



Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel

Step by Step Tutorial.

Finished Size



40 cm

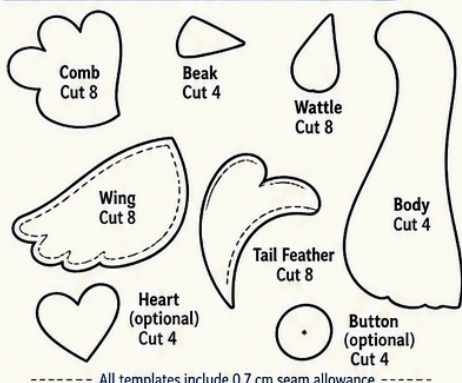
Materials (U.S. Fabric)

- 100% cotton fabric (quilting weight)
- Fabric scraps for appliqué
- 40 cm x 40 cm background (or patchwork squares)
- Fusible web (optional)
- Cotton thread
- Quilting thread
- Polyester fiberfill (optional)
- Basic sewing tools

Main Colors Used



1. Templates (with seam allowance)



----- All templates include 0.7 cm seam allowance -----
Print at 100% size.

2. Cut the Fabric Pieces (measurements in cm)



Comb 8 cm x 6 cm (cut 2 per rooster)
Beak 5 cm x 3.5 cm (cut 1 per rooster)
Wattle 6 cm x 4.5 cm (cut 2 per rooster)
Body 28 cm x 12 cm (cut 1 per rooster)
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Heart 6 cm x 5 cm
Button 2.5 cm diameter
Wing 10 cm x 8 cm (cut 2 per rooster)
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Tail Feather 10 cm x 6 cm (cut 2 per rooster)

3. Prepare the Background



Sew 16 squares of 10 cm x 10 cm to make a 40 cm x 40 cm background (or use a single fabric piece). Press the seams open.

Press well to create a flat surface for the appliqué.

4. Make the Rooster Pieces



Trace the templates on fusible web or directly on the fabric. Cut the pieces.

Sew or applique the small parts: comb, beak, wattle.

Applique the wings and tail feathers.

Use blanket stitch or straight stitch to secure.

5. Assemble Each Rooster



1. Attach the beak and wattle to the body.
2. Add the comb on top.
3. Applique the wing.
4. Add the tail feathers behind the body.
5. Add the legs (cut 6 cm x 2 cm for each leg) and stitch.

6. Add Decorative Elements



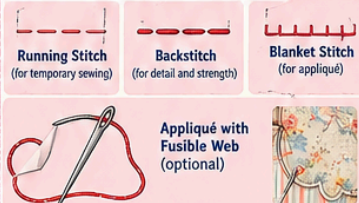
Sew small hearts and buttons to decorate the panel. Use applique or hand stitching.

7. Final Assembly



Position the roosters on the background. Pin in place, then applique and stitch all around the pieces. Quilt the panel if desired.

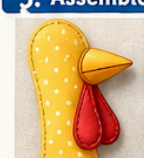
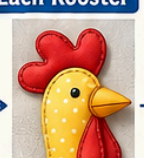
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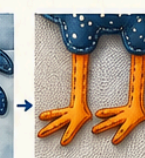


Running Stitch (for temporary sewing)
Backstitch (for detail and strength)
Blanket Stitch (for appliqué)

Appliqué with Fusible Web (optional)

Machine Quilting (or hand quilting)

