

PATCHWORK SEWING ORGANIZER

WITH POCKETS AND RUFFLE



1. MATERIALS

- Patchwork cotton fabrics (quilting weight)
- Denim fabric (jeans) for pockets
- Cotton fabric for lining
- Ruffle fabric
- Lace trim
- Thread (coordinating colors)
- Fusible interfacing (optional)
- Scissors, pins, sewing machine, iron, ruler, chalk

FABRIC (U.S.)

- ¼ yard (22.86 cm) assorted patchwork fabrics
- ¼ yard (22.86 cm) denim fabric
- ½ yard (30.48 cm) lining fabric
- ¼ yard (22.86 cm) ruffle fabric
- ½ yard (45.72 cm) lace trim
- Interfacing (optional)
- ¼ yard (11.43 cm)

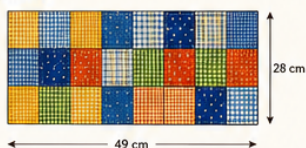
2. FINISHED SIZE



3. CUTTING GUIDE (ALL MEASUREMENTS INCLUDE 1 CM SEAM ALLOWANCE)

A. PATCHWORK TOP (FRONT)

Make 6 rows with squares (each square 7 x 7 cm). Sew the squares together to form a panel.



B. LINING (BACK)

Cut 1 piece
49 x 33 cm



C. DENIM POCKETS

Left pocket (plaid)
Cut 1 piece
18 x 20 cm



Center pocket
(jeans with
button detail)
Cut 1 piece
20 x 20 cm



Right pocket (jeans)
Cut 1 piece
18 x 20 cm



D. POCKET LINING

Cut 3 pieces
18 x 18 cm



E. RUFFLE

Cut 1 strip
8 x 200 cm



F. LACE TRIM

Cut 1 strip
60 cm



4. STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS



Sew the patchwork squares together row by row. Press the seams. You will have a panel measuring 49 x 28 cm.



Sew the three pockets. Add optional details (buttons, topstitching).



Position the pockets on the front panel and pin. Sew sides and bottom of each pocket.



Place the lining fabric (33 x 49 cm) right sides together with the front panel. Sew around the edges, leaving a 10 cm opening at the bottom.



Turn right side out through the opening. Press well.



Topstitch around the edges to close the opening.



Sew gathering stitches along the long edge of the ruffle strip.



Pull the threads to gather the ruffle to match the bottom width (49 cm).



Pin the ruffle to the bottom edge of the organizer and sew.



Pin the lace trim over the ruffle edge and sew.



Press everything well. Your sewing organizer is ready to use! ♥

5. MAIN SEWING METHODS USED



Straight Stitch
For all seams and topstitching.



Backstitch
At the beginning and end of seams for durability.



Topstitching
Decorative and structural finishing on pockets and edges.



Gathering Stitch
To make ruffles (long basting stitch and pull).

