

# Quilted Denim Dog Pillow – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

## QUILTER'S COMPENDIUM: Techniques & Measurements

### 1 ESSENTIAL USA SEWING TECHNIQUES

**PATCHWORK (USA TRADITION):**  
Traditional 9-Patch and Pinwheel block assemblies (shown with tiny diagrams and fabric squares).

**HAND APPLIQUÉ:**  
Blind stitch and buttonhole stitch for securing shapes (e.g., dots, nose).

**QUILTING STITCH:**  
Straight-line and 'In-the-Ditch' stitching to stabilize and decorate (with needle passing through layers).

**LADDER STITCH:**  
Invisible closure for hand-sewing the stuffing opening.

### 2 MATERIALS CHECKLIST



**VARIOUS DENIM SCRAPs** (washed)



**ACCENT FABRICS** (plaids, stripes)



**FIBERFILL** (high-loft)



**HEAVY-DUTY SEWING THREAD**



**SEWING MACHINE**

### 3 DENIM PATCHWORK

**VINTAGE USA PATCHES:**  
Mix of 10x10cm to 15x15cm denim squares and strips.



**ACCENT #B**

**MUZZLE PATCHES APPLIQUE** (denim snout & felt nose)

**HEAD**  
25cm x 25cm

**PATTERN DIMENSIONS**

**APPROXIMATELY**  
140cm x 35cm

**ACCENT PANELS:**  
Contrast plaid & print squares (12x12cm), appliqué dots (5cm diam.)

**PATTERN DIMENSIONS**



**HEAD**  
25cm x 25cm

**BODY SECTION**  
115cm x 35cm

### 1 PATTERN PIECES & CUTTING GUIDE

 <p><b>BODY TOP (x1)</b> 142cm x 37cm (includes 1cm seam allowance)</p>	 <p><b>MUZZLE &amp; FACE PANELS (x2)</b> 17cm x 17cm each</p>	 <p><b>EARS</b> 27cm x 12cm</p>	 <p><b>TAIL (x2)</b> 22cm x 11cm</p>	 <p><b>PAWS</b> 12cm x 10cm</p>
 <p><b>BODY BOTTOM (x1)</b> 142cm x 37cm</p>				

### 2 FINAL CONSTRUCT: ASSEMBLY PATH



- QUILT BODY PANELS**
- SEW ALL 30 ELEMENTS** (EARS, TAIL, PAWS)
- JOIN MUZZLE & FACE TO BODY**
- JOIN TOP & BOTTOM** (leaving 20cm opening)
- TURN RIGHT SIDE OUT & STUFF** (2.5kg Fiberfill)
- HAND SEW CLOSURE**

**DESIGNED WITH CARE:**  
Inspired by Classic USA Quilt Designs.

**LEVEL:**  
**ADVANCED**

**TIP**  
**PRESS EVERY SEAM!**

Create a charming, large patchwork denim dog pillow using classic quilting and appliqué techniques. This guide follows the diagram closely so you can confidently complete the project from start to finish 🇺🇸

## Materials Checklist


Before you begin, gather all materials:

- Various **washed denim scraps**
- Accent fabrics (plaids, stripes, prints)
- Fiberfill stuffing (high-loft)
- Heavy-duty sewing thread
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or clips

## Cutting the Pattern Pieces

Carefully cut all fabric pieces according to these measurements:

- **Body Top (x1):** 142 cm x 37 cm (includes 1 cm seam allowance)
- **Body Bottom (x1):** 142 cm x 37 cm
- **Muzzle & Face Panels (x2):** 17 cm x 17 cm each
- **Ears (x2):** 27 cm x 12 cm
- **Tail (x2):** 22 cm x 11 cm
- **Paws (x4):** 12 cm x 10 cm
- **Head Size (finished):** 25 cm x 25 cm
- **Body Section (finished):** 115 cm x 35 cm

 Tip: Mix denim shades for a vintage patchwork look.

## Creating the Patchwork Body

### Assemble the Quilt Panels

1. Cut denim into squares and strips:
  - Sizes between **10 x 10 cm and 15 x 15 cm**
2. Arrange in a visually balanced layout.
3. Sew pieces together using a **¼ inch seam allowance**.
4. Press seams flat after each row.

## Add Accent Panels

- Include plaid or printed squares (approx. 12 x 12 cm)
- Add appliqué circles (about 5 cm diameter) for decoration



## Sewing Techniques to Use

- **Straight Stitch:** For assembling patchwork pieces
- **Stitch-in-the-Ditch:** To stabilize quilt layers
- **Blind Stitch:** For appliqué details
- **Ladder Stitch:** For closing the pillow invisibly



## Making the Head

### Construct the Face

1. Sew the two **muzzle panels** together.
2. Attach to the front of the head panel.
3. Add:
  - A **denim snout**
  - A **felt or fabric nose**
  - Small stitched dots for whiskers

### Add Eyes

- Use buttons or fabric circles
- Secure firmly with hand stitching



## Sewing the Ears

1. Place two ear pieces right sides together.
2. Sew around edges, leaving top open.
3. Turn right side out and lightly press.
4. Attach to the head using a strong seam.

## Making the Paws and Tail

### Paws

1. Sew each pair together.
2. Turn right side out.
3. Lightly stuff and set aside.

### Tail

1. Sew both tail pieces together.
2. Turn and lightly stuff.

## Assembling the Body

### Join Panels

1. Sew all patchwork panels into one long body section.
2. Attach the **body top to the body bottom**, leaving a **20 cm opening**.

### Attach Parts

- Sew **head** to one end of the body
- Attach **tail** to the opposite end
- Sew **paws** along the sides

## Stuffing the Pillow

1. Turn the entire piece right side out.
2. Fill with approximately **2.5 kg of fiberfill**.
3. Distribute stuffing evenly for a smooth shape.

## Closing the Opening

- Use a **ladder stitch** to close the 20 cm gap invisibly
- Make sure stitches are tight and secure

## **Final Touches**

- Adjust stuffing if needed
- Smooth out seams
- Add extra quilting stitches if desired

## **Finished Dimensions**

- Total length: **Approx. 140 cm**
- Height: **35 cm**
- Head: **25 cm x 25 cm**