

🧵 Upcycled Denim Bag Dispenser Tutorial (Start to Finish)

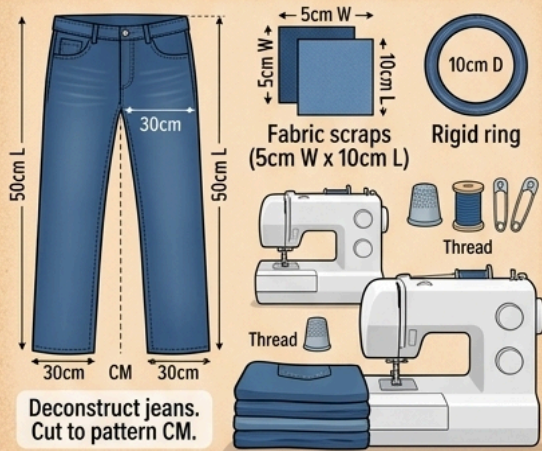
Turn an old pair of jeans into a practical and stylish plastic bag dispenser. This step-by-step guide follows the structure of the diagram and explains everything clearly so anyone can complete the project from beginning to end.

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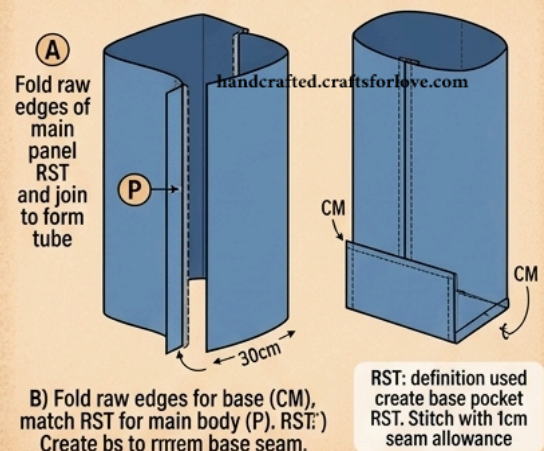
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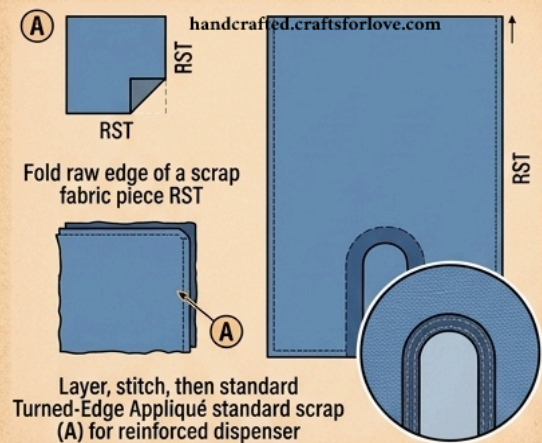
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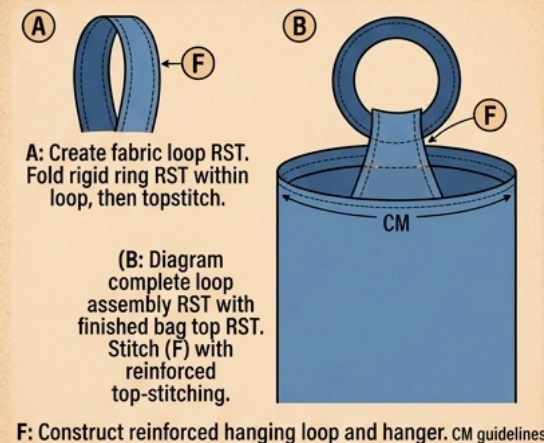
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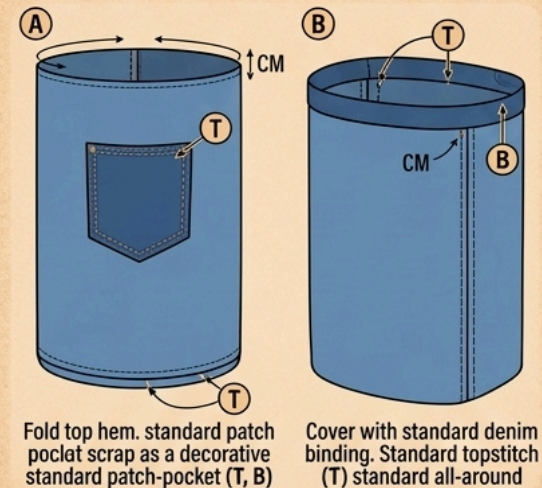
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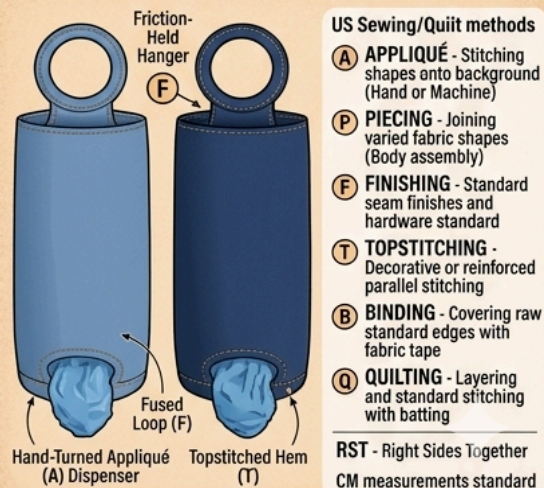
4. CONSTRUCT LOOP & HANGER (F)



