



DIY Hanging Pocket Organizer Sewing Tutorial

A beautiful and practical wall organizer made from jeans/denim fabric.
Perfect for craft room, tools, office or kitchen!

Organize
Create
Reuse
Enjoy! ♥

FINISHED SIZE



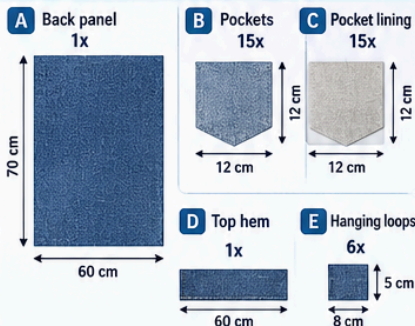
MATERIALS (U.S. FABRICS)

- Denim or jeans fabric (assorted shades)
- Cotton fabric (backing)
- Medium weight fusible interfacing (optional)
- Wooden dowel (60-70 cm)
- Metal grommets (8-10)
- Matching thread
- Scissors, pins, ruler, chalk
- Sewing machine
- Iron

POCKET SIZE



CUTTING GUIDE (Measurements in CM)



1 STEP 1 - Prepare the Pockets



- Fold the top edge of each pocket 1 cm to the wrong side, then another 2 cm.
- Sew a straight stitch.
- Repeat for all 15 pockets.

2 Add Pocket Lining (optional)



- Place lining fabric behind each pocket (right sides together).
- Sew around the sides and bottom.
- Turn right side out and press.

3 Arrange the Pockets



- Plan 3 rows of 5 pockets.
- Space between pockets: 2 cm.
- Space between rows: 5 cm.

4 Sew Pockets to Back Panel



- Pin pockets in place on the back panel following your layout.
- Sew along the sides and bottom of each pocket.
- Sew a vertical seam between pockets for extra strength (optional).

5 Make the Top Hem



- Fold the top edge 1 cm, then 3 cm to the wrong side.
- Stitch across the entire width.
- Mark positions for grommets (about every 10 cm).

6 Add Hanging Loops



- Fold each loop in half (8 cm x 5 cm).
- Place loops evenly along the top hem.
- Stitch securely.

7 Install Grommets



- Use a grommet kit to add metal grommets through the hem and loops.
- Space them evenly.

8 Attach Hem to Panel



- Align the hem with the top of the back panel.
- Stitch across the width.
- Reinforce with a second line of stitching.

9 Insert the Rod



- Slide a wooden dowel through the loops.
- Your hanging pocket organizer is ready!

SEWING TECHNIQUES USED

- Straight stitch (for seams)
- Backstitch (for reinforcement)
- Topstitch (for a professional finish)
- Press with iron (for neat edges)
- Use pins or clips (to hold pieces)
- Grommet installation (for hanging)

FINISHED PROJECT!



TIPS:

- ✓ Use old jeans to recycle and create a unique look.
- ✓ You can adjust the size and number of pockets.
- ✓ Use cotton or canvas for a lighter version.
- ✓ Great for sewing supplies, tools, office, kitchen and more!