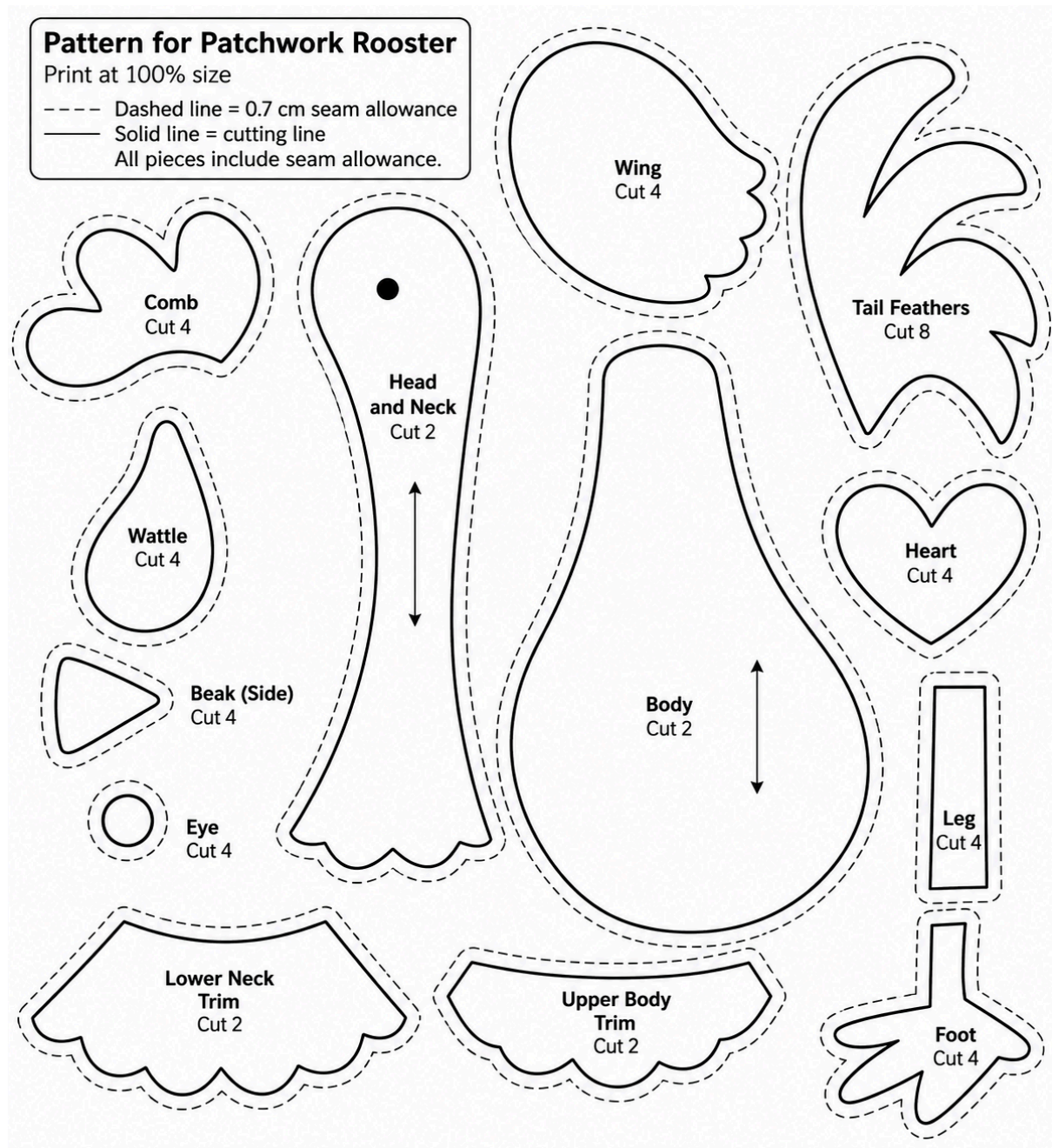










Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel – Complete Step-by-Step Sewing Tutorial



This cheerful Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel is a colorful sewing project featuring four whimsical roosters on a soft blue patchwork background. Based closely on the tutorial graphic,

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the finished panel measures approximately 40 cm × 40 cm (15.7 × 15.7 inches) and combines traditional patchwork, fabric appliqué, decorative stitching, and optional quilting.

The design is especially suitable for using cotton fabric scraps because every rooster can have its own combination of stripes, dots, florals, and coordinating solids. The graphic uses yellow, coral-red, floral cream, navy blue, striped fabric, and pale blue, but you can adapt these colors to fabrics already in your sewing collection.

This tutorial uses measurements in centimeters, while the sewing terminology follows common U.S. sewing and quilting terms. The templates in the original graphic include a 0.7 cm seam allowance and should be printed at 100% scale.

Step 1: Gather the Materials

Before cutting anything, organize your fabrics and sewing supplies. Having everything prepared makes it much easier to assemble four roosters consistently.

