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## Clothing guide lets 'er rip

When you turned those old jeans into cutoffs, little did you know you were dabbling in deconstruction fashion.

Fashion designer and consultant Elissa Meyrich takes that art a bit further with *Rip It! How to Deconstruct and Reconstruct the Clothes of Your Dreams*.

The guide teaches simple techniques for altering clothing to make a fashion statement. Projects include fitting and embellishing T-shirts, turning a sweat shirt into a cardigan, making a tote from a sweater and turning straight-leg jeans into bell bottoms.

*Rip It!* is published by Fireside Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, and sells for \$15 in paperback.

— Mary Beth Breckenridge