5. ATTACH POCKET & FINISHING (T, B)



6. PROJECT REVIEW & US METHOD LEGEND



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Step 1: Gather Materials & Prepare Pattern

Materials You'll Need

- 1 pair of old jeans (adult size works best)
- Fabric scraps (at least 5 in wide × 10 in long)
- 1 rigid ring (about 4 in / 10 cm diameter)
- Sewing machine (or hand sewing needle)
- Thread (matching or contrasting)
- Pins or clips
- Fabric scissors
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Safety pins (optional, for turning fabric)
- Iron (optional but helpful)

Cutting the Fabric

1. Lay your jeans flat.
2. Cut two rectangular panels from the legs:
 - Each should be about **12 in (30 cm) wide × 20 in (50 cm) tall**.
3. Cut additional scraps:
 - Small pieces around **2 in (5 cm) × 4 in (10 cm)** for reinforcement and details.

👉 Tip: Use thicker denim sections (like outer leg panels) for durability.

Step 2: Piecing & Base Assembly

Form the Main Tube (P)

1. Take your two large denim panels.
2. Place them **right sides together (RST)**.
3. Sew along the vertical edges using a **½ in seam allowance**.
4. This creates a cylindrical tube.

Attach the Base (CM)

1. Cut a square or circular piece for the bottom (approx. 12 in wide).
2. Fold and prepare the edges of the base.
3. Pin the base to the bottom of the tube (RST).
4. Sew all around to close the bottom.

👉 You now have a basic denim cylinder.

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Step 3: Form the Dispensing Hole (A)

Prepare the Opening

1. Take a scrap fabric piece.
2. Fold its edges inward to hide raw edges.
3. Stitch around the edges.

Attach Reinforced Opening

1. Choose a spot near the bottom of your cylinder.
2. Cut a small U-shaped or oval hole (about 2–3 in tall).
3. Place the prepared scrap over the hole.
4. Sew around it using **appliqué stitching** (tight stitching along the edge).

👉 This reinforced hole is where bags will be pulled out.

Step 4: Construct Loop & Hanger (F)

Make the Hanging Loop

1. Cut a strip of denim about **2 in wide × 8–10 in long**.
2. Fold lengthwise and sew to create a strap.
3. Turn it right side out.

Insert the Ring

1. Thread the strap through the rigid ring.
2. Fold the strap ends together.

Attach to the Bag

1. Pin the strap to the inside top edge of the cylinder.
2. Sew securely with reinforced stitching.

👉 This creates a strong hanging loop.

Step 5: Attach Pocket & Finish Edges (T, B)

Optional Pocket

1. Cut a pocket shape from denim (or reuse a jean pocket).
2. Fold edges inward.
3. Sew onto the front of the bag using topstitching.

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Finish the Top Edge

1. Fold the top edge of the cylinder inward about 1 in.
2. Sew all around to create a clean hem.

Bind Raw Edges (Optional)

- Use denim strips to cover inner seams for a cleaner look.

👉 Reinforce all seams with **topstitching (T)** for durability.

✅ Step 6: Final Review & Usage

Check Your Work

- Ensure all seams are secure
- Make sure the base is fully closed
- Test the strength of the hanging loop
- Check that the dispensing hole is smooth and reinforced

How to Use

1. Stuff plastic bags into the top opening.
2. Hang the dispenser using the loop.
3. Pull bags out through the bottom hole as needed.

Sewing Method Guide (From Diagram)

- **A (Appliqué)**: Reinforced stitching for openings
- **P (Piecing)**: Joining fabric pieces
- **F (Finishing)**: Clean edges and structure
- **T (Topstitching)**: Reinforcement stitching
- **B (Binding)**: Covering raw edges
- **RST**: Right sides together
- **CM**: Standard measurements

🎉 You're Done!

You've transformed old denim into a functional, eco-friendly storage solution. This project is perfect for organizing plastic bags in kitchens, garages, or laundry rooms.

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