



# How to Make a Denim Patchwork Cat Cushion

## Step-by-Step Sewing & Quilt Tutorial

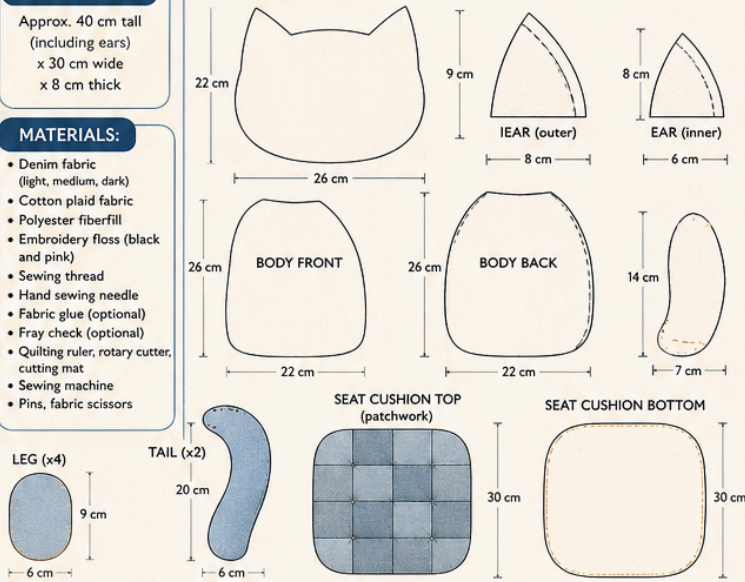
### FINISHED SIZE:

Approx. 40 cm tall  
(including ears)  
x 30 cm wide  
x 8 cm thick

### MATERIALS:

- Denim fabric (light, medium, dark)
- Cotton plaid fabric
- Polyester fiberfill
- Embroidery floss (black and pink)
- Sewing thread
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Fray check (optional)
- Quilting ruler, rotary cutter, cutting mat
- Sewing machine
- Pins, fabric scissors

### PATTERN PIECES (All measurements include 1 cm seam allowance)



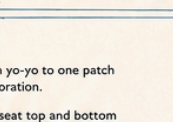
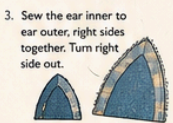
### 1. CUTTING

Cut all pieces using the pattern above. You can mix denim shades and plaid for a patchwork look.



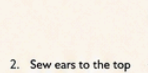
### 2. PATCHWORK & ASSEMBLY

1. Create patchwork panels for the head, body front, arms and seat top.



### 3. SEWING THE CAT

1. Embroider the face on the head front before sewing. Use black thread for eyes, mouth, whiskers and pink for the nose.



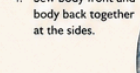
2. Sew ears to the top of the head.



3. Sew head front and back together with right sides together. Leave bottom open.



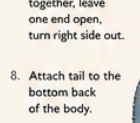
### 4. SEW BODY FRONT AND BODY BACK TOGETHER AT THE SIDES.



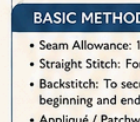
5. Sew arms and legs in pairs, right sides together. Turn right side out.



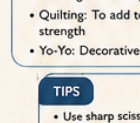
6. Attach arms and legs to the body.



