



DENIM FLORAL LETTER "N" - TUTORIAL



A beautiful denim letter decorated with handmade fabric flowers.
Step-by-step instructions with measurements in CM.



1. MATERIALS

- Denim fabric
- Cotton fabric (various colors)
- Felt (green for leaves)
- Hand sewing needle
- Embroidery thread
- Scissors
- Fabric glue
- Stuffing (fiberfill)
- Decorative beads
- Ruler
- Chalk or fabric marker

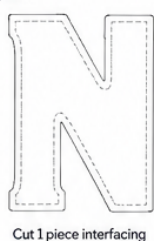
FINISHED SIZE

Height: 11.5 cm
Width: 10.5 cm



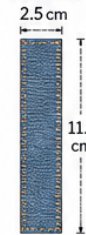
2. PATTERN & CUTTING

Cut the denim and interfacing pieces.



Cut 1 piece interfacing

Side strip



3. ASSEMBLE THE LETTER

Sew the side strip to one piece, then place the second piece right sides together and stitch around the edge.



Leave a small opening.



Turn right side out and stuff.

4. HANDMADE FLOWERS

• DAISY FLOWER

Cut petals from fabric.
Fold and stitch.
Sew around a gathered center.



• ROSE FLOWER

Cut a long strip.
Roll and stitch to form a rose.



• SMALL BLOOMS

Use gathered circles and stitch to form small flowers.



• LEAVES

Cut leaf shapes from felt.
Add stitched veins.



5. ARRANGE & ATTACH

Arrange the flowers and leaves as shown. Secure with hand stitches and a little fabric glue.



6. ADD CENTER DETAILS

Sew beads or buttons in the center of the flowers.



7. FINISH THE EDGE

Embroider a blanket stitch around the entire letter using embroidery thread.



MAIN METHODS USED

- Running Stitch – basic hand stitch
- Blanket Stitch – decorative edge
- Back Stitch – for leaf veins
- Gather Stitch – for flower centers
- Whip Stitch – for assembling pieces
- Fabric Glue – to secure elements

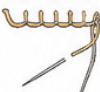
Running Stitch



Back Stitch



Blanket Stitch



Gather Stitch



TIPS

- Use sturdy denim to keep the shape.
- Stuff the letter firmly for a nice 3D look.
- Mix fabric colors for a vibrant design.
- Hand stitch carefully for a handmade touch.



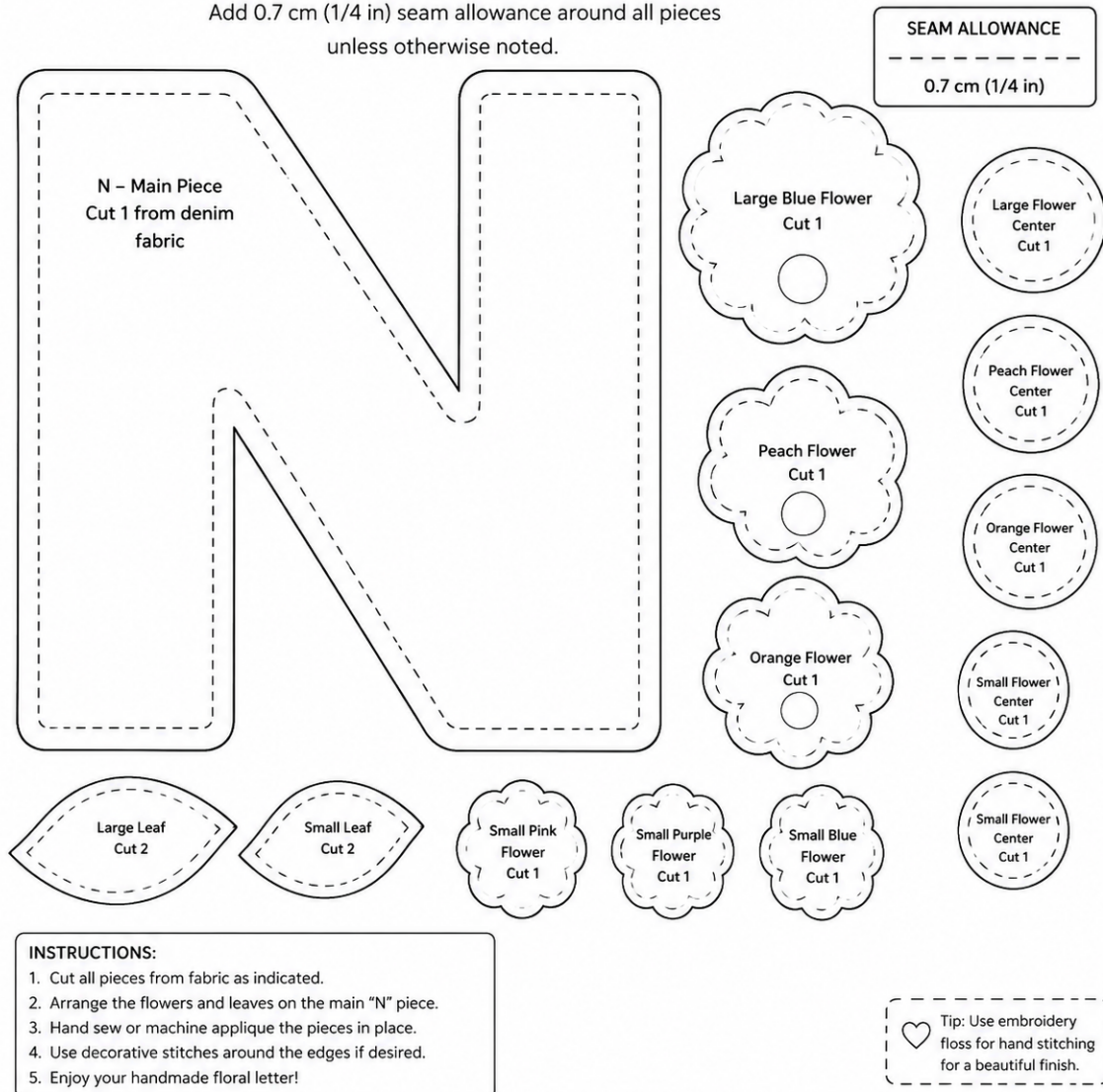
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DENIM FLORAL LETTER “N” – SEWING PATTERN

