



**ALTERING READY-TO-WEAR**

What are some occasions where a person might want or need to make alterations to something new?

- Received a gift that did not fit quite right and couldn't be returned
- Found something on sale that was fantastic but too long or a bit too big
- Found something that you could really use but the buttons aren't right
- Found an article that is really marked down but needs to be repaired

These are just a few examples of occasions when you might want or need to make alterations to ready-to-wear items, whether they be new or recycled.

Some common types of alterations needed and solutions are:

<b>ALTERATION</b>	<b>SOLUTION</b>
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Adjusting length of garment	Lengthen or shorten hem
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Adjusting length of sleeve	Remove cuffs and reposition
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Adjusting fit (width)	
• too large	Make seams bigger; remove old seams
• too tight	Make seams narrower; remove old seams
• neckline too tight	Move top button(s) over
• waistband too tight	Remove waistband and adjust placement
• waistband too big	Add elastic in back to take up slack

Buttons wrong color/style	Replace buttons
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Article too plain	Add contrasting trim, embroidered design, etc.
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Others:
