

## Project: Denim Road Maker Activity

Are you ready to drive your toy cars and trucks on a creative road design? You can make denim road pieces from old jeans that are okay to cut up. Use the flat sections of fabric from the legs of the jeans. Make three-inch-wide patterns for the road out of cardboard. Cereal boxes work well for the patterns. Make some patterns straight, some curved, and include some intersections. There are examples of the patterns attached that you can cut out and trace if you like. Your road surface will be the back side of the denim fabric, so trace around your patterns on the outside of the jeans fabric with a marker or pen. Trace the curved piece so you have some that curve in both directions. Cut out the road pieces. Paint yellow lines down the middle with yellow acrylic paint or fabric paint. Arrange your road in different patterns and have fun driving! You can overlap the pieces to get the pattern you want and use small cars, trucks, tractors or construction equipment to drive on the road. You might even want to make some road signs. This road is very compact and lightweight, so it is perfect for “travel!”



## Denim Road Reading

### Books

There are many books that you can read to go along with your Denim Road. Here are some ideas of books available through Birchard Public Library.

Barraclough, Sue. *Road Safety*.

Davies, Stephen. *All Aboard for the Bobo Road*.

Diaz, Natalia and Melissa Owens. *A Ticket Around the World*.

Eastman, Peter. *Fred and Ted's Road Trip*.

Flatt, Lizann. *Let's Go!*

Geisert, Arthur. *Country Road ABC: An Illustrated Journey Through America's Farmland*.

Heiman, Larry. *The Science of Cars*.

Horvath, James. *Work, Dogs, Work: A Highway Tail*.

Keller, Joy. *Monster Trucks*.

Koehler-Pentacoff, Elizabeth. *Jackson and Bud's Bumpy Ride*.

Mahaney, Ian F. *Road Maps*.

Maurer, Claudia and Elisa Smalley. *Zoe Sophia in New York*.

Mizielinska, Aleksandra. *Maps*.

Parr, Todd. *The Cars and Trucks Book*.

Pattison, Darcy. *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman*.

Shaskan, Stephen. *Toad on the Road: A Cautionary Tale*.

Suen, Anastasia. *Road Work Ahead*.