Add 0.7 cm (1/4 in) seam allowance around all pieces unless otherwise noted.



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Denim Floral Letter “N” Tutorial

Create a beautiful three-dimensional denim letter “N” decorated with handmade fabric flowers, felt leaves, beads, and visible embroidery stitches. This project combines basic

sewing, fabric shaping, light stuffing, and floral embellishment techniques.

The finished letter measures approximately:

- Height: 11.5 cm, or about 4.5 inches
- Width: 10.5 cm, or about 4.1 inches
- Side depth: 2.5 cm, or about 1 inch

The instructions below follow the design and construction shown in the reference tutorial. Measurements are given in centimeters, with approximate inch conversions for makers in the United States.

Step 1: Gather the Materials

Before cutting the fabric, prepare all the materials and tools you will need.

You will need:

- Sturdy denim fabric
- Lightweight or medium-weight fusible interfacing
- Cotton fabric in several colors for the flowers
- Green felt for the leaves
- Polyester fiberfill
- Hand-sewing needle
- Embroidery thread
- Regular sewing thread
- Fabric scissors
- Small detail scissors
- Fabric glue
- Decorative beads or small buttons
- Ruler
- Fabric chalk or a removable fabric marker
- Straight pins or sewing clips
- Iron and ironing board

- **Optional sewing machine**

Choose denim with enough structure to hold the shape of the letter. Medium-weight jeans fabric is ideal because it remains flexible while giving the finished project a firm appearance.

For the flowers, use cotton scraps in peach, blue, burgundy, navy, orange, pink, or any combination that complements the denim. Small prints and solid fabrics can be mixed for extra detail.

Step 2: Prepare the Letter “N” Pattern

Draw or print a block-style capital letter “N” measuring approximately 11.5 cm high and 10.5 cm wide.

The letter should have wide, straight sections because very narrow areas can be difficult to sew, turn, and stuff.

Add a seam allowance of approximately 0.6 cm, or ¼ inch, around the entire outside edge of the pattern. Mark this seam allowance clearly if it is not already included.

You will use this pattern to cut:

- **Two mirrored denim letter pieces**
- **One interfacing letter piece**
- **One long denim side strip**

The side strip should be approximately 2.5 cm wide, or about 1 inch. Its final length must be long enough to travel around the entire outside and inside edges of the letter.

It is helpful to cut the side strip slightly longer than needed. The extra fabric can be trimmed when the ends are joined.

