

Trash to Treasure Sweater

Welcome back to the May Arts Blog!

Recently I decided it was time to go through my closet and drawers and do some weeding out of clothes I no longer wore.

This sweater still had lots of wear in it but the boxy cut and tie at the neckline made it a candidate for the donate pile. That is, until I received a roll of May Arts Denim Ribbon!



I couldn't believe the transformation!



The first step was absolutely the hardest...cutting the sweater apart. 😊 I found using a cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter to be the best way to get a straight line. Place the cutting mat inside the sweater, line the ruler up and cut! I just snipped the ties with scissors.



Next, measure your sweater from the bottom edge to the top. Cut May Arts 1 ½ inch Denim the length of your sweater plus one inch for folding under. Wash and dry your ribbon, then, using an iron, fold and press lengthwise. Fold under 1/2 inch at the top and bottom. Pin and sew close to the unfolded edge.



I could have stopped there but I decided to make an easy denim flower pin to adorn the sweater. A pin back means it can be removed and added to another outfit.

Simply cut a length of May Arts Denim ribbon, hand pleat and sew along the edge to secure the pleats. You can make the pin as big or small as you'd like. Fold into a spiral then add a few hand stitches to secure your flower shape. Attach a small piece of felt and a pin to the back. Add a button center and done!



I love my "new" May Arts sweater!



Thanks for joining us on the May Arts blog. I hope I've inspired you to go through your wardrobe and create some new outfits with May Arts Ribbon! You can find a printable tutorial [here](#).

May Arts Ribbon used:



[May Arts 1.5" Denim - 440-15-03](#)

Other Supplies:

Old sweater
Sewing machine/thread
Button, scissors, hand needle

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