7. Sew the tail pieces together, leave one end open, turn right side out.

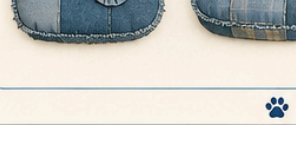


8. Attach tail to the bottom back of the body.



### 4. SEAT CUSHION

1. Make a quilted seat top using patchwork squares. Layer with batting and backing, quilt as desired.



3. Attach yo-yo to one patch as decoration.

4. Place seat top and bottom right sides together, sew around leaving a small opening.



5. Turn right side out, fill with fiberfill.



6. Hand stitch opening closed. Optional: tuft the cushion by sewing through the center of some squares.

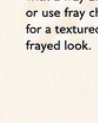


### 5. FINAL ASSEMBLY

1. Place the cat body on the seat cushion.



2. Hand stitch around the base to secure the cat to the cushion.



3. Brush the edges with a fray brush or use fray check for a textured frayed look.



### BASIC METHODS USED

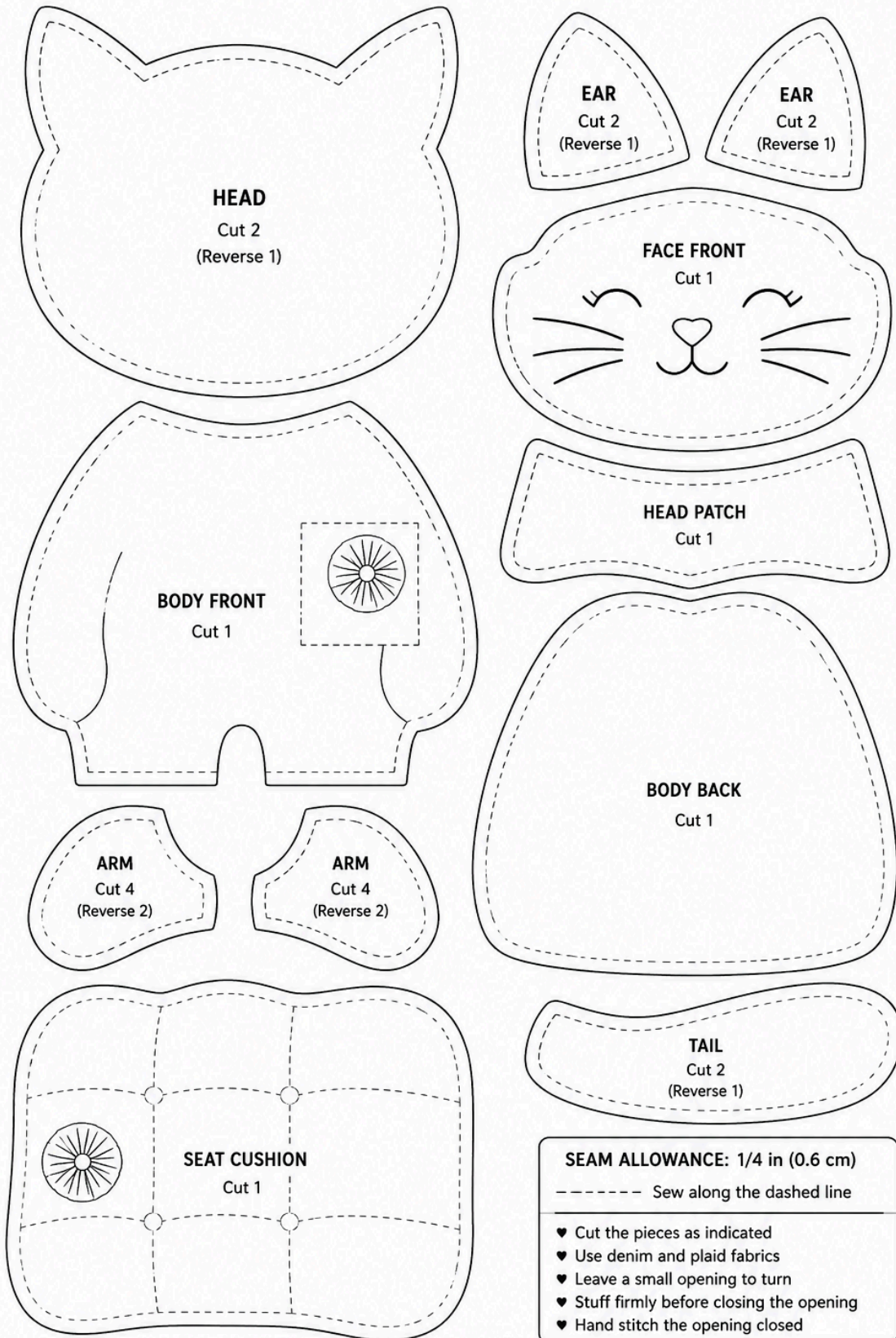
- Seam Allowance: 1 cm
- Straight Stitch: For all seams
- Backstitch: To secure beginning and end
- Appliqué / Patchwork: Join fabric pieces for decoration
- Hand Embroidery: For facial features
- Turning & Stuffing: For 3D parts
- Quilting: To add texture and strength
- Yo-Yo: Decorative fabric circle

### TIPS

- Use sharp scissors and quality thread.
- Press seams flat for a neat finish.
- Mix denim shades for a beautiful patchwork look.
- Hand stitching the details gives a handmade charm.

# DENIM CAT CUSHION – SEWING PATTERN

SEAM ALLOWANCE INCLUDED (1/4 in / 0.6 cm)



**SEAM ALLOWANCE: 1/4 in (0.6 cm)**

----- Sew along the dashed line

- ♥ Cut the pieces as indicated
- ♥ Use denim and plaid fabrics
- ♥ Leave a small opening to turn
- ♥ Stuff firmly before closing the opening
- ♥ Hand stitch the opening closed

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# How to Make a Denim Patchwork Cat Cushion – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing & Quilting Tutorial 🐱 🧵

If you love patchwork, quilting, and adorable handmade home décor, this Denim Patchwork Cat Cushion is a wonderful project that combines all three. Inspired by classic denim patchwork, this chair cushion features a soft cat with floppy legs, a long tail, embroidered facial details, and a quilted seat cushion that is both decorative and comfortable.