Step 3: Cut the Denim and Interfacing

Fold the denim with the right sides facing each other. Pin the letter pattern to the fabric and cut through both layers.

This will produce two mirrored letter pieces: one for the front and one for the back.

Cut one letter shape from the interfacing. The interfacing should match the denim letter without extending beyond the seam allowance.

Next, cut the denim side strip approximately 2.5 cm wide. Join shorter strips if necessary to create one continuous strip.

Press the denim pieces before sewing. A smooth surface makes accurate stitching much easier.

Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of one denim letter piece according to the interfacing manufacturer's instructions. This reinforced piece can be used as the front of the letter.

Allow the fabric to cool completely after pressing.

Step 4: Mark the Sewing Lines

Using fabric chalk or a removable fabric marker, draw the stitching line approximately 0.6 cm, or ¼ inch, inside the raw edge of both letter pieces.

Mark important points on the pattern, including:

- **The top corners**
- **The bottom corners**
- **The inner corners**
- **The beginning and ending points of the side strip**
- **The area that will remain open for turning and stuffing**

Place the opening along a straight, less visible section of the letter. A lower or side edge usually works well.

The opening should be approximately 4 to 5 cm, or about 1½ to 2 inches, long. It must be large enough to turn the letter right side out and insert the stuffing.

Step 5: Attach the Side Strip to the First Letter Piece

Place the reinforced denim letter right side up.

Position one long edge of the side strip along the outer edge of the letter, with right sides together. Match the raw edges and secure them with pins or sewing clips.

Begin sewing along a straight section. Use a 0.6 cm, or ¼-inch, seam allowance.

Sew slowly around the entire edge of the letter.

At outside corners, stop sewing with the needle down, lift the presser foot, pivot the fabric, and continue sewing.

At inside corners, clip slightly into the seam allowance of the side strip before turning it around the corner. Do not cut through the stitching line.

For very tight corners, make several small clips in the side strip. These clips allow the fabric to spread and sit smoothly around the shape.

Continue attaching the side strip around both the outside and inside edges of the letter “N.”

When you return to the starting point, overlap the strip ends slightly. Trim away excess fabric and sew the ends together.

Step 6: Attach the Second Letter Piece

Place the second denim letter piece over the first assembled section, with right sides facing inward.

Match the top and bottom edges carefully. Align all corners and straight sections.

Pin or clip the second letter piece to the free edge of the side strip.

Sew around the letter using the same 0.6 cm, or ¼-inch, seam allowance.

Leave the previously marked opening unstitched.

Check the seams before turning the piece. Make sure that all corners are securely sewn and that there are no gaps.

Trim bulky seam allowances if necessary. Clip the inner corners and notch the outer curves or corners carefully.

Do not cut through the seam.

Step 7: Turn the Letter Right Side Out

Gently pull the denim through the opening.

Work slowly, especially around the narrow center section of the letter.

Use a blunt turning tool, chopstick, knitting needle, or the rounded end of a paintbrush to push out the corners.

Do not use a sharp object because it may puncture the denim or break the stitches.

Shape the side strip with your fingers so that the seams sit evenly around the letter.

Inspect the entire letter. Adjust any folded or tucked areas before adding the stuffing.

Step 8: Stuff the Letter

Begin inserting small amounts of polyester fiberfill through the opening.

Use a blunt tool to push the stuffing into the top corners, bottom corners, and narrow diagonal section.

Add the fiberfill gradually. Large pieces of stuffing can create lumps and uneven areas.

Keep the letter flat on the work surface while filling it. Check the front and back frequently to maintain a balanced shape.

The letter should feel firm enough to stand and keep its three-dimensional form, but it should not be overstuffing.

Overstuffing can distort the letter, stretch the seams, and make the front surface too rounded.

Pay special attention to the diagonal center section. Add enough stuffing to support it without forcing it out of alignment.

Step 9: Close the Opening

Fold the raw edges of the opening inward so they match the finished seam.

Thread a hand-sewing needle with strong matching thread.

Close the opening with a small ladder stitch, also called an invisible stitch.

Take alternating stitches through the folded edges. Pull the thread gently after every few stitches to bring the opening together.

Secure the thread with a small knot hidden inside the seam.

Massage and reshape the stuffing around the closed area so that the edge looks smooth.

Step 10: Add the Decorative Blanket Stitch

Thread a hand-sewing needle with contrasting embroidery thread. The example uses a warm tan or golden-brown color against the blue denim.

