

“Refashion Your Wardrobe” – refashioning old jeans into runway ready apparel

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This is one of the hottest trends for fall denim and now you can refashion old jeans into runway ready apparel.

You'll need:

Jeans

Fancy fabric like brocade

Upholstery fabric

Thick cotton, or heavy twill



((STEP 1 – Measure and Cut))

First, measure the length from the hip to the just below the knee where you would like the accent piece to start.

Then measure from the knee to the floor or how long you would like to make these pair of pants. Wearing them with heels you will want to add a little bit of extra length.

From the jeans, cut at the knee or wherever you want the fancy fabric to start. Save your denim scraps for another project.

From your fancy fabric, cut the length that you would like from the knee to the floor.

((STEP 2 – Cutting Fabric Embellishment Piece))

To get the circumference of the leg, use using the scrap piece to measure the size by laying the fancy fabric around the scrap piece to get the width, mark it, and give yourself a small seam allowance. You don't want this part to be too large or it will gap or be too small.

Next, depending on the width of the leg, this is your chance to make it a wider leg or if you want a more tapered look you can narrow the leg, cut the fancy fabric leaving seam allowance.

((STEP 3 - SEWING))

Sew up the side of fancy fabric.

With the right sides together, pin the edges of the denim leg and fancy fabric together and sew around the knee.

TOP TIP: use a basting stitch first just to make sure it fits properly.

Turn the leg right side out

Try them on for fit and if it's fabulous...Do the same with the second leg.

Depending on your length, you can turn it in and top stitch for a quick hem. If your fabric doesn't fray you can leave the raw edge as is.

There you have it, old jeans with a new life and this falls hottest trend in denim!

((STEP 4 – ALTERNATE IDEAS for DENIM))

Another great trend this fall is the frayed edge and feather hem...which are easy to do!

For both, cut the length just above the ankle. For the frayed look cut 1" up into the denim and brush to fray OR toss in the washing machine for best results.

For the feathers, zig zag stitch or serge your raw edge denim, pin on the feather and top stitch.

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Jane Monzures is a crafter with contagious enthusiasm, with a rip-it-apart and remake it sense of humor, and a bigger is better attitude all on the rocks with a twist and olives!

Jane coined the term “UpCrafting” as her passion to refashion, refurbish, recreate and reuse sweeps the nation. She was repurposing before repurposing was cool. Jane helps you find your creativity, showing you how to improve your life thru UpCrafting, she enjoys sharing savvy DIY trends, back-to-the-basics crafting tips, money-saving Home Ec hacks, and aims to inspire everyone to make something.

“Crafting, sewing, creating and designing are lifelong passions. I see UpCrafting opportunities everywhere: the thrift store, closets, attics, and storage rooms...anywhere old stuff lurks I’ll grab it and give it a new life. My mission is to inspire people who don’t typically craft, to make something because there is no better satisfaction than when you do-it-yourself.”

Jane is a national television and radio personality. She is a lifestyle host on WGN-TV *Living Healthy Chicago* and on WGN- Radio, and is the host of *Creative Living* on Yurview TV. She has been featured as a DIY UpCrafting expert on NBC’s TODAY show, Create & Craft TV USA, FOX’s Good Day Live, ABC’s Windy City Live, WCIU’s You & Me This Morning, FOX 17 Morning Mix Grand Rapids, Peachtree TV Atlanta, and ENJOY Magazine.

This is no “Plain Jane”; she is the crafty, modern domestic diva who is clever and inventive in all aspects of her life. See more great UpCrafting ideas from Jane at www.DIYbyJane.com and connect with her on FACEBOOK, TWITTER and INSTAGRAM @JaneMonzures and Subscribe to her YouTube Channel DIYbyJaneMonzures