



DIY DENIM BUTTERFLY COASTERS

♥ SEWING TUTORIAL ♥

Charming denim coasters with ruffled edges and applique butterflies. A perfect blend of creativity and practicality!

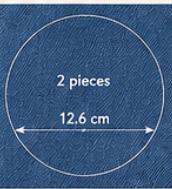


FABRIC (US)

	Denim (medium weight) 1/4 yd (22.86 cm)
	Cotton fabric – print 1 1/8 yd (11.43 cm)
	Cotton fabric – print 2 1/8 yd (11.43 cm)
	Cotton fabric – print 3 1/8 yd (11.43 cm)
	Fusible web (heat n bond lite) 1/4 yd (22.86 cm)
	Felt or fabric for butterfly body and details (small pieces)
	Thread to match
	Embroidery floss
	Buttons (2 small)
	Polyester fiberfill (optional)

CUTTING DIAGRAM (ALL MEASUREMENTS INCLUDE 0.7 CM SEAM ALLOWANCE)

FROM DENIM:



FROM PRINT 2 (POLKA DOT):



Ruffle strip
2 pieces
40 cm x 5 cm

FROM PRINT 3 (FLORAL):



Ruffle strip
1 piece
40 cm x 5 cm

FROM ASSORTED FABRICS OR FELT:

Butterfly Applique Pieces



Inner wing parts
2 sets

Body
1 piece

Antennae
2 pieces

FUSIBLE WEB

Enough for all applique pieces



HOW TO MAKE

1 PREPARE APPLIQUE

Trace and cut all butterfly pieces. Fuse the fusible web to the wrong side of each piece. Cut again on the line.



2 APPLIQUE THE BUTTERFLY

Arrange the pieces on one denim circle. Fuse in place and stitch around each piece using a zigzag or blanket stitch.



3 JOIN THE DENIM CIRCLES

Place the two denim circles right sides together. Stitch around the edge, leaving a 5 cm opening. Turn right side out and press.



4 MAKE THE RUFFLE

Sew the two ruffle strips (short ends) together to make one long strip. Gather along one long edge with a basting stitch.



5 ATTACH THE RUFFLE

Pin the ruffle (right side facing up) around the coaster edge. Stitch in place. Adjust gathers as you go.



6 FINAL TOUCHES

Add buttons to the wings. Embroider antennae and details. Press well. Enjoy your handmade coaster!



MAIN SEWING METHODS USED

Running stitch (basting)
To gather fabric.



Zigzag stitch
To applique pieces.



Blanket stitch
For applique details (optional).



Straight stitch
For joining fabric.



Turning & pressing
For a clean finish.



STEP-BY-STEP VISUAL SUMMARY

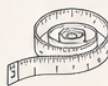


USEFUL TIPS

- Use a denim needle (size 90/14) for thick fabrics.
- Press all pieces before sewing for a neat finish.
- You can use fabric glue to hold applique pieces before stitching.
- Mix and match prints for unique results!



1/8 yd = 11.43 cm
1/4 yd = 22.86 cm



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Hand wash cold

Do not bleach

Line dry

Warm iron if needed

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DENIM BUTTERFLY COASTER – PATTERN

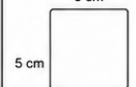
SEWING PATTERN WITH SEAM ALLOWANCE

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut the pieces on the outer dashed line.
2. The seam allowance is 0.7 cm (1/4").
3. Sew along the solid line.
4. Leave an opening to turn.
5. Turn right side out and hand stitch the opening.
6. Add ruffle, applique and embroidery as shown in the reference image.