Begin at an inconspicuous point on the back or lower edge of the letter.

Work a blanket stitch around the visible outer edges.

To make a blanket stitch:

1. Bring the needle from the back to the front near the edge.
2. Insert the needle a short distance ahead.
3. Keep the working thread beneath the needle.
4. Pull the stitch gently to form a small loop along the edge.
5. Repeat at evenly spaced intervals.

Keep the stitch length consistent. Approximately 0.5 to 0.7 cm, or $\frac{3}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, between stitches works well.

The blanket stitch is decorative, but it also gives the letter a handmade, finished appearance.

Continue around all accessible edges, including the inner angles of the letter.

Fasten the thread securely and hide the end inside the denim.

Step 11: Make a Fabric Daisy Flower

Cut several small oval or teardrop-shaped petals from cotton fabric.

For a medium daisy, prepare approximately eight to twelve petals. The exact number depends on the size and fullness you want.

Fold each petal lengthwise with the right sides together.

Stitch around the curved edge, leaving the bottom open.

Turn each petal right side out. Press gently with your fingers or use a low-temperature iron if the fabric allows.

Arrange the petals in a circle, overlapping the lower ends.

Use a needle and strong thread to sew through the base of all the petals.

Pull the thread to gather the petals into a flower shape.

Secure the circle with several stitches.

Sew a bead, covered button, decorative button, or small gathered fabric circle in the center.

Make several daisies in different sizes and colors. The reference design includes peach, light blue, and orange flowers.

Step 12: Make a Rolled Rose

Cut a long fabric strip. A strip approximately 2.5 to 4 cm wide, or 1 to 1½ inches, works well for a small rose.

The length can vary from 20 to 35 cm, or approximately 8 to 14 inches.

Fold the strip lengthwise with the wrong sides together.

Knot one end or roll it tightly to form the center bud.

Continue rolling the strip around the center.

Twist or fold the fabric slightly as you roll to create natural-looking petals.

Place a small stitch through the bottom of the rose after every few turns.

Keep the stitches hidden underneath.

When the rose reaches the desired size, fold the raw end beneath the flower and stitch it securely to the base.

For the green-and-pink rolled flower shown in the design, make a green outer roll and add a smaller pink center.

Step 13: Make Small Gathered Blooms

Cut a small fabric circle approximately 4 to 6 cm, or 1½ to 2½ inches, in diameter.

Thread a hand-sewing needle and sew a running stitch around the outer edge of the circle.

Pull the thread gently to gather the circle into a small pouch.

Insert a tiny amount of fiberfill if you want a rounded flower.

Pull the thread tightly and secure the gathered opening.

Flatten the gathered shape slightly.

To form petals, bring the needle through the center and wrap the thread around the outside of the flower.

Return the needle through the center.

Repeat this several times, spacing the thread sections evenly around the flower.

Pull each section firmly enough to divide the fabric into petals.

Add a bead or French knot to the center.

Make several small blooms in burgundy, navy blue, purple, or complementary shades.

Step 14: Cut and Embroider the Felt Leaves

Draw several simple leaf shapes on green felt.

Create a variety of sizes to fit around the flowers.

Cut the leaves with sharp detail scissors.

Because felt does not fray, no seam allowance is needed.

Thread a needle with green embroidery thread.

Sew one straight line from the base of each leaf toward the point to create the main vein.

Add short diagonal backstitches extending from the center vein toward the sides.

For a more dimensional effect, pinch the base of the leaf slightly and secure it with one or two stitches.

You can also use two shades of green felt to create a more natural arrangement.

Step 15: Plan the Flower Arrangement

Do not glue or sew the flowers immediately.

Place the finished letter flat on the table and experiment with the arrangement first.

The reference design uses four main decorative areas:

- **A large flower cluster at the upper left**
- **One blue flower near the upper right**
- **A mixed flower-and-leaf cluster near the lower center**
- **One orange flower near the lower left**

Place the largest flowers first.

Add the medium flowers around them.

Fill the remaining spaces with small gathered blooms, rolled roses, and felt leaves.

Allow some leaves to extend outward from beneath the flowers.

Keep the decorations away from the very outer edge so they do not interfere with the shape of the letter.

The flower arrangement should feel balanced without covering all the denim.

Take a photo of the arrangement before removing the pieces. This gives you a visual guide while attaching everything.

