JEAN SHORTS AND PEN POTS * * *

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Turn your old jeans into shorts and the leftover legs into handy jean pots!

You'll need:

Old pair of jeans

Cardboard (e.g. a drinks can multi-pack box)

Tidy the cut ends and roll up to make a pair of shorts.

For your shorts, decide what length they're going to be – remember to add length for rolling up the ends. Mark where you will cut them. Cut along your mark with a sharp pair of scissors.

For the pen pots, cut a long rectangle from your card. The wider your rectangle is, the taller your pen pot will be. You need the piece of cardboard to be long enough to roll into a tube with some overlap. Roll up your card into a tube and slide into a cut-off jean leg. Allow to expand to fit tightly inside the leg. Mark with a pencil where the card tube overlaps.



Remove the card tube. Using your pencil mark as a guide, stick your tube together with PVA glue and eco tape.



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Insert your tube back inside the jean leg. Leave some fabric at the top of the pot and roll over 2 or 3 times. Cut the remaining fabric from the bottom of the pot leaving some to push inside for a neat finish. (Don't throw away the leftover fabric as you'll need it for Step 8!)



Draw around your tube on some card, making a circle. Add a second circle about 2 cm bigger than the first and cut it out. Then cut from the edge to the smaller circle several times, to make flaps. Cut a circle from your leftover fabric using the card circle as a template. Glue the fabric to the card. When dry, add PVA glue to the outside of the flaps and push it into the bottom of the pot. Stick the flaps down.