

## Jean purse



This bag has the option of being a sewing project or a quick no sew bag by using glue. Glue is a great alternative for a quick kids craft though it may not be as durable.

Low-rise or small jeans make a smaller bag, bigger or high-waist jeans make for a roomier bag.

Lay the jeans flat and cut off the legs.

Cut through the crotch, then straight across for an even edge.

Turn the jeans inside out and glue the bottom closed leaving about 1/2 inch of fabric (or an even edge). Let the glue dry or alternatively sew this section closed.

Turn inside the right way and check bottom for even edge.

Cut the inside seams from both pant legs and make handles from these. Glue or sew them on.

You can also glue or sew in a cheap bandanna as a lining & add embellishments to decorate the outside of the bag.

Velcro or magnetic closures can also be added.

For extra strength you can SEW this bag closed, but then of course it would not be a quick no sew bag for non sewers.

With craft glue this bag is suitable for carrying around lightweight items or as an overnight bag only.



## **How to Make a Jean Pillow**

You will need:

- A pair of old jeans (they give the best effect, but any kind of trousers will do)
- Some strong thread (could be yellow jean thread or a color that matches the trousers) and a strong sewing needle
- Cotton stuffing or fabric scraps (an old T-shirt might work well)
- Some decorations such as ribbon, sequins, etc

## **Instructions**

1. Take the jeans and cut the legs off anywhere between an inch to an inch and a half below the crotch.
2. Turn the jeans inside out and glue the bottom closed leaving about 1/2 inch of fabric (or an even edge). Let the glue dry or alternatively hand sew this section closed.
3. Stuff the jeans with cotton or with fabric scraps (but don't use stiff scraps!) Make sure you stuff the pillow so that your pillow looks authentic; stuff them to the top because you do not want any slack.
4. Once the pillow is quite full with stuffing, sew the top shut by hand with your strong needle and strong thread and try, if you can, to make short, straight, neat looking stitches.
5. Now, feel free to decorate the front or the back, or both sides, with whatever you want. It would probably be best to focus on the trouser pockets, and especially the back pockets.