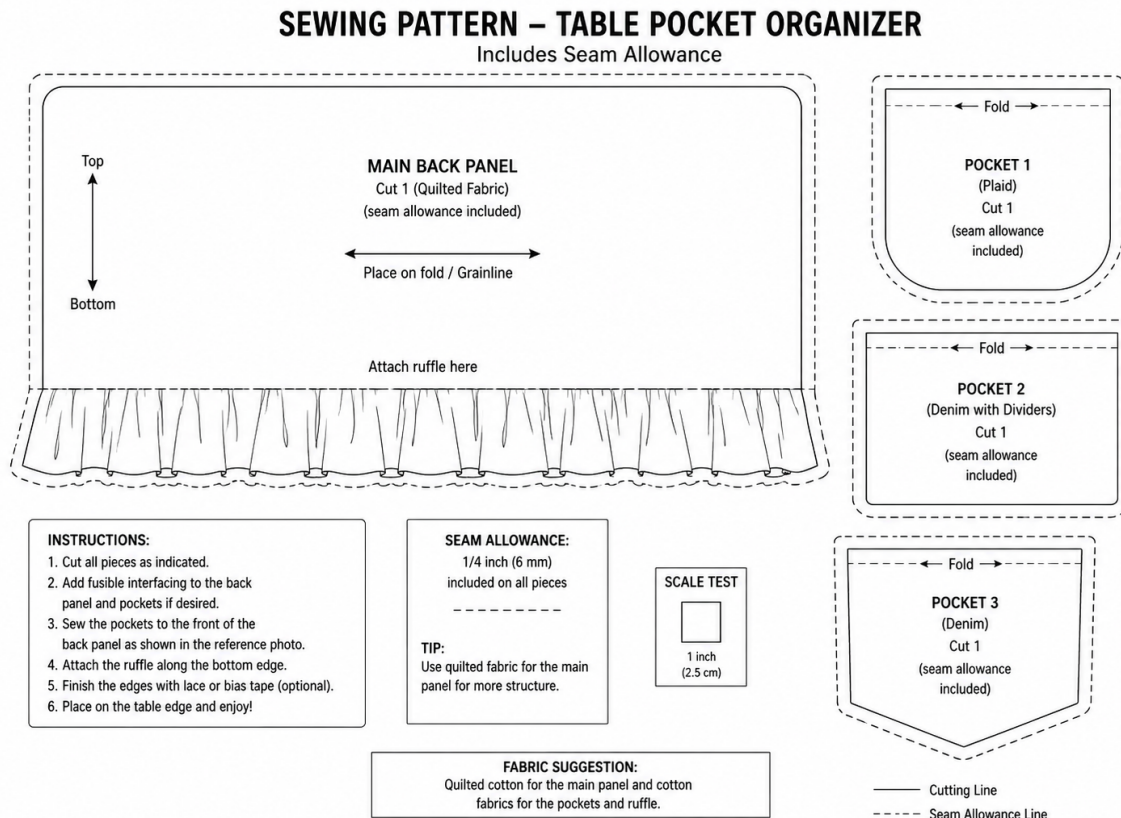


Seam Pressing
Press seams open or to one side for a neat finish.

TIPS

- Use ironing after each step.
- Coordinating or contrasting threads enhance the design.
- Add interfacing to the lining for extra structure (optional).
- Customize the colors and pockets as you like!

Enjoy your handmade sewing organizer! Perfect for keeping your tools, yarns, and notions in one place. ♥



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Patchwork Sewing Organizer with Pockets and Ruffle – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

Create a beautiful and practical Patchwork Sewing Organizer featuring multiple pockets, decorative lace, and a gathered ruffle. This organizer is perfect for keeping scissors, threads, rulers, pins, crochet hooks, knitting needles, rotary cutters, and other sewing supplies within easy reach while you work.

This tutorial follows the construction shown in the reference guide while expanding every step with additional explanations,

sewing tips, and professional techniques so even beginners can complete the project successfully.

Materials and Supplies

Fabrics

- **$\frac{1}{4}$ yard assorted quilting cotton fabrics for the patchwork top**
- **$\frac{3}{8}$ yard denim fabric (old jeans work perfectly) for the pockets**
- **$\frac{1}{3}$ yard cotton fabric for the lining**
- **$\frac{1}{4}$ yard fabric for the ruffle**
- **$\frac{1}{2}$ yard lace trim**
- **Optional: $\frac{1}{8}$ yard lightweight fusible interfacing**

Sewing Supplies

- **Coordinating sewing thread**
- **Fabric scissors**
- **Rotary cutter and cutting mat (optional)**
- **Quilting ruler**
- **Sewing machine**
- **Iron and ironing board**
- **Fabric pins or sewing clips**
- **Chalk or washable fabric marker**
- **Measuring tape**
- **Seam ripper**
- **Hand sewing needle**

Finished Measurements

The completed organizer measures approximately:

- **Width: 56 cm (22 inches)**
- **Height: 35 cm ($13\frac{3}{4}$ inches)**

This size fits comfortably over most sewing tables while providing generous storage.

Cutting the Fabric

Before cutting, wash and press all fabrics to eliminate shrinkage.

Always use accurate measurements and include a 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch) seam allowance throughout the project.

Patchwork Front Panel

Cut:

- **42 squares**
- **Each square measures 7 × 7 cm**

Arrange them into:

- **6 rows**
- **7 squares per row**

Finished panel:

- **49 × 28 cm**

Lining (Back)

Cut:

- **1 rectangle**
- **49 × 33 cm**

This extra height allows room for the ruffle and finishing.

Denim Pockets

Cut the following:

Left Plaid Pocket

- 1 piece
- 18 × 20 cm

Center Denim Pocket

- 1 piece
- 20 × 20 cm

Keep the jeans waistband and button if possible for a decorative appearance.

Right Denim Pocket

- 1 piece
- 18 × 20 cm

Pocket Linings

Cut:

- 3 lining pieces
- 18 × 18 cm

Ruffle

Cut:

- 1 strip
- 8 × 200 cm

The long strip creates beautiful full gathers.

Lace Trim

Cut:

- **1 strip**
- **Approximately 60 cm**

Preparing the Patchwork Panel

Arrange the Squares

Lay the 42 fabric squares on a flat surface.

Mix colors, prints, and values evenly.

Avoid placing identical fabrics next to each other.

Take a photo before sewing so you can easily recreate the arrangement.

Sew the Rows

Using a 1 cm seam allowance:

Sew each row together.

Press every seam before continuing.

Alternate pressing directions from one row to the next to reduce bulk.

Join the Rows

Match every seam carefully.

Pin generously.

Sew the rows together.

Press the completed panel thoroughly.

Your finished patchwork panel should measure approximately:

49 × 28 cm

Prepare the Denim Pockets

If using recycled jeans:

- **Remove the pockets carefully.**
- **Trim away excess fabric.**
- **Keep decorative stitching intact.**

If creating new pockets:

Fold the top edge twice.

Topstitch close to the folded edge.

This creates a clean, durable pocket opening.

Optional Decorative Topstitching

Now is the perfect time to personalize the organizer.

You may add:

- **Decorative stitches**
- **Labels**
- **Buttons**

- Rivets
- Embroidery
- Fabric appliqués

These details give your organizer a professional handmade appearance.

