

CHEERS FOR THE RED, WHITE, & BLUE!

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The knees of my favorite comfy jeans finally gave out, but I just couldn't bear to get rid of them...so...I redesigned them into an equally comfy skirt! Add our stylized flag and contrast topstitching and show off your American pride!



Supplies You'll Need:

- Pfaff creative Embroidery Machine
- Free download [JulyFourth.vip](#)
- Your favorite almost-worn-out jeans
- Rayon embroidery thread for design
- Sulky 12-weight for topstitching (if desired)
- Sewing thread to match denim/pants
- Stabilizer
- Temporary spray adhesive

Let's Get Started:

1. Put on your jeans and mark where you want the finished length of your newly styled skirt. Add 1" and cut off the bottom of the legs at this point. The leg pieces will become the insets at the center, bottom front and back of your skirt.

2. If your jeans are fairly new, you should use a fabric marker to draw a line around the outside of the pockets for ease in reattaching pockets after embroidery. Mine were faded enough that when I removed the pockets, a perfect outline was left for repositioning!
3. Remove the back pockets from your jeans.
4. With a fabric marker, draw intersecting horizontal and vertical placement lines through the center of the pocket.
5. Hoop a piece of stabilizer and spray with temporary adhesive.
6. Position pocket on stabilizer, aligning marked lines with notches on hoop (Hint: If your pockets are small enough and you position carefully, you can embroider both pockets without rehooping!)
7. Select embroidery design and center over intersecting marks on pockets.
8. Embroider both pockets. Remove from hoop, remove all stabilizer.
9. “Unsew” the center leg seam, the center front crotch seam up to about 1” from the bottom of the zipper and the center back crotch seam up to approximately the hipline. Leave the upper hip area and waist area completely untouched.
10. Reattach pockets. Topstitch with contrast thread if desired.
11. Press under the existing seam allowance on all raw edges (except the bottom).
12. Lay your “skirt” on a large flat surface and smooth all raw edges so the skirt lays flat. The curved seams will naturally want to lay flat, so just smooth them as they tend to go (see photos).



13. Unsew one seam of the leftover leg pieces. Position leg pieces under the “v” openings on the front and back of the skirt. Note that the back of my skirt created a wider opening that required the use of one seamed leg piece, while the front was narrow enough to use a piece with no seam. Pin in place.
14. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ ” and $\frac{1}{4}$ ” from folded edges to attach all layers together. On inside, trim excess fabric approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ ” from seamline.
15. Put on skirt and mark finished hemlength, evening up ragged edges as needed. Add 1” for hem. Turn up a double $\frac{1}{2}$ ” hem and topstitch in place.