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Make a difference! ♥



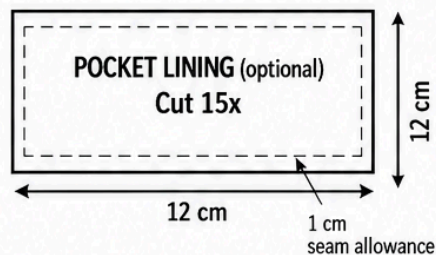
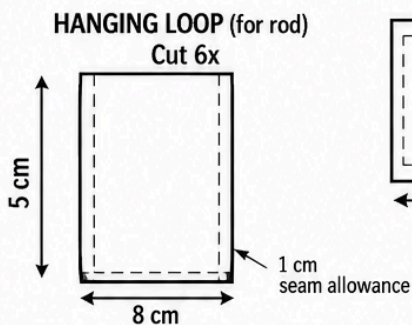
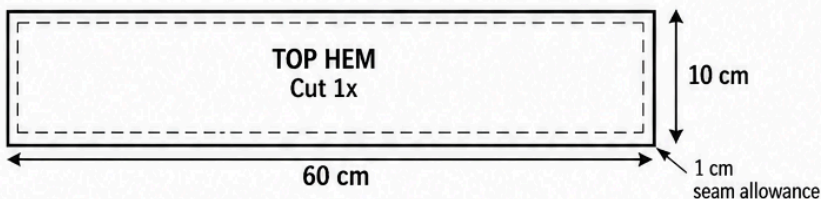
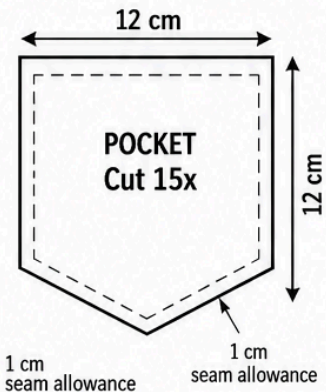
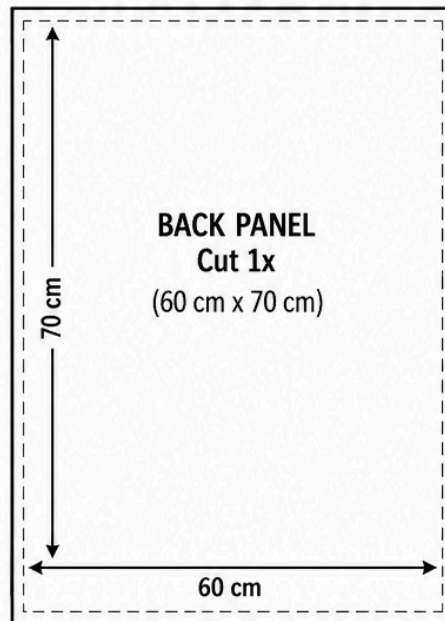
Finished Size (approx.):
60 cm (W) x 70 cm (H)
15 pockets (3 rows of 5)

SEWING PATTERN Hanging Pocket Organizer

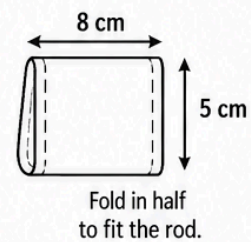
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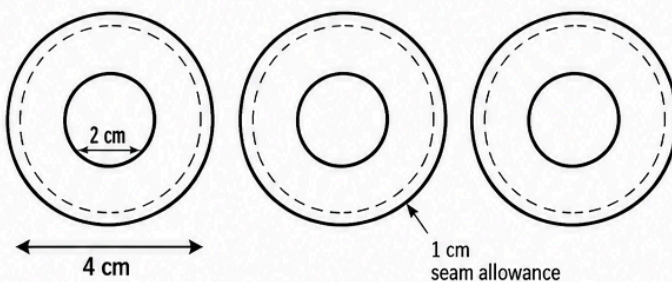
- This pattern already includes seam allowance of 1 cm.
- All measurements are in centimeters (cm).
- You can adjust the size as desired.
- Use denim or heavy cotton fabric.
- Print, cut and use for your project.



ROD LOOP ASSEMBLY (FOLDED)



GROMMET REINFORCEMENT (optional) Cut 12x



TIP:

You can use this pattern to make different sizes and numbers of pockets. Keep the 1 cm seam allowance for all pieces.

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Happy Sewing!

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This DIY Hanging Pocket Organizer is a practical sewing project made primarily from denim or recycled jeans. Based on the tutorial graphic, the finished organizer measures approximately 60 cm wide × 70 cm high and contains 15 individual pockets arranged in three rows of five. It is designed to hold sewing notions, craft supplies, office accessories, small tools, kitchen utensils, and other lightweight items.

The project is especially suitable for repurposing old jeans because different shades of denim give every pocket a unique appearance. If recycled denim is unavailable, you can use denim yardage, cotton canvas, duck cloth, or another sturdy woven fabric commonly available in U.S. fabric stores.

