

DENIM DACHSHUND DRAFT STOP

SEWING TUTORIAL



FINISHED SIZE

Length: 70 cm
Width: 18 cm
Height: 15 cm

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Intermediate



MATERIALS

- Denim fabric (various shades) – 60 cm
- Cotton fabric for lining – 60 cm
- Fusible interfacing – 20 cm
- Felt (black, white, colored) – small pieces
- Plastic safety eyes (12 mm) – 2 pcs
- Fiberfill stuffing – approx. 1,5 kg
- Heavy-duty thread
- Denim/Jeans needle (100/16)
- Pins, fabric marker, scissors
- Sewing clips, ruler, seam ripper

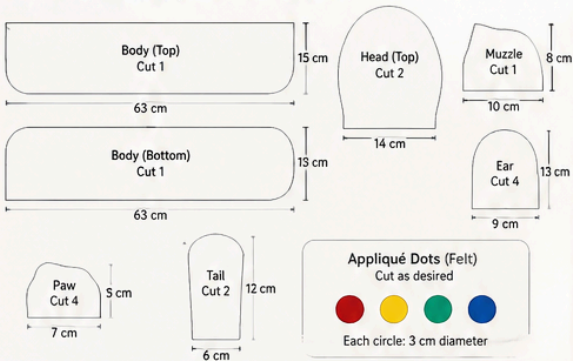
FABRIC GUIDE (USA)

Fabric	Yardage
Denim (main)	3/4 yd
Lining cotton	3/4 yd
Fusible interfacing	1/4 yd
Felt	1/8 yd

MAIN METHODS USED

- Seam allowance: 1 cm
- Straight stitch
- Curved sewing
- Topstitching
- Appliqué
- Turning & stuffing
- Ladder stitch (invisible stitch)

PATTERN PIECES (Add 1 cm seam allowance)

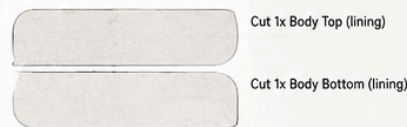


FABRIC & CUTTING LAYOUT

Denim (Exterior)



Cotton Lining (Interior)



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. MAKE THE PATCHWORK

Sew denim squares and rectangles together to create two panels for the Body Top and Body Bottom.



2. PREPARE THE BODY

Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of both body pieces. Then place lining and exterior right sides together and sew around.



3. SEW THE SIDES

Pin the top and bottom together (right sides facing) and sew along the sides and around the tail end. Leave the neck opening unsewn.



4. MAKE THE HEAD

Sew the head top pieces together. Sew the muzzle to the lower part of the head. Add eyes between 10–12 cm apart.



5. ATTACH EARS

Fold each ear piece in half, sew around the edge, turn right side out and attach to the sides of the head.



6. ATTACH THE HEAD

Insert the head into the body opening. Pin and sew around the neck securely.



7. MAKE THE PAWS

Sew paw pieces right sides together, turn out and stuff lightly.



8. ATTACH THE PAWS

Position two paws at the front and two at the back. Sew in place securely.



9. MAKE THE TAIL

Sew tail pieces right sides together, turn out, stuff lightly and attach to the back.



10. ADD APPLIQUÉ DOTS

Appliqué felt dots on the body using straight stitch or zigzag stitch.



11. STUFF THE BODY

Stuff firmly with fiberfill through the neck opening until the desired firmness.



12. CLOSE THE OPENING

Use a ladder stitch (invisible stitch) to close the neck opening neatly.



13. FINISHING TOUCHES

Check all seams, add extra stitches if needed and press gently.



14. YOUR DENIM DACHSHUND DRAFT STOPPER IS READY!

Enjoy your cute and functional handmade draft stopper!