For the project shown in the graphic, you will need:

- 100% cotton quilting-weight fabric
- Assorted fabric scraps for the roosters
- Enough pale blue fabric to create a 40 cm × 40 cm background
- Fusible web, optional but highly recommended
- Cotton sewing thread
- Quilting thread for decorative stitching
- Polyester fiberfill, optional if you want dimensional elements
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Cutting mat and quilting ruler
- Sewing machine

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- Iron and ironing surface
- Straight pins or fabric clips
- Hand-sewing needle
- Fabric marking pencil or removable fabric marker
- Printed rooster templates

The main palette shown in the project includes yellow with white dots, coral stripes, cream floral fabric, yellow stripes, navy with white dots, multicolor stripes, pale blue, and red.

You can substitute fabrics freely. The important part is maintaining enough contrast between the rooster bodies, wings, combs, wattles, tails, and background.

Step 2: Prepare and Print the Templates

The pattern consists of several individual pieces that combine to form each rooster. According to the tutorial graphic, you need templates for the body, wing, comb, beak, wattle, tail feather, heart, and optional button decoration.

Print the templates at 100% scale. Do not select “Fit to Page” in the printer settings because this can change the dimensions.

The pattern indicates a 0.7 cm seam allowance around the templates. Keep this allowance when using turned-edge appliqué or construction methods that require folded edges.

For the four roosters, prepare approximately:

Body – Cut 4

Each body is approximately 28 cm × 12 cm at its maximum dimensions.

Comb – Cut 8

Each comb is approximately 8 cm × 6 cm. Use two pieces per rooster when constructing a dimensional comb.

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Beak – Cut 4

Each triangular beak is approximately 5 cm × 3.5 cm.

Wattle – Cut 8

Each wattle piece is approximately 6 cm × 4.5 cm. Use two pieces per rooster if constructing the pieces in pairs.

Wing – Cut 8

Each wing is approximately 10 cm × 8 cm, with two fabric pieces used for each rooster.

Tail Feathers – Cut 8

Each tail feather piece is approximately 10 cm × 6 cm, using two per rooster.

Hearts – Cut 4, optional

Each decorative heart is approximately 6 cm × 5 cm.

Buttons – Cut or add 4, optional

The decorative circles are approximately 2.5 cm in diameter.

Label every template before cutting. This simple step prevents similar-looking pieces from becoming mixed up.

Step 3: Cut the Patchwork Background

The finished background measures approximately 40 cm × 40 cm.

To reproduce the patchwork appearance in the graphic, cut 16 squares measuring 10 cm × 10 cm each. Arrange them in four rows of four squares.

Use slightly different shades or textures of pale blue if you want the seams of the patchwork background to remain visible.

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Arrange the squares on your work surface before sewing. Move individual pieces around until the colors are distributed evenly.

Sew the squares into horizontal rows. Press the seam allowances of alternating rows in opposite directions. This allows the intersections to nest neatly when the rows are joined.

Join all four rows and press the completed background carefully from the wrong side.

The graphic also allows a simpler alternative: instead of piecing 16 squares, use one solid 40 cm × 40 cm fabric piece as your background.

Remember that if you need an exact 40 cm finished panel, you may need to compensate for seam allowances when cutting patchwork squares. The graphic's 10 cm squares are best treated as its stated project measurements; check your preferred seam allowance and finished dimensions before cutting.

Step 4: Prepare the Rooster Body Pieces

Trace the rooster body template onto your selected fabrics.

The four roosters in the example deliberately use different prints. One body is yellow with dots, another is coral striped, another uses a cream floral print, and the fourth uses yellow stripes.

If you are using fusible web, trace the body shape onto the paper side of the fusible product first. Follow the manufacturer's instructions because pressing temperatures and times vary between brands.

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Rough-cut around the fusible-web shape, leaving a small margin.

Fuse it to the wrong side of the body fabric.

After the fabric has cooled, cut precisely around the traced outline.

Do the same for the remaining appliqué pieces.

If you prefer traditional needle-turn appliqué rather than raw-edge fusible appliqué, retain the 0.7 cm seam allowance and turn it beneath the pieces while stitching.

Step 5: Make the Combs and Wattles

The rooster combs are made from bright red fabric in the tutorial graphic.

Place two matching comb pieces together. If you are making a dimensional component, position them with right sides together.

Stitch around the curved shape while leaving a small opening for turning.

Carefully clip the seam allowance around the curves without cutting through your stitching. Turn the piece right side out and gently shape the curves.

Press carefully.

The wattles can be prepared in the same way.

For a flatter appliqué panel, you can skip the turned construction and simply fuse the red pieces directly onto the rooster body.