All measurements below are given in centimeters (cm) to remain consistent with the graphic. Before cutting expensive fabric, read through the entire tutorial and arrange your pattern pieces on the fabric to make sure you have enough material.

Step 1: Gather Your Fabric, Tools, and Supplies

For the main organizer, you will need enough denim or recycled jeans fabric to create a 60 × 70 cm back panel plus 15 pockets. Mixing light, medium, and dark denim is a great way to reproduce the patchwork-style appearance shown in the tutorial.

You may also use cotton fabric for the backing. A backing layer gives the organizer a cleaner reverse side and can help hide raw seams. For a lighter organizer, quilting cotton works well. For additional durability, choose canvas or another medium-weight woven cotton.

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The graphic also recommends medium-weight fusible interfacing, although this is optional. Interfacing is particularly helpful when your denim is soft or lightweight because the organizer needs enough structure to remain relatively flat when loaded with supplies.

For hanging, prepare a wooden dowel approximately 60–70 cm long. You will also need fabric loops and suitable hanging hardware. The illustrated project uses metal grommets as decorative and reinforcing elements around the upper hanging area.

Your basic sewing tools should include a sewing machine, denim or universal sewing-machine needle, matching thread, fabric scissors or rotary cutter, ruler, fabric marking chalk, straight pins or sewing clips, and an iron. Because several layers of denim may overlap, a denim/jeans needle is often the most practical choice.

It is also helpful to have a seam gauge, removable fabric marker, cutting mat, and heavy-duty thread for reinforcement. Test your machine settings on scraps first. Denim thickness varies considerably, particularly when recycled jeans seams are incorporated into a project.

Step 2: Cut the Main Back Panel and Pattern Pieces

Begin by cutting one back panel measuring 60 cm wide × 70 cm high. Keep the grain reasonably straight so that the organizer hangs evenly rather than twisting after it is placed on the wall.

Next, prepare 15 pocket pieces. According to the tutorial graphic, each pocket is approximately 12 cm wide × 12 cm high, with a pointed lower profile inspired by traditional jeans

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pockets. Use one accurately prepared pocket as a template for the remaining pieces.

Cut the pockets from several shades of denim if you want the organizer to resemble the example. Old jeans are particularly useful because existing back pockets can sometimes be carefully removed and reused, giving the organizer authentic topstitching and character.

If you are lining the pockets, prepare 15 corresponding pocket-lining pieces measuring approximately 12 × 12 cm. Lightweight cotton is a good lining choice because it adds a neat interior without making the pocket excessively bulky.

Prepare the top hem section at approximately 60 × 10 cm. This piece reinforces the upper portion of the organizer where the hanging system is installed. Keep this area strong because it will support the combined weight of the organizer and its contents.

Finally, prepare the hanging loops. The graphic indicates pieces approximately 8 × 5 cm, with the loops folded before installation. The tutorial illustration shows several loops distributed evenly across the top; you can adjust their number and spacing to suit the dowel and final construction.

Step 3: Prepare and Finish All 15 Denim Pockets

Take the first pocket and fold its upper edge approximately 1 cm toward the wrong side. Press the fold carefully with an iron. A crisp pressed edge makes accurate sewing much easier.

Turn the upper edge again to conceal the raw fabric edge. Press once more and secure it with clips or pins. Stitch horizontally across the folded edge using a straight stitch.

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For the characteristic denim appearance, add a visible topstitch near the upper edge. You can use regular matching thread for a subtle result or contrasting jeans topstitching thread for a traditional workwear appearance.

Repeat the process for all 15 pockets. Try to keep the upper hems consistent so that the three completed rows appear balanced.

If you are using recycled jeans pockets that already have finished upper edges, you can retain those original details. Carefully trim unnecessary fabric around them while preserving enough seam allowance for attachment.

Press every completed pocket before moving on. Preparing all 15 pockets as a batch makes the later assembly considerably easier and helps you identify differences in size before sewing anything permanently to the back panel.