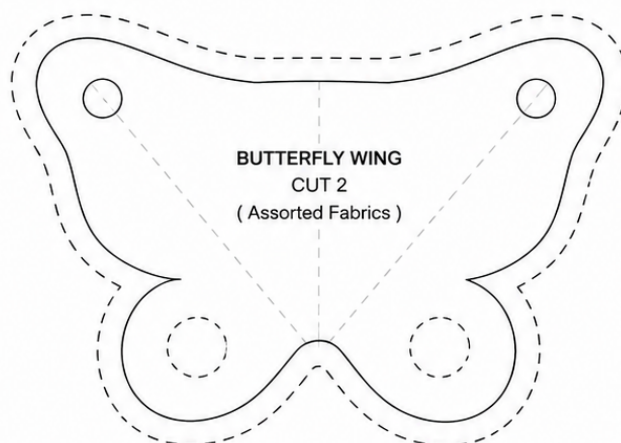
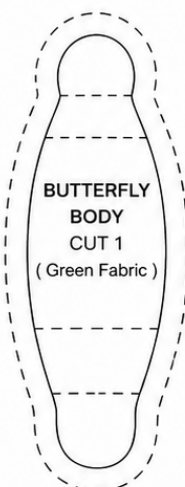
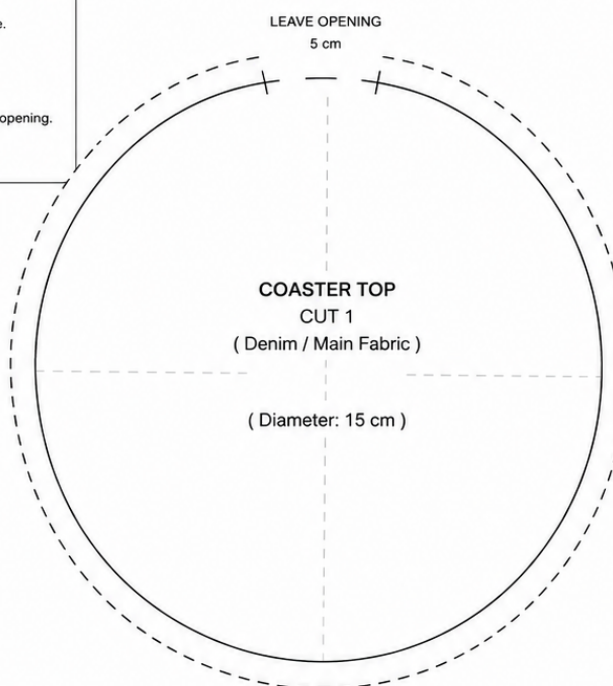
SCALE GUIDE

5 cm



This square should measure 5 cm x 5 cm when printed.

--- Cutting Line
(Includes seam allowance)
— Sewing Line



RUFFLE STRIP
CUT 1
(Denim / Main Fabric)

Size:
4 cm x 60 cm

(Gather and sew around the coaster edge)

* Add buttons and embroidery as shown in the reference image.

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DIY Denim Butterfly Coasters – Complete Sewing Tutorial

Create beautiful DIY Denim Butterfly Coasters with charming ruffled edges and colorful butterfly appliqués! 🦋☕

This beginner-friendly sewing tutorial follows the complete project shown in the reference guide and explains every step in detail so that anyone in the United States can successfully recreate these coasters from start to finish.

These coasters combine recycled denim with cotton prints and simple appliqué techniques, making them both decorative and practical. Whether you're making them for your own home, as gifts, or for craft fairs, this project is enjoyable and rewarding.

The finished coaster measures approximately 5½ inches (14 cm) in diameter.

Finished Size

- Diameter: 5½ inches (14 cm)

Materials & Supplies

Fabric

Medium-weight Denim

- ¼ yard (22.86 cm)

Cotton Print #1 (Polka Dot)

- ⅛ yard (11.43 cm)

Cotton Print #2 (Floral)

- **1/8 yard (11.43 cm)**

Cotton Print #3 (Optional Floral)

- **1/8 yard (11.43 cm)**

Interfacing

- **Fusible web (heat-and-bond type)**
- **Approximately 1/4 yard**

Additional Materials

- **Small scraps of felt or quilting cotton for butterfly details**
- **Matching sewing thread**
- **Embroidery floss**
- **Two small decorative buttons (optional)**
- **Polyester fiberfill (optional, for extra body)**

Tools You'll Need



Sewing machine



Fabric scissors



Small embroidery scissors



Sewing pins or fabric clips



Fabric marking pen



Quilting ruler



Hand sewing needle



Iron and ironing board



Basting thread

Cutting Diagram

All measurements already include a ¼-inch (0.7 cm) seam allowance.

From Denim

Cut:

- **2 circles**
- **Diameter: 5 inches (12.6 cm)**

These form the front and back of the coaster.

From Polka Dot Cotton

Cut:

- **2 ruffle strips**
- **2 x 15¾ inches**
- **(5 × 40 cm)**

From Floral Cotton

Cut:

- **1 additional ruffle strip**
- **2 x 15¾ inches**
- **(5 × 40 cm)**

You may use one fabric or mix prints for a unique look.

Butterfly Appliqué Pieces

Prepare the following:

- Upper wings – 2 pieces
- Lower wings – 2 pieces
- Inner wing details – 2 sets
- Butterfly body – 1 piece
- Antennae – 2 narrow strips
- Decorative embroidered circles – 4 small pieces

Use scraps of cotton or felt in coordinating colors.

Fusible Web

Cut enough pieces to fit all butterfly appliqué parts.

Before You Begin

Wash and dry all fabrics before cutting to prevent shrinking later.

Press every fabric piece flat with an iron.

Transfer the butterfly pattern onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Arrange your fabrics so each butterfly has a balanced combination of colors.

H2 Step 1 – Prepare the Butterfly Appliqué

Trace every butterfly piece onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Rough-cut around each traced shape.

Fuse the web to the wrong side of the selected fabrics according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Allow everything to cool completely.

Carefully cut each shape exactly on the traced line using sharp embroidery scissors.

Remove the paper backing from every piece.