TIPS

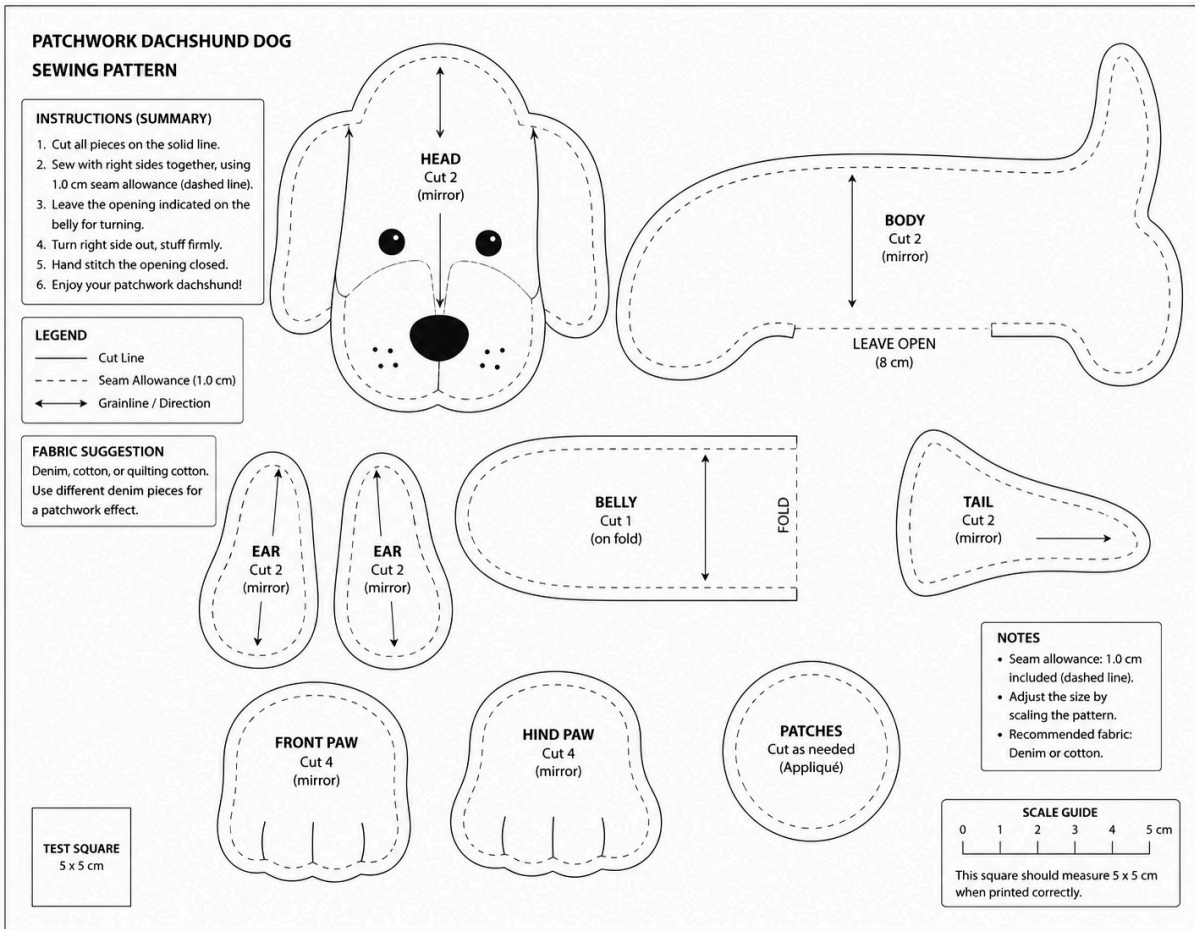
- ♥ Use strong thread and a jeans needle for durability.
- ♥ Press seams flat as you go for a nice finish.
- ♥ Adjust the length by adding or removing patchwork rows.
- ♥ This draft stopper can also be made as a fun decorative pillow.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Spot clean only
- Do not bleach
- Do not tumble dry
- Iron on low if needed

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Denim Dachshund Draft Stop – Complete Sewing Tutorial

Create your own Denim Dachshund Draft Stop with this detailed, beginner-friendly sewing guide. This project combines patchwork denim, simple plush construction, and practical home décor into a charming handmade draft stopper. The finished piece measures approximately 70 cm (27.5 inches) long, 18 cm (7 inches) wide, and 15 cm (6 inches) high, making it perfect for blocking drafts under doors or decorating a cozy room.