Position the Pockets

Lay the finished patchwork panel flat.

Arrange:

- Plaid pocket on the left
- Denim pocket in the center
- Denim pocket on the right

Leave even spacing between pockets.

Check that all pockets sit straight before pinning.

Pin the Pockets

Use sewing clips or pins.

Smooth the fabric so nothing wrinkles underneath.

Double-check pocket alignment.

Sew the Pockets

Sew along:

- Left side

- Bottom edge
- Right side

Do not sew across the pocket opening.

Backstitch securely at the beginning and end of every seam.

For added strength, sew a second reinforcement line at the upper corners.

Prepare the Lining

Press the lining rectangle.

If additional stability is desired, fuse lightweight interfacing to the wrong side.

This helps the organizer keep its shape.

Assemble the Main Body

Place:

- Patchwork front right side up
- Lining right side down

Right sides should face together.

Pin all four sides carefully.

Sew Around the Organizer

Using a 1 cm seam allowance:

Sew around all edges.

Leave approximately a 10 cm opening along the bottom edge.

This opening allows the organizer to be turned right side out.

Trim the corners diagonally without cutting through the stitches.

Turn Right Side Out

Pull the organizer gently through the opening.

Use a point turner or chopstick to push out all corners neatly.

Press the entire organizer flat.

Fold the opening seam allowances inward.

Press once more.

Close the Opening

Topstitch close to the edge.

This closes the turning gap while creating a crisp finished edge.

Create the Ruffle

Take the long fabric strip.

Sew two parallel rows of long gathering stitches near one long edge.

Do not backstitch.

Leave long thread tails.

Gather the Ruffle

Pull the bobbin threads slowly.

Distribute the gathers evenly until the ruffle measures approximately:

49 cm

The gathers should appear soft and uniform.

Press lightly without flattening the gathers.

Attach the Ruffle

Align the raw edge of the gathered strip with the bottom edge of the organizer.

Pin frequently.

Sew the ruffle securely.

Remove gathering stitches if desired.

Attach the Lace Trim

Place the lace over the upper edge of the ruffle.

Pin carefully.

Sew close to the lace edge.

This covers the ruffle seam while adding an elegant decorative finish.

Final Pressing

Press the organizer carefully.

Avoid flattening the ruffle.

Steam helps remove any remaining wrinkles.

Inspect Your Project

Check that:

-  **Every seam is secure**
-  **All pockets are stitched firmly**
-  **Corners are sharp**
-  **The organizer lays flat**
-  **The ruffle gathers evenly**
-  **Lace is securely attached**
-  **No loose threads remain**

Trim any visible threads.

Straight Stitch

The straight stitch is used throughout the project for assembling the patchwork, attaching the lining, sewing the pockets, and topstitching.

Use a standard stitch length of approximately 2.5 mm for most seams.

Backstitch

Always backstitch at the beginning and end of structural seams.

This prevents stitches from unraveling with repeated use.

Topstitching

Topstitching strengthens the organizer while giving it a professional appearance.

Keep the stitching straight and close to the edge for the best results.

Gathering Stitch

Use a long stitch length (4–5 mm).

Sew two parallel rows.

Pull only the bobbin threads to create even gathers.

Distribute the fullness gradually until the desired width is reached.

Pressing Every Step

Professional-looking sewing depends heavily on pressing.

Press:

- Every seam after sewing
- Every row before joining
- Every edge before topstitching
- The completed organizer before adding the ruffle
- The finished project after construction

Remember:

Press, don't iron. Lift and lower the iron rather than sliding it aggressively across the fabric.

Helpful Sewing Tips 🧵 ✨

- 🧵 Use quilting cotton for the patchwork because it presses beautifully.
- 👖 Recycled denim pockets add durability and character.
- 📌 Pin generously before sewing.
- ✂️ Trim bulky seam allowances when necessary.
- 🔥 Press after every sewing step.
- 🧵 Match thread color to the fabric whenever possible.
- 📏 Measure twice before cutting.
- 🎨 Balance colors across the patchwork for a harmonious design.
- 🧺 Prewash fabrics to avoid shrinkage later.
- ❤️ Reinforce pocket corners since they receive the most stress during use.

Ways to Customize Your Organizer 🎨

Once you've completed the basic organizer, you can personalize it by:

- Adding extra pockets

- Using different patchwork block designs
- Incorporating embroidery
- Sewing on fabric labels
- Adding button closures
- Including elastic loops for scissors
- Creating pencil holders
- Making larger pockets for rulers
- Adding hanging loops
- Using seasonal fabrics for holiday organizers

Congratulations! 🎉

Your Patchwork Sewing Organizer with Pockets and Ruffle is now complete.

This organizer combines beautiful patchwork, durable denim pockets, elegant lace, and a gathered ruffle into a practical sewing accessory that keeps your favorite tools organized and within easy reach. Whether displayed in your sewing room or given as a thoughtful handmade gift, it is both functional and decorative. With careful cutting, accurate seam allowances, consistent pressing, and attention to detail, you'll have a sturdy organizer that will provide years of everyday use. Happy sewing! 🧵❤️