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Finish their edges later with blanket stitch, straight stitch, or another appliqué stitch.

Step 6: Prepare the Beaks

Cut four triangular beaks from yellow or orange fabric.

The graphic specifies approximately 5 cm × 3.5 cm for each beak.

If you want a clean, slightly dimensional beak, cut paired pieces, sew them right sides together, turn, and press.

For a simpler appliqué version, use one fabric layer backed with fusible web.

Position the beak near the upper portion of the rooster's head.

Make sure all four beaks point in the intended direction before permanently attaching anything.

Fuse or pin each beak in place.

Stitch around its edges using a short straight stitch, blanket stitch, or another decorative appliqué stitch.

Step 7: Construct the Wings

The wings are one of the most decorative elements of this Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel.

Each wing measures approximately 10 cm × 8 cm, and the graphic calls for two pieces per rooster.

Choose contrasting fabrics. For example, a navy rooster body can be paired with a cream floral wing, while a yellow rooster can use striped fabric.

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Place two wing pieces right sides together if you want a finished-edge wing.

Sew around the perimeter while leaving a small turning opening.

Clip carefully around the curves and between any scalloped areas.

Turn the wing right side out, shape it, and press.

Position the finished wing on the lower-middle portion of the rooster body.

Topstitch around the wing. A decorative running stitch around the perimeter can create the handmade appearance shown in the graphic.

Step 8: Make the Tail Feathers

The dark blue tail feathers give the roosters their distinctive silhouettes.

The graphic specifies tail feather pieces measuring approximately 10 cm × 6 cm.

Cut the required pieces from navy or another contrasting fabric.

Prepare them using the same turned-edge method used for the wings, or back single-layer pieces with fusible web for raw-edge appliqué.

Position the tail feathers behind the body before securing the rooster body to the background.

Layer the feathers so they fan outward naturally.

Pin or fuse them temporarily.

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Use blanket stitch or straight stitch around the visible edges to secure them.

Repeat this process for each rooster.

Step 9: Assemble Each Rooster 🐔

Now the separate components can become complete rooster appliqués.

Begin with the main body.

Attach the beak and wattle around the head area. Check their placement against the reference design before stitching.

Next, place the comb at the top of the head.

Add the prepared wing over the body.

Position the tail feathers behind the lower body so they extend outward.

The graphic includes narrow orange legs beneath each rooster. Cut the leg pieces approximately 6 cm × 2 cm per leg, as indicated in the assembly section.

Position two legs beneath each rooster and stitch them securely.

Small fabric pieces can be used for the feet, or the legs and feet can be created with dense decorative stitching.

Finally, add a small eye using embroidery, a securely sewn small button where appropriate, or another suitable embellishment.

Repeat the process until you have four individual roosters, each with a different fabric combination.

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Step 10: Arrange the Four Roosters on the Background

Lay the completed 40 cm × 40 cm patchwork background flat on your work surface.

Arrange all four roosters across the panel before attaching any of them.

The reference design positions the roosters closely together, creating a playful group while leaving enough pale blue background visible around their silhouettes.

Check the spacing at the left and right edges.

Also check the height of each rooster. Slight variation makes the composition lively, but avoid positioning one so high or low that the design becomes visually unbalanced.

Once you are satisfied, use pins to secure the pieces temporarily.

Alternatively, remove the paper backing from the fusible web and press each rooster according to the fusible manufacturer's directions.

Work carefully because repositioning fused pieces may be difficult.

Step 11: Appliqué the Roosters to the Panel

The tutorial graphic suggests several sewing techniques.

A blanket stitch works especially well around the rooster bodies, wings, combs, and tail feathers. It produces a visible decorative edge while securing the appliqué.

A straight stitch can create a simpler contemporary finish.

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A running stitch works beautifully when you want a handmade appearance. It can also be used for temporary sewing or decorative detailing.

A backstitch is useful for areas requiring stronger or more defined stitching.

Begin stitching around the largest pieces first.

Keep your stitches even and slow down around curves. When machine stitching around a tight curve, stop with the needle down, lift the presser foot, rotate the fabric slightly, lower the foot, and continue.

Repeat until every appliqué component is securely attached.

Step 12: Add Hearts and Button Decorations

The original panel includes small hearts and button-style circles scattered around the roosters.

Cut approximately four hearts measuring 6 cm × 5 cm if following the graphic.

