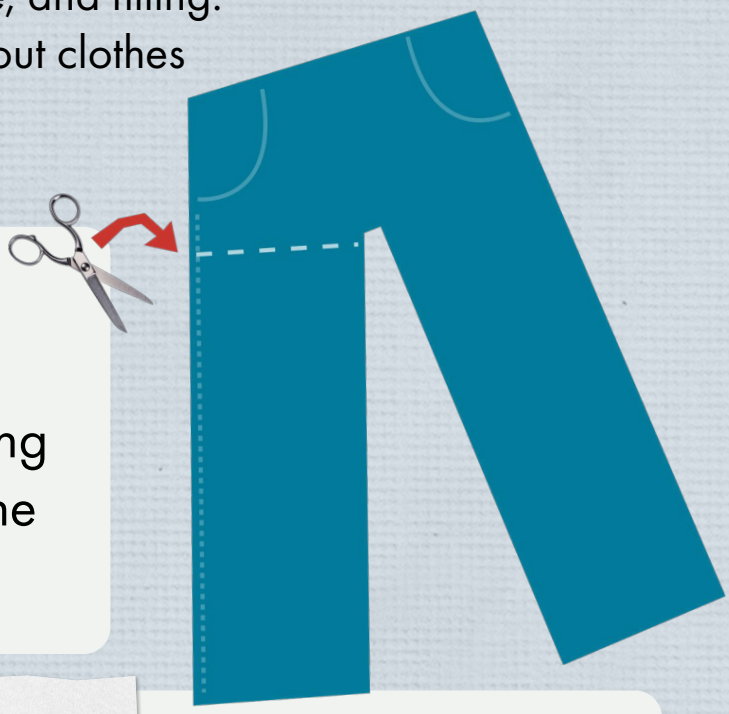
Turn old clothes into a draught excluder

FIND YOUR REPURPOSE

Old trousers, jeans or a long-sleeved top work well for this.

You'll need:

An old pair of trousers, jeans or long-sleeved top, scissors, needle and thread or a sewing machine, and filling. You can use scraps of old fabric, worn-out clothes or other clean textile offcuts as filling.



1. Choose your fabric.

Pick a piece of clothing long enough to cover most of the bottom of your door.

2. Cut out a long rectangle.

Aim for a piece slightly longer than the width of your door.

3. Fold it in half.

Fold the fabric lengthways, with the sides you want to see facing each other.

4. Sew the edges.

Sew along the long open edge and one of the short ends, creating a long fabric tube.

5. Turn it the right way out.

Pull the fabric through the open end so your stitching is hidden inside.

6. Add the filling.

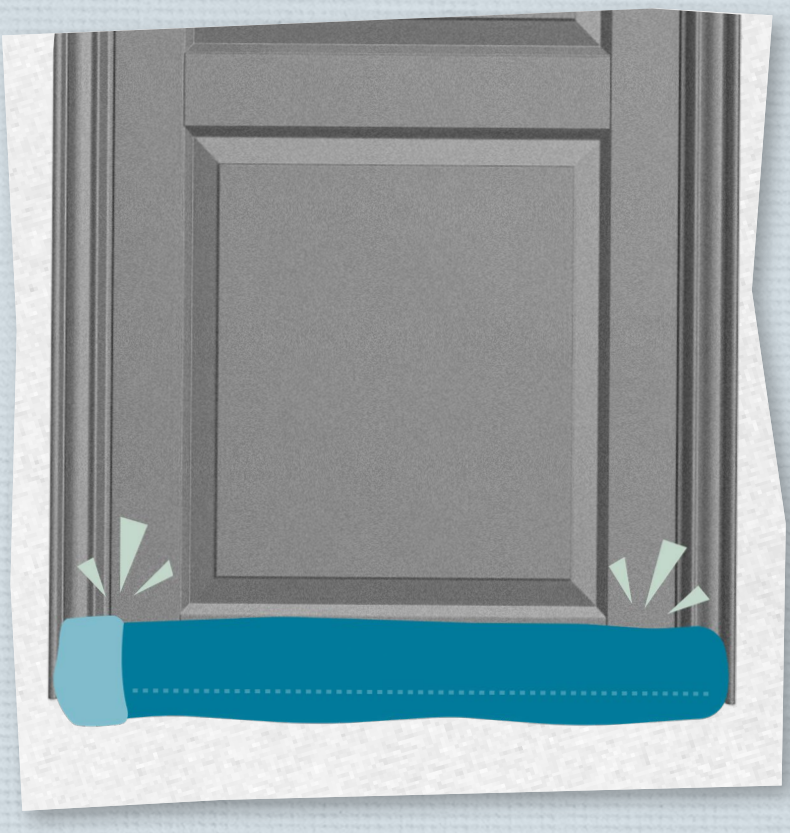
Stuff the tube firmly with clean scraps of old fabric or unwanted clothes.

7. Close the end.

Fold the open edges inwards and sew the final end closed.

8. Put it to use.

Place your new draught excluder along the bottom of a door to help keep chilly draughts out.



Easy shortcut:

The leg from an old pair of trousers is already tube-shaped, so much of the sewing is done for you.