Step 4: Add the Optional Pocket Linings

For lined pockets, place one lining piece against its corresponding denim pocket with the appropriate sides facing according to your chosen construction method.

Align the edges carefully. Sew around the necessary sides and lower edges, leaving enough access to turn the pocket right side out if you are using a turned construction.

Trim excess bulk carefully around the lower corners or pointed section. Do not cut through your stitches. Reducing excess seam allowance here allows the finished point to lie flatter.

Turn the pocket right side out and gently shape the corners and bottom point. Avoid pushing aggressively with scissors because sharp tools can puncture the fabric.

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Press the pocket thoroughly. The lining should remain mostly hidden when viewed from the front.

Repeat for every pocket. The lining is optional, so it can be omitted when working with sufficiently sturdy denim or when you prefer the simpler recycled-jeans construction.

Step 5: Arrange Three Rows of Five Pockets

Place the 60 × 70 cm back panel flat on your work surface. Use a ruler and removable fabric marker to establish horizontal guidelines for the three pocket rows.

Arrange five pockets across the first row, five across the second, and five across the third. Do not sew immediately. Adjust the arrangement until the spacing looks balanced.

The tutorial graphic suggests approximately 2 cm between neighboring pockets and approximately 5 cm between rows. Treat these figures as layout guidance, because the exact available spacing will depend on the finished width of your individual pockets.

Check the complete arrangement against the 60 cm panel width before stitching. This is particularly important if your pockets are exactly 12 cm wide, since five 12 cm pockets already equal the full 60 cm width before any spaces are added. If necessary, slightly reduce pocket width or overlap/adjust the layout so everything fits comfortably.

Mix the denim shades throughout the organizer. Instead of placing all dark pockets together, alternate dark, medium, and light denim to reproduce the varied appearance of the reference project.

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Once satisfied, mark the position of every pocket. Taking a quick reference photo before removing anything can also help you reconstruct your chosen arrangement accurately.

Step 6: Sew the Pockets onto the Back Panel

Start with the upper row. Pin or clip each pocket securely to the back panel while keeping its opening free.

Sew down one side, around the pointed or lower edge, and up the opposite side. Do not stitch across the upper opening. Otherwise, the pocket will no longer function.

Use a straight stitch close to the pocket edge. For the classic denim look, a second parallel row of topstitching can be added.

Use backstitching at the beginning and end of each seam. These areas receive repeated stress whenever objects are inserted or removed.

Continue with the middle and lower rows, checking alignment frequently. Denim can shift as it passes beneath the presser foot, especially when the back panel is large.

After all 15 pockets are attached, inspect the organizer from a distance. Correct any loose stitching now, before constructing the top hanging section.

Step 7: Reinforce the Top of the Organizer

The upper edge supports the entire project, so it needs more reinforcement than an ordinary decorative hem.

Using the 60 × 10 cm top hem piece, align it with the upper section of the organizer according to the construction shown in the graphic.

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Fold the appropriate raw edge approximately 1 cm toward the wrong side, press it, and create the larger fold needed for the reinforced top section. Press each stage rather than trying to form the entire hem at once.

Stitch horizontally across the width using a straight stitch. A second line of stitching can provide additional reinforcement and visually coordinate with the pocket topstitching.

If using fusible interfacing, this is an excellent location for it. Follow the interfacing manufacturer's instructions regarding temperature, steam, and pressing time.

Allow the fabric to cool completely after fusing. Fusible adhesive generally achieves a more stable bond after cooling rather than while it is still warm.

Step 8: Make and Attach the Hanging Loops

Take each 8 × 5 cm hanging-loop piece and finish the raw edges as necessary.

Fold the strip so it forms a sturdy loop capable of fitting around the wooden dowel. Press the folds carefully.

Topstitch the loop if desired. This keeps the layers together and creates a cleaner finished appearance.

Position the loops evenly across the upper edge. The tutorial graphic uses multiple loops distributed from one side of the organizer to the other.

