

## How To

# Lengthen Kids Trousers

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## Equipment Needed

- \* Fabric to lengthen trousers
- \* Matching thread
- \* Korbond Professional 10" Scissors
- \* Berry Pins
- \* Needles

This simple trick to add a cuff to kid's trousers will let you squeeze an extra season's wear out of your children's too-short jeans.



### Step One

First, trim off the hem to reduce bulk.



### Step Two

Cut two pieces of fabric that are wide enough to wrap around the cuff of the trousers, (remember to add 1/2 inch for the seam allowances) and about 5 times longer than the extra length you want to add. The longer you make this cuff, the more growing space you have in the trousers.

### Step Three

For each cuff, fold right sides together, so that the side seams meet, and sew. Press the seam open, and turn through.

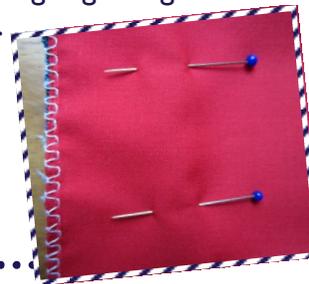


### Step Four

Now fold your cuff the other way, so that the top and bottom edges meet. Press and pin.

### Step Five

Pull the leg of the jeans through the cuff, and pin edge to edge. Make sure the side seam of the cuff lines up with the inside leg seam on your jeans. Sew, and then zig zag along the raw edges to help stop fraying.



### Step Six

Pull the cuff back down over the end of the trouser leg. The zigzagged edge should now be hidden.

### Step Seven

Now fold the cuff back up on itself so you get the extra length you need. The top of the cuff should sit above the join to the denim. Press.



### Step Eight

Finally, for active kids you might want to catch the cuff in place with a couple of slip stitches at each side seam.