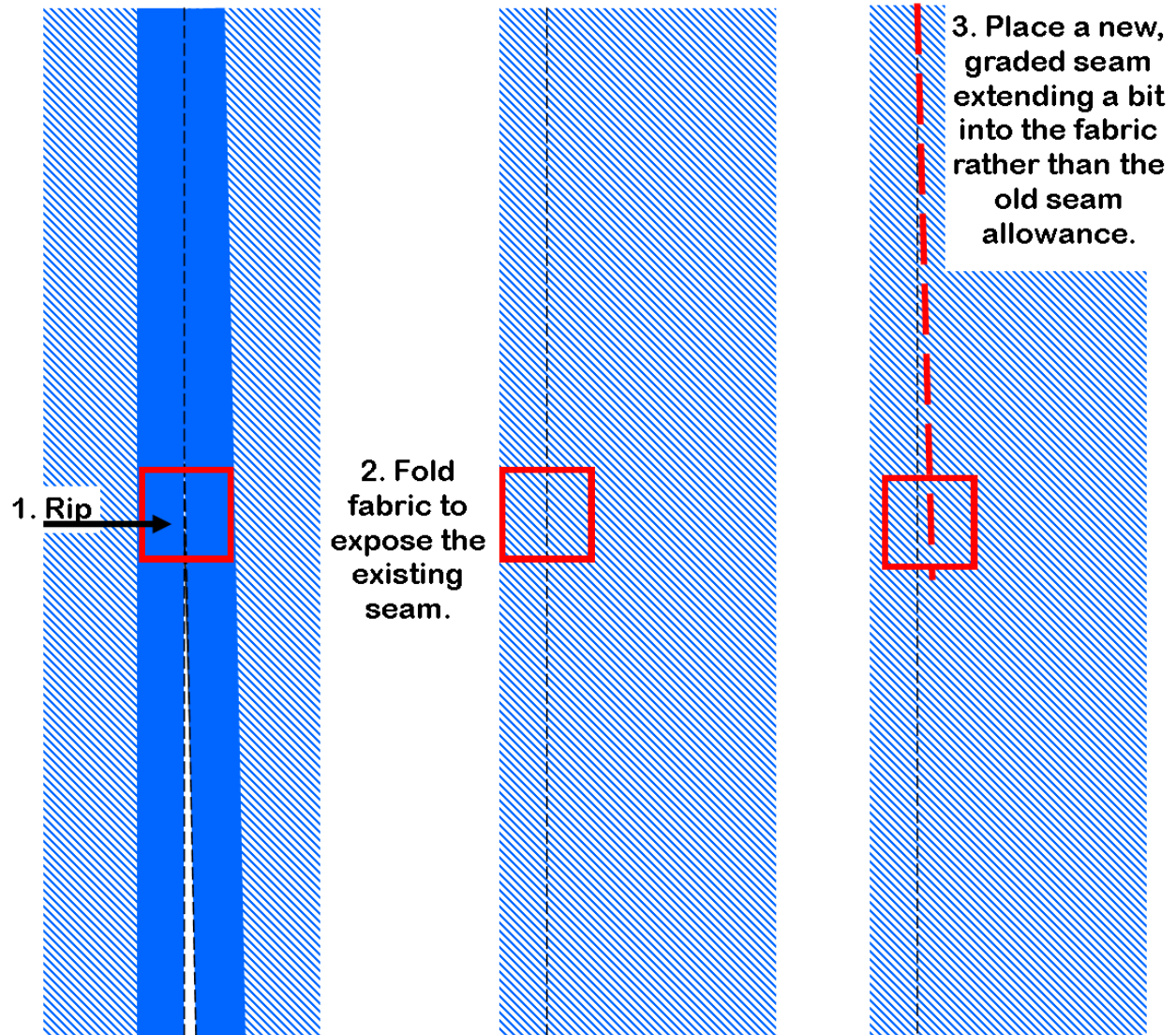


#2: You will need a scrap of fabric to at least coordinate with the skirt you intend to fix. I am fixing a jean skirt here so I have an old scrap or denim.



#3: Before we can patch and prevent future rips we need to mend the current rip as best we can. The best way is to **decrease** the side seam just slightly in order to hide the rip in the seam. All this means is that you are going to start a little bit higher than the rip, at the existing seam, and stitch as if you were reinforcing the seam but allowing the seam allowance to become more wide (further into the fabric) as you go until you have passed the rip. (Remember to LOCK the beginning and ending of the seam.)

With the skirt in-side-out:



#4: Roll the existing slit's hem a little bit past where it is currently. Do this in a **graded fashion** (*more at the bottom and gradually less and less until there is nothing left to change and the adjustment effortlessly runs into the manufactured seam*) so that the existing seam will be minimally affected. Press it, pin it, and stitch it in place.

Top stitch (as shown below) to frame the new slit.



#5: Prepare the patch. Since I am using denim I am going to both zigzag **and** add a line of straight stitch inside of that to prevent fraying. If you are using material that is not as prone to fray the zigzag is likely sufficient.



#6: Pin the patch to the inside of the skirt at the top of the slit as shown.



#7: Stitch the patch to the skirt in a reinforced box pattern.



#8: Here it is from the outside.



#9: Here it is — The very sturdy, finished product!



Join us in an upcoming blog to learn how to fill in skirt slits that are **too revealing** while still leaving room to walk!