Step 16: Attach the Leaves

Begin with the leaves because they sit beneath the flowers.

Apply a very small amount of fabric glue to the back of each leaf.

Press it onto the denim according to your planned arrangement.

The glue should be used only to hold the leaf temporarily.

Thread a needle with matching green thread and secure the leaves with small hand stitches.

Stitch through the center vein or around selected areas of the leaf.

Keep the knots hidden beneath the flowers whenever possible.

Allow some leaf tips to remain free. This creates a more dimensional appearance.

Step 17: Attach the Flowers

Start with the largest flowers.

Place each flower over the attached leaves.

Use strong sewing thread and a hand-sewing needle.

Bring the needle through the denim from an area that will be hidden beneath the flower.

Stitch through the flower base several times.

Avoid pulling the stitches too tightly because this can crush the flower.

Knot the thread securely.

Attach the medium flowers next, followed by the rolled roses and small gathered blooms.

Use a tiny amount of fabric glue only when needed to prevent the pieces from shifting.

Hand stitching should provide the main support.

Check the front, sides, and top of the letter as you work. The flower clusters should look attractive from several angles.

Step 18: Add Beads and Flower Centers

Choose decorative beads, small buttons, pearls, covered buttons, or metallic embellishments for the flower centers.

Thread a strong needle with doubled thread.

Bring the needle through the center of the flower.

Pass it through the bead or button.

Take the needle back through the flower and denim.

Repeat the stitch several times.

Tie the thread securely at the back or beneath the flower.

Large round beads work well for the blue and orange flowers.

Small beads can be grouped in the center of the burgundy and navy blooms.

Make sure all beads are firmly attached, especially if the letter will be displayed in a child's room.

This project should be treated as decoration rather than a toy because small embellishments can present a choking hazard.

Step 19: Review the Main Sewing Methods

Several basic stitches are used throughout this project.

Running stitch: A simple in-and-out stitch used for gathering fabric circles and flower centers.

Backstitch: A strong hand stitch used for the embroidered veins on the felt leaves.

Blanket stitch: A decorative looped stitch worked around the edges of the denim letter.

Gather stitch: A row of running stitches pulled tightly to gather fabric into a flower shape.

Whip stitch: A small over-the-edge stitch that can be used to join fabric sections or secure folded edges.

Ladder stitch: An almost invisible hand stitch used to close the stuffing opening.

Practice the stitches on scrap fabric before working on the final project if you are new to hand sewing.

Step 20: Make the Final Adjustments

Place the finished letter upright and inspect it from the front.

Check that the letter stands evenly and that the diagonal section remains straight.

Redistribute the stuffing by gently pressing and shaping the letter with your hands.

Trim any visible thread ends.

Remove fabric-marker lines according to the marker manufacturer's directions.

Check every flower, leaf, bead, and button.

Add extra stitches anywhere that feels loose.

Gently lift and shape the petals so the flowers look full.

Make sure the blanket stitches remain visible and are not hidden by the floral arrangement.

Helpful Tips for the Best Result

Use sturdy denim so the letter keeps its form after stuffing.

Cut the front and back pieces accurately. Even small differences can make the edges difficult to align.

Clip the seam allowance carefully around inner corners before turning the letter.

Stuff narrow areas first and add the fiberfill in small pieces.

Do not overfill the letter. Firm, even stuffing creates a cleaner result than excessive stuffing.

Mix flower colors for a vibrant design, or use a limited palette for a softer and more coordinated look.

Use hand stitching for the final decorations. It gives the project a traditional handmade finish and holds the flowers more securely than glue alone.

Keep fabric glue away from visible edges because dried glue may create shiny or stiff areas.

When using a sewing machine, sew slowly around the corners and shorten the stitch length slightly for better control.

Optional Display Ideas

The finished denim floral letter can be displayed on a shelf, desk, dresser, sewing-room table, or nursery cabinet.

A small fabric loop can be sewn to the back before stuffing if you want to hang the letter on a wall.

You may also make several letters to spell a name or short word.

For a coordinated set, use the same denim and embroidery thread on every letter, then vary the colors of the flowers.

The design can also be adapted for other block letters. Keep the same approximate width and depth so the completed letters look consistent when displayed together.

Your denim floral letter “N” is now complete. The combination of structured denim, visible blanket stitching, dimensional flowers, felt leaves, and decorative centers creates a charming handmade piece that can be customized for many rooms, seasons, and occasions.

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