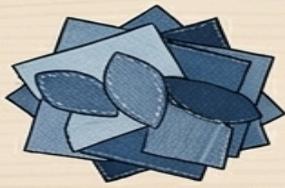


# 🧵 Complete Tutorial: Denim Blossom Quilted Sleeveless Vest

This step-by-step guide will walk you through creating a beautiful quilted sleeveless vest using denim scraps and floral appliqué techniques. It's designed for beginners and intermediate makers, using standard U.S. sewing practices and measurements converted from the original metric guide.



## COMPLETE TUTORIAL: DENIM BLOSSOM QUILTED SLEEVELESS VEST

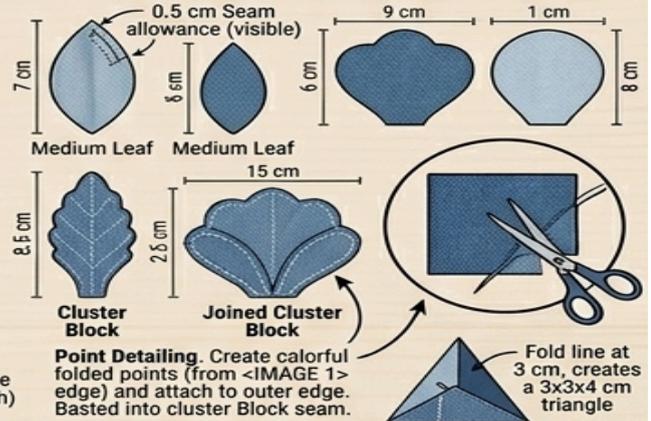


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