This tutorial follows the pattern layout, dimensions, materials, and construction sequence shown in the reference guide. Every step is explained in detail so that sewists in the United States can confidently complete the project from start to finish.

Happy sewing!  

Finished Size

- **Length: 70 cm (27.5 inches)**
- **Width: 18 cm (7 inches)**
- **Height: 15 cm (6 inches)**

Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Materials Needed

Prepare all materials before beginning.

Fabrics

- **60 cm (24 inches) of denim in various shades**
- **60 cm (24 inches) cotton fabric for lining**
- **20 cm (8 inches) fusible interfacing**
- **Small scraps of black, white, and colored felt**
- **Small denim scraps for patchwork**

Notions

- **Two 12 mm (½ inch) black safety eyes**
- **Approximately 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs) polyester fiberfill**
- **Heavy-duty polyester thread**
- **Denim sewing needle (size 100/16)**
- **Pins or sewing clips**
- **Fabric marker**
- **Fabric scissors**

- Rotary cutter (optional)
- Quilting ruler
- Iron
- Seam ripper

Pattern Pieces

Remember to add a 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch) seam allowance around every pattern piece.

Cut the following:

Body

- Body Top – Cut 1
- Body Bottom – Cut 1

Head

- Head Top – Cut 2
- Muzzle – Cut 1

Ears

- Cut 4

Paws

- Cut 4

Tail

- Cut 2

Appliqué Dots

Cut as many circles as desired from felt.

Each circle measures 3 cm ($1\frac{1}{4}$ inches) in diameter.

Fabric Preparation

Before cutting:

- **Wash all fabrics.**
- **Dry completely.**
- **Press well with an iron.**
- **Fuse interfacing to the wrong side of the denim pieces that need additional structure.**
- **Organize denim scraps by color.**

This preparation helps prevent shrinking after the project is completed.

Step 1 – Create the Denim Patchwork

Begin by sewing together denim rectangles and squares in different shades of blue.

Arrange them until you create an attractive balanced design.

Mix:

- **Light denim**
- **Medium denim**
- **Dark denim**
- **Decorative printed denim if available**

Once satisfied with the arrangement:

- **Sew pieces together using a straight stitch.**
- **Press every seam open.**
- **Trim the edges square.**

Create two patchwork panels:

- One for the Body Top
- One for the Body Bottom

These panels will become the outside of your draft stopper.

Step 2 – Prepare the Body Pieces

Place the cotton lining on the wrong side of each denim body panel.

If desired, fuse interfacing before attaching the lining.

Align carefully.

Pin around all edges.

Topstitch or baste the layers together so they behave as one piece during construction.

Trim if necessary.

Now your body pieces are ready for assembly.

Step 3 – Sew the Body Together

Place:

- Body Top
- Body Bottom

with right sides together.

Pin carefully along both long sides.

Sew using a 1 cm seam allowance.

Continue sewing around the tail area.

Leave the neck opening completely open.

Clip curves where needed.

Turn the body right side out.

Press gently.

Step 4 – Construct the Head 🐶

Take the two Head Top pieces.

Place them right sides together.

Sew along the curved top.

Open and press.

Next:

Attach the muzzle piece.

Pin carefully.

Sew slowly around all curves.

Clip the seam allowances.

Turn right side out.

Press lightly.

Step 5 – Install the Safety Eyes

Before stuffing the head:

Mark eye placement approximately 10–12 cm (4–4¾ inches) apart.

Insert both safety eyes.

Secure the locking washers firmly.

Double-check that both eyes are level.

Once installed they cannot easily be removed.

Step 6 – Make the Ears

Fold each ear pair right sides together.

Sew around the curved edges.

Leave the straight edge open.

Clip the curves.

Turn right side out.

Press flat.

Do not overstuff the ears.

Keeping them soft gives the dachshund its signature floppy appearance.

