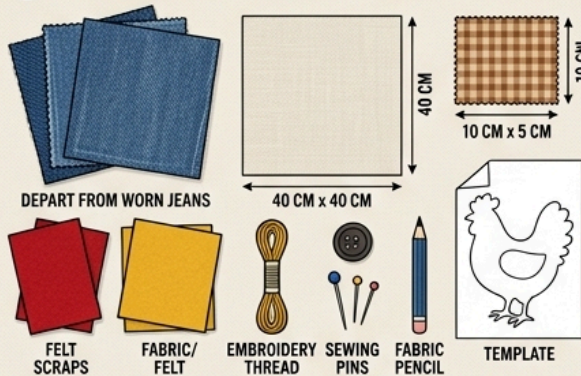


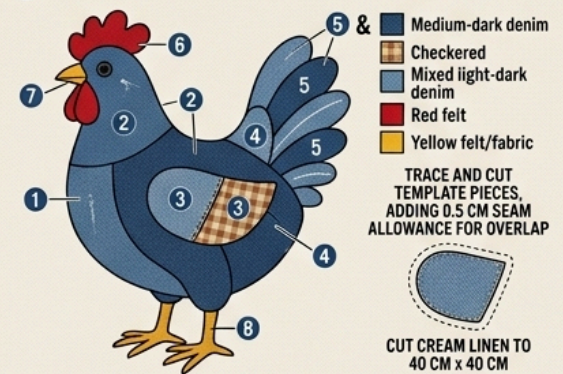
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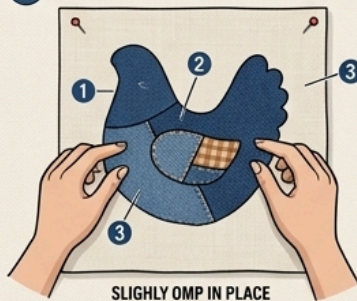


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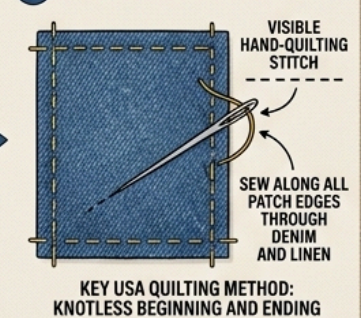
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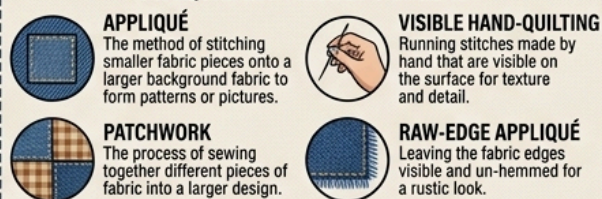


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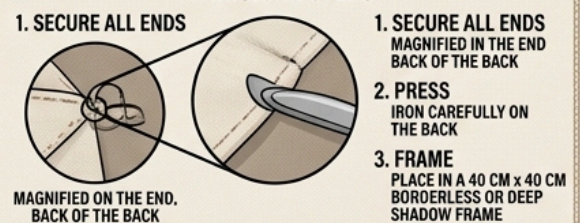


4 KEY USA SEWING & QUILTING METHODS & FINISHING

USA QUILTING METHODS LEGEND



FINISHING STEPS



CRAFTED IN THE USA - TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES

Section 1: Materials & Preparation

To begin your patchwork denim rooster project, gather all materials carefully to ensure a smooth workflow.

You will need:

- Worn denim jeans (variety of shades works best)
- Cream linen or cotton fabric (cut to 40 cm x 40 cm / approx. 16" x 16")
- Small checkered fabric piece (approx. 10 cm x 10 cm / 4" x 4")
- Red felt (for comb and wattle)
- Yellow felt or fabric (for beak and legs)
- Embroidery thread (neutral or contrasting)
- Sewing pins
- Fabric pencil or chalk
- Needle for hand stitching
- Printed or hand-drawn rooster template

Start by washing and ironing all fabrics, especially denim, to prevent shrinkage later. Cut your base fabric (linen/cotton) to exactly 40 cm x 40 cm. This will be your background.

Prepare your template by tracing or printing a rooster silhouette. This will guide all your fabric cuts.

Section 2: Pattern & Cutting

Using your rooster template, trace each section onto the appropriate fabric:

- Body: medium to dark denim
- Wing: mixed denim + checkered fabric
- Tail feathers: darker denim shades
- Comb and wattle: red felt
- Beak and legs: yellow felt

Trace each piece and **add a 0.5 cm (¼ inch) seam allowance** around every shape to allow for overlap and stitching.

Carefully cut out all pieces:

- Keep edges clean but don't worry about perfection—slight irregularities add charm.
- Cut the background fabric separately and keep it aside.

Tip: Organize your pieces by number or section (body, wing, tail, etc.) to avoid confusion during assembly.

Section 3: Assembly & Stitching Sequence

Step 3A: Create the Main Patchwork Body

Place your 40 cm x 40 cm background fabric flat on a table.

Start assembling the rooster:

- Position the main body pieces first.
- Slightly overlap edges (about 0.5 cm) to create a layered patchwork effect.
- Pin each piece in place as you go.

Add the wing section (including the checkered patch) on top of the body area.

Make sure everything is aligned according to your template before moving on.

Step 3B: Add Features & Appendages

Now attach the smaller details:

- Place and pin the comb and wattle (red felt)
- Add the beak (yellow fabric)
- Attach tail feathers in layers for dimension
- Position the legs carefully under the body hem (slightly tucked underneath)

Pin all elements securely. Double-check placement before stitching.

Step 3D: Master the Hand Stitching

Use a visible hand-quilting stitch (running stitch) for a decorative and rustic finish.

Steps:

- Thread your needle with embroidery thread
- Start stitching along the edges of each patch
- Sew through both denim and background fabric

Important tips:

- Keep stitches even and visible (this is part of the design)
- Stitch along all patch edges
- Use a knotless start and finish method for a cleaner look

Take your time—this step defines the final aesthetic.

Section 4: Key Sewing & Quilting Methods & Finishing

Techniques Used

Appliqué

You are stitching smaller fabric pieces onto a larger background to create an image.

Patchwork

Different denim pieces are combined to form the rooster's body.

Visible Hand Quilting

Your stitches remain visible, adding texture and handmade character.

Raw-Edge Appliqué

Edges are left unhemmed for a rustic, farmhouse-style finish.

Finishing Steps

1. **Secure All Ends**
Flip your work to the back and tie off all threads neatly. Make sure nothing is loose.
2. **Press the Piece**
Carefully iron from the back side using medium heat. This flattens the seams and sets the stitches.
3. **Frame Your Artwork**
Place your finished rooster quilt into a 40 cm x 40 cm frame or shadow box. This turns your work into beautiful wall art.