Organize all pieces before assembling the butterfly.

H2 Step 2 – Assemble the Butterfly Design

Lay one denim circle right side up.

Find the center of the circle.

Arrange the butterfly pieces in the following order:

- **Upper wings**
- **Lower wings**
- **Inner wing accents**
- **Butterfly body**
- **Antennae**

Take your time adjusting the placement until everything looks symmetrical.

Once satisfied, lightly fuse the pieces to the denim with an iron.

This temporary bond keeps everything from shifting while sewing.

H2 Step 3 – Stitch the Appliqué

Using your sewing machine, sew around every appliqué piece.

A narrow zigzag stitch works beautifully.

A blanket stitch is another excellent option if you prefer a handmade appearance.

Sew slowly around curves.

Pivot frequently with the needle down.

After all pieces are stitched, embroider decorative details using embroidery floss.

Add:

- **Wing veins**
- **Small decorative stitches**
- **French knots if desired**

Finish by sewing the butterfly body and antennae securely.

H2 Step 4 – Sew the Denim Coaster Base

Place both denim circles together with right sides facing.

Pin around the edge.

Using a straight stitch, sew around the circle.

Leave an opening approximately 2 inches (5 cm) wide.

Clip small notches around the curved seam.

Be careful not to cut through the stitching.

Turn the coaster right side out.

Use a blunt tool to gently push out the curved edges.

Press the circle flat with an iron.

If desired, insert a small amount of polyester fiberfill for a lightly padded coaster.

Hand stitch or machine stitch the opening closed.

Press once more.

H2 Step 5 – Make the Fabric Ruffle

Take two ruffle strips.

Join them end to end using a straight stitch.

Press the seam open.

Fold the strip lengthwise if you prefer a cleaner finished edge, or leave it unfolded for a softer farmhouse style.

Along one long edge, sew two parallel rows of long basting stitches.

Do not backstitch.

Leave long thread tails.

Gently pull the bobbin threads to gather the strip evenly.

Continue gathering until the ruffle fits perfectly around the coaster.

Distribute the gathers evenly.

Press lightly without flattening the ruffles.

H2 Step 6 – Attach the Ruffle

Place the gathered ruffle around the coaster.

The raw edge of the ruffle should align with the coaster edge.

Pin generously.

Adjust gathers until they are evenly spaced.

Topstitch around the entire coaster approximately ⅛ inch from the edge.

Remove all visible basting stitches after sewing.

Press lightly.

Fluff the ruffle with your fingers.

H2 Step 7 – Add Decorative Details ✨

Decorate your butterfly using embroidery floss.

Suggested details include:

- **Running stitch accents**
- **Small seed stitches**
- **French knots**
- **Satin stitch highlights**

Sew two small decorative buttons if desired.

These may represent decorative accents rather than functional parts.

Check that every appliqué edge is securely stitched.

Trim any loose threads.

Give the entire coaster one final press.

H2 Main Sewing Techniques Used

Running Stitch (Basting)

Used to gather the ruffle before attaching it.

Zigzag Stitch

Ideal for securing appliqué pieces while preventing fabric fraying.

Blanket Stitch

Creates a decorative hand-finished edge around the butterfly pieces.

Straight Stitch

Used for joining fabric pieces and constructing the coaster.

Turning and Pressing

Essential for creating smooth curves and achieving a professional finish.

H2 Helpful Tips

- **Use a 90/14 denim needle for the best results.**
- **Matching thread creates a polished appearance.**

- Press after every major sewing step.
- Clip curved seams carefully for smoother edges.
- Distribute gathers evenly before sewing.
- Mix denim shades for a more interesting design.
- Try different cotton prints for every butterfly.
- Make several coasters at once by cutting multiple sets together.
- Test your stitch settings on scrap fabric before sewing the final project.
- Decorative hand embroidery adds a beautiful handcrafted touch.

Fabric Conversion Reference

- $\frac{1}{8}$ yard = 4½ inches (11.43 cm)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ yard = 9 inches (22.86 cm)

Care Instructions

- Hand wash in cold water.
- Do not bleach.
- Lay flat to dry.
- Iron on medium heat if needed.
- Avoid excessive heat directly on embroidered areas.

Complete Project Summary

1. Cut all fabrics.
2. Prepare the fusible appliqué.
3. Assemble the butterfly.
4. Stitch every appliqué piece.

- 5. Sew the denim coaster base.**
- 6. Turn and press.**
- 7. Make the gathered ruffle.**
- 8. Attach the ruffle.**
- 9. Add embroidery and decorative details.**
- 10. Give the coaster a final press and enjoy your handmade creation.**

Your DIY Denim Butterfly Coasters are now ready to brighten your coffee table, protect your furniture, or become thoughtful handmade gifts. With quality materials, careful pressing, and attention to detail, these charming coasters will be durable, practical, and full of handmade character. Happy sewing!