Step 7 – Attach the Ears

Position one ear on each side of the head.

Check symmetry carefully.

Pin securely.

Sew around the base.

You may stitch twice for extra strength.

The ears should naturally hang down.

Step 8 – Join the Head to the Body

Insert the head into the neck opening.

Align the center seams.

Pin evenly around the entire neck.

Sew slowly all the way around.

Reinforce the seam with a second line of stitching.

This area experiences the most stress during use.

Step 9 – Sew the Paws

For each paw:

Place two pieces right sides together.

Sew around the curved edges.

Leave a small opening.

Turn right side out.

Lightly stuff with fiberfill.

Do not overfill.

Close the opening temporarily.

Repeat until all four paws are finished.

Step 10 – Attach the Paws

Position:

- **Two front paws**
- **Two back paws**

Check that the dachshund sits evenly.

Pin securely.

Topstitch each paw firmly onto the body.

Sew several reinforcing stitches where the paws meet the body.

Step 11 – Make the Tail

Place the two tail pieces right sides together.

Sew around the edges.

Leave the bottom open.

Turn right side out.

Stuff lightly.

Do not overfill.

Attach the tail securely to the rear of the body.

Backstitch several times.

Step 12 – Add the Felt Appliqué Dots

Cut colorful felt circles.

Arrange them across the patchwork body.

Experiment until the placement feels balanced.

Attach each circle using:

- **Straight stitch**
- **Narrow zigzag stitch**

Take your time.

These decorative dots give the dachshund its playful personality.

Step 13 – Stuff the Body

Fill the body through the neck opening.

Add fiberfill gradually.

Push stuffing into:

- **Nose area**
- **Body corners**
- **Tail base**

For a functional draft stopper, pack the filling firmly enough to hold its shape while remaining flexible.

Distribute stuffing evenly.

Massage the body occasionally to eliminate lumps.

Step 14 – Close the Opening

Once the desired firmness is reached:

Fold the seam allowance inward.

Pin closed.

Use a ladder stitch (invisible stitch) to close the opening neatly.

Pull the thread gently after every few stitches.

The seam should disappear almost completely.

Tie off securely.

Hide the thread tail inside the body.

Step 15 – Final Inspection and Finishing Touches ✨

Inspect the entire project.

Check:

- **All seams**
- **Ear attachment**
- **Tail attachment**
- **Paw attachment**
- **Eye security**
- **Appliqué stitching**

Trim loose threads.

Press lightly with a warm iron where appropriate.

Your Denim Dachshund Draft Stop is now complete.

Main Sewing Techniques Used

Throughout this project you practiced:

- Straight stitching
- Curved sewing
- Topstitching
- Appliqué
- Turning and stuffing
- Ladder (invisible) stitch
- Patchwork piecing
- Denim sewing techniques

Helpful Sewing Tips

- Use a denim needle to prevent skipped stitches.
- Press every seam after sewing for professional results.
- Sew slowly over bulky denim intersections.
- Use sewing clips instead of pins on thick layers.
- Match thread color to the darkest denim for less visible stitching.
- Reinforce stress points with a second row of stitches.
- Test decorative stitch settings on scrap fabric first.
- Keep stuffing evenly distributed throughout the body.
- Avoid overstuffing the paws and ears.
- Make sure both eyes are perfectly aligned before locking them.

Care Instructions

To keep your handmade dachshund looking beautiful:

- **Spot clean only.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Do not tumble dry.**
- **Air dry completely if damp.**
- **Iron on low heat if needed.**
- **Store in a dry location.**
- **Avoid prolonged direct sunlight to reduce fading.**

Congratulations! 🎉

You have successfully completed your Denim Dachshund Draft Stop! This charming handmade project combines practical functionality with beautiful denim patchwork, making it a wonderful addition to any home or a thoughtful handmade gift. With careful cutting, accurate sewing, and patient assembly, you've created a durable and adorable draft stopper that is both decorative and useful. Enjoy your finished dachshund, and happy sewing! 🧵 🐾