This tutorial follows the pattern layout shown in the reference chart, explaining every step from preparing the fabric to the final assembly. Every measurement already includes a 1 cm ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " ) seam allowance, making it easy to cut and sew.

Whether you are an experienced quilter or trying your first patchwork plush project, this guide explains everything carefully so you can successfully complete the cushion from beginning to end.

## Materials and Supplies ✂️

Prepare all your materials before beginning.

### Fabrics

- Light denim
- Medium blue denim
- Dark denim
- Blue plaid cotton fabric

- **Cotton lining fabric (optional)**

#### **Filling**

- **Polyester fiberfill**

#### **Embroidery**

- **Black embroidery floss**
- **Pink embroidery floss**

#### **Sewing Supplies**

- **Sewing machine**
- **Hand sewing needle**
- **Matching sewing thread**
- **Fabric scissors**
- **Rotary cutter**
- **Cutting mat**
- **Quilting ruler**
- **Fabric clips or pins**
- **Iron**
- **Ironing board**
- **Fabric glue (optional)**
- **Fray Check (optional)**

#### **Finished Cushion Size**

#### **Approximately:**

- **Height: 40 cm (including ears)**
- **Width: 30 cm**
- **Seat Cushion: 30 × 30 cm**
- **Thickness: about 8 cm**

## **Pattern Pieces**

**Cut the following pieces exactly as shown on the pattern sheet.**

### **Head**

- **1 Head Front**
- **1 Head Back**

### **Ears**

- **2 Outer Ears**
- **2 Inner Ears**

### **Body**

- **1 Body Front**
- **1 Body Back**

### **Legs**

- **4 Legs**

### **Tail**

- **2 Tail pieces**

### **Seat Cushion**

- **1 Patchwork Seat Top**
- **1 Seat Cushion Bottom**

**Remember that all pieces already include the seam allowance.**

## **H2: Step 1 – Cutting the Fabric**

**Print the pattern at 100% scale without resizing.**

**Carefully cut out every paper template before placing them on the fabric.**

**Mix different denim shades to create the patchwork appearance. Combining light, medium, and dark denim gives the cat much more personality.**

**For the plaid accents, use the cotton plaid fabric shown in the reference project. These pieces become decorative patches on the ears, body, and seat.**

**Transfer all pattern pieces onto the wrong side of the fabric.**

**Cut:**

- **Head Front**
- **Head Back**
- **Body Front**
- **Body Back**
- **Four Legs**
- **Two Tail Pieces**
- **Two Outer Ears**
- **Two Inner Ears**
- **Seat Cushion Top**
- **Seat Cushion Bottom**

**Keep all pieces organized by section.**

## **H2: Step 2 – Creating the Patchwork Pieces**

**Before assembling the cat, prepare the decorative patchwork panels.**

**Using scraps of denim and plaid cotton, sew small fabric pieces together.**

**Each seam should use a 1 cm seam allowance.**

**Press every seam open after stitching.**

**Trim uneven edges before cutting the final shapes.**

**Create patchwork sections for:**

- **Head**
- **Body Front**
- **Arms and Legs (if desired)**
- **Seat Cushion Top**

**Do not make the patchwork too bulky. Try to keep the seams flat for easier quilting later.**

## **H2: Step 3 – Sewing the Ears 🦟**

**Each ear is made from:**

- **One Outer Ear**
- **One Inner Ear**

**Place right sides together.**

**Stitch around the curved edges.**

**Leave the bottom edge open.**

**Trim the seam allowance near the tip.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Use a turning tool or chopstick to gently shape the point.**

