Jeans Into a Skirt

1. Find a pair of jeans that fit.
2. Wash them.
3. Determine the length of the skirt. Mark the length with a pin.
4. Add 2 inches for the hem.
5. Cut off first leg with rotary cutter and straight ruler, or use a scissors.
6. Use the leg you just cut off as a template to cut the other leg.
7. Cut inside seam on both legs with a scissors up to the “Y” and back down the other side.
Cut up from the “Y” all the way up to the bottom of the zipper (follow the seam).
8. Flip pants over.
9. Cut the “Y” of the pants up to the end of the curve in the “Y” with a scissors.

10. Open the leg portion of the pants — both legs. Cut in the “valley” of the seam (like the skirt).

11. Sew together “Y” seam (both front and back).

12. Sew leg bottoms to the top of the pants. Line up fabric to cover the opening in the skirt. Pin fabric to back side following the “Y” and sew in place. Repeat on front side.

Feel and pin where seam is and sew along the edge.
13. Hem bottom of skirt using a 1" hem.

Cut away excess fabric with ¼" seam allowance on front and back.
Sweater to Wool Hat

1. Find a sweater, preferably 100% wool.
2. Felt the sweater: wash it in the washing machine and dry in a warm dryer to shrink it.
3. Measure the circumference of your head in inches. (Right over your ears is the largest part of your head).
4. Divide the circumference by 5. This will be the width of each section.
5. Measure from between your eyebrows to the top of your head. This will be the height of the hat.
6. Add ½" to each of those measurements on each segment (example 4.5" → 5").

Create the pattern:

7. Cut out your pieces from sweater (quantity 5).
8. Pin two pieces together along one curved edge and sew.

Repeat so you have these pieces:
9. Create the band from sweater’s ribbing. Take your head circumference total from step 3 and add ¼” for seam allowance. Cut band, fold in half and sew together.

10. Pin ribbing to the hat (inside out) all the way around the edge of the hat (sandwich hat inside the band). Sew band to the hat.

Pin together on one side. Sew.

Pin on 5th section and sew. Then pin together to two remaining edges and sew.

Turn inside out and flip up hat band.
1. Find a shirt made of thicker, unforgiving fabric.
2. Wash it.
3. Cut out the back.

6. Sew into pieces. Three strips sewn at 45 degree angle creates one piece. Trim sewn seam to ¼".

7. Repeat step 6 four more times for a total of five pieces.

8. Create the cord. Take fabric piece and fold ends into the middle and fold in half again. Sew edge.

10. Attach the buckle. Sew across the woven ends. Tuck end of belt braid into piece of scrap leather and stitch around edge of leather piece.

11. Attach buckle and cover raw edges with scrap pieces of leather. Stitch around edge of leather piece.
Freezer Paper Stencils

1. Find a shirt or sweatshirt
2. Prewash the shirt
3. Find a font or design you want to use. Use a word processor for written words.
4. Print your image, letter, or word in the size that you need. Cut a piece of paper to match.
5. Trace your image onto the paper side of the freezer paper.
6. Use an X-Acto knife to cut out your stencil on the freezer paper.
7. Iron the stencil onto the shirt.
8. Note: First iron on an extra sheet of freezer paper as a stabilizer on the opposite side of the design. Make sure when ironing the shiny side of the freezer paper is facing down.
10. Allow to dry 24 hours
11. Pull off stencil
12. Fill in any missing areas with a fabric paint pen.
13. Heat set both front and backsides of the stenciled design with an iron.