Position the hearts in the open areas between and above the roosters.

Appliqué them using the same method used for the birds.

Small decorative circles measuring approximately 2.5 cm in diameter can also be added.

You may use fabric circles or securely attached real buttons, depending on how the finished panel will be used.

If the project will be accessible to very young children, avoid loosely attached small embellishments. Fabric appliqué circles are a practical alternative.

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Use running stitch or hand stitching around the hearts to reinforce the charming handmade character of the project.

Step 13: Add Optional Quilting

The tutorial graphic lists machine quilting or hand quilting among the main sewing methods.

If you want a quilted wall panel, prepare a quilt sandwich consisting of the completed appliqué top, batting, and backing fabric.

Cut the batting and backing slightly larger than the 40 cm square top.

Place the backing wrong side up.

Position the batting over it.

Place the completed appliqué panel right side up on top.

Smooth all three layers carefully.

Baste them together with quilting pins, temporary basting spray, or long hand-basting stitches.

Quilt around the roosters and decorative shapes. You can also stitch along the seams of the blue background squares.

This quilting adds texture and helps the appliqué stand out visually.

Step 14: Finish the Outer Edges

After quilting, square the panel carefully.

Use a quilting ruler to check all four sides.

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Trim excess batting and backing so the edges are clean and even.

You can finish the project with traditional quilt binding or another preferred edge-finishing technique.

For binding, cut coordinating fabric strips and join them to create one continuous strip long enough to surround the panel.

Sew the binding around the front perimeter, carefully forming neat corners.

Fold the binding over the raw edge toward the back.

Finish it by hand for a traditional appearance or machine-stitch it for a quicker finish.

Press the completed panel lightly.

Step 15: Understanding the Main Sewing Methods Used



Running stitch consists of simple stitches passing in and out of the fabric. It is useful for decorative hand stitching and temporary construction.

Backstitch creates a strong continuous-looking line. It is helpful when you need additional strength or want clearly defined embroidered details.

Blanket stitch is particularly useful for appliqué. One portion of the stitch runs along the appliqué edge while another enters the surrounding fabric, producing the characteristic decorative border.

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Fusible-web appliqué uses a heat-activated adhesive between the appliqué and background. It keeps small fabric shapes stable while you sew around them.

Machine quilting joins the quilt top, batting, and backing with stitching. You can follow the patchwork seams, outline the roosters, or add your own quilting pattern.

Hand quilting accomplishes the same basic purpose with hand stitches and creates a softer handmade appearance.

Step 16: Final Pressing and Inspection ✨

Inspect every rooster before considering the project finished.

Check the combs, beaks, wattles, wings, tails, legs, hearts, and decorative circles for loose edges.

Trim loose thread ends.

Examine the appliqué stitching and reinforce any areas that may have been missed.

Press the panel from the back whenever possible. If dimensional pieces or synthetic fiberfill have been used, avoid applying excessive direct heat.

Check that the finished piece remains approximately 40 cm × 40 cm and that the corners are square.

Your completed panel should now feature four colorful patchwork roosters against a soft blue background, closely following the construction and visual arrangement of the original tutorial graphic.

Step 17: Ideas for Using the Finished Rooster Panel 🏠

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The completed project can be used as more than a wall hanging.

Add a hanging sleeve to the back to create a quilted wall panel for a kitchen, breakfast room, sewing room, or farmhouse-inspired space.

You can also adapt the design into the front of a large decorative cushion.

Another option is to enlarge the background and use the rooster arrangement as the central block of a larger quilt.

Individual rooster templates can also become smaller projects. A single rooster could decorate a tote bag, placemat, table runner, kitchen towel, fabric organizer, or cushion cover.

The same templates can therefore be reused long after the original Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel is complete.

Final Project Checklist

Before finishing, confirm that your panel has a 40 cm × 40 cm background, four rooster bodies, four beaks, four comb assemblies, four wattle assemblies, four wings, tail feathers, two legs for each rooster, and securely stitched appliqué edges.

Add the optional hearts and button-style decorations, then complete any desired quilting and edge finishing.

Most importantly, keep the fabrics playful. Mixing florals, stripes, dots, and small prints is what gives this design its distinctive patchwork personality.

Once the final threads are trimmed and the panel receives its last gentle press, your Patchwork Rooster Appliqué Panel is ready to display. 🐔❤️🧵

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