**Press flat.**

**Repeat for the second ear.**

**Set aside.**

## **H2: Step 4 – Embroidering the Face 😊**

**Before assembling the head, embroider the face.**

**Using black embroidery floss:**

- **Closed eyes**
- **Eyebrows**
- **Nose outline**
- **Whiskers**
- **Mouth**

**Using pink embroidery floss:**

- **Nose**

**Embroidery looks best before stuffing because the fabric remains flat.**

**Take your time.**

**Small, even stitches create a clean professional appearance.**

## **H2: Step 5 – Sewing the Head 🐱**

**Position both completed ears on the top edge of the head front.**

**Pin in place.**

**Lay the head back on top with right sides together.**

**Sew completely around the head.**

**Leave the bottom edge open.**

**Trim curves where necessary.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Press gently.**

**Do not stuff the head yet.**

## **H2: Step 6 – Sewing the Body** 🧵

**Place the Body Front and Body Back with right sides together.**

**Stitch around the sides.**

**Leave the bottom open.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Lightly press.**

**Do not stuff yet.**

## **H2: Step 7 – Making the Legs and Tail** 🦶

**Legs**

**Place each pair of leg pieces together.**

**Sew around the edge.**

**Leave the top open.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Stuff lightly with polyester fiberfill.**

**Do not overfill.**

**The legs should remain soft and flexible.**

**Tail**

**Place the two tail pieces together.**

**Sew around the edge.**

**Leave one end open.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Stuff lightly.**

**Close the opening later during assembly.**

## **H2: Step 8 – Joining the Cat Body**

**Stuff the head evenly.**

**Stuff the body until firm but still soft.**

**Hand stitch the opening between the head and body.**

**Attach:**

- **Two front legs**
- **Two lower legs**

**Position them symmetrically.**

**Secure each piece using strong hand stitches.**

**Attach the tail to the lower back of the body.**

**Double stitch all stress points.**

## **H2: Step 9 – Making the Quilted Seat Cushion**

**The seat cushion uses the prepared patchwork panel.**

**Place the layers in this order:**

- 1. Patchwork Top**
- 2. Batting**
- 3. Backing fabric**

**Pin or baste together.**

**Quilt through all layers.**

**You may quilt:**

- Straight vertical lines**
- Straight horizontal lines**
- Squares**
- Diamond quilting**

**Trim the finished quilt to the seat cushion template.**

## **H2: Step 10 – Sewing the Seat Cushion**

**Place the quilted top and cushion bottom with right sides together.**

**Sew around all four sides.**

**Leave a turning opening.**

**Trim the corners.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Press carefully.**

**Fill evenly with polyester fiberfill.**

**Distribute the filling into every corner.**

**Hand stitch the opening closed using an invisible ladder stitch.**

If desired, tuft the cushion by sewing through the center of several quilt squares.

This creates the same soft padded appearance shown in the reference.

## **H2: Step 11 – Adding the Decorative Yo-Yo Flower 🌻**

Create a traditional fabric yo-yo.

Gather a small fabric circle.

Pull the thread tight.

Secure the center.

Hand sew the yo-yo onto one patch of the cushion.

This decorative detail gives the project a handmade quilted look.

## **H2: Step 12 – Final Assembly ❤️**

Position the completed cat in the center of the seat cushion.

Check that the body sits straight.

Hand stitch around the base of the cat.

Use strong hidden stitches.

The cat should remain securely attached while still appearing soft and natural.

After attaching the cat:

- **Brush the denim edges slightly for a soft frayed appearance.**
- **Apply Fray Check if you want to limit excessive fraying.**
- **Trim loose threads.**
- **Steam press carefully without flattening the stuffing.**

**Your Denim Patchwork Cat Cushion is now complete!**

## **H2: Basic Sewing Techniques Used** 🧵

**Throughout this project, you will practice several essential sewing and quilting skills:**

- **Straight machine stitching**
- **Patchwork piecing**
- **Pressing seams open**
- **Curved sewing**
- **Turning fabric pieces**
- **Stuffing plush sections**
- **Invisible ladder stitch**
- **Hand embroidery**
- **Quilt layering**
- **Basic quilting**
- **Decorative yo-yo making**

**These techniques make this project suitable for confident beginners as well as experienced quilters.**

## **H2: Helpful Tips for the Best Results** ❤️

**Always prewash your cotton fabrics before sewing to prevent future shrinking.**

**Use denim of similar weight so the seams remain easy to stitch.**

**Press every seam immediately after sewing for a cleaner finish.**

**Stuff gradually instead of filling all at once to avoid lumps.**

**Use embroidery stabilizer behind lightweight fabric if needed.**

**Clip inside curves and trim outside curves for smoother shapes.**

**Choose high-quality polyester fiberfill for a softer, longer-lasting cushion.**

**Take your time with the facial embroidery, as it gives the cat its unique personality.**

## **H2: Care Instructions** 🧺

**To keep your Denim Patchwork Cat Cushion looking beautiful:**

- **Spot clean whenever possible.**
- **Hand wash gently in cool water if necessary.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Lay flat to dry.**
- **Do not tumble dry.**
- **Steam lightly to remove wrinkles.**
- **Store in a dry location away from direct sunlight.**

**With proper care, your handmade cushion will remain beautiful for many years and become a charming decorative piece for a chair, sewing room, nursery, or cozy reading corner. Happy sewing!** 🐱🧵