Before sewing them permanently, temporarily insert or hold the wooden dowel against the loops. Make sure the openings are large enough for the rod to slide through without excessive resistance.

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Stitch each loop securely to the reinforced top section. Use several passes of straight stitching or another strong reinforcement method because these attachment points carry the organizer's weight.

Step 9: Install the Grommets

The tutorial also incorporates metal grommets into the hanging area. These provide reinforcement as well as the characteristic hardware appearance seen in the finished organizer.

Mark all grommet locations before cutting any holes. Their spacing should look symmetrical across the top.

Follow the instructions supplied with your specific grommet installation kit, because grommet dimensions and installation methods differ between manufacturers.

Reinforce the fabric underneath each grommet when necessary. A small additional piece of interfacing or denim can prevent the hardware from pulling through softer fabric.

Cut only the opening required for the hardware. An oversized hole can weaken the installation.

Install each grommet and check that the metal components are firmly seated with no sharp edges exposed.

Step 10: Insert the Wooden Dowel and Finish the Organizer

Slide the 60–70 cm wooden dowel through the completed hanging loops. Work gradually from one loop to the next rather than forcing the rod through several layers at once.

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Center the organizer on the dowel. There should be enough rod extending beyond the fabric to provide a balanced appearance and accommodate the chosen wall-mounting method.

Hang the organizer temporarily while it is empty. Check that the upper edge remains level and that none of the loops is pulling noticeably harder than the others.

Next, add lightweight objects gradually. Distribute the weight across several pockets rather than loading one pocket with a particularly heavy tool.

Trim loose threads and inspect every seam. Reinforce any pocket corners or hanging-loop attachment points that appear stressed.

Your DIY Hanging Pocket Organizer is now ready to use. The combination of recycled denim, contrasting shades, visible topstitching, and practical storage pockets creates an organizer that works especially well in sewing rooms, craft areas, offices, kitchens, garages, or workshops.

Essential Sewing Techniques Used in This Project

Straight stitch is the primary construction stitch. It is used to assemble pocket components, secure hems, attach pockets, and construct the reinforced upper section.

Backstitching reinforces the beginning and end of important seams. Pay particular attention to the two upper corners of every pocket because these areas experience repeated pulling.

Topstitching provides both reinforcement and decoration. Traditional jeans often feature visible topstitching, so retaining or recreating it helps give recycled denim projects a professional appearance.

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Pressing with an iron is important throughout construction. Press pocket hems, lining edges, loops, and the upper reinforcement before stitching whenever possible.

Pins or sewing clips keep the layers aligned. Clips can be especially convenient for thick denim because they avoid forcing pins through multiple heavy layers.

Finally, grommet installation provides a reinforced hardware detail for the hanging system. Always match the cutting tool and setting method to the exact grommet size you purchase.

Final Tips for a Professional Finish

Use old jeans in several washes to create the attractive mixed-denim effect shown in the tutorial. Existing jeans pockets can also save construction time while adding authentic details.

Remember that the 60 × 70 cm finished size, 12 × 12 cm pocket size, 8 × 5 cm loop pieces, and 60 × 10 cm top section come directly from the illustrated project concept. Before cutting all 15 pockets, make one test pocket and physically check the complete row layout against your 60 cm backing.

For heavier tools, increase the strength of the back panel, reinforce pocket corners, and use heavier thread where appropriate. The wall hardware must also be suitable for the total loaded weight.

For a lighter version intended for sewing notions, stationery, or craft supplies, cotton canvas can replace denim. You can also make each row a different color or combine printed cotton with denim.

Most importantly, customize the pockets for what you actually intend to store. Narrow pockets are useful for pens and

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crochet hooks, while wider pockets work better for scissors, rulers, small notebooks, and larger sewing accessories.

Once completed, fill the 15-pocket hanging organizer gradually, keeping heavier objects toward the lower portion whenever practical. You will have a functional handmade storage piece that turns leftover denim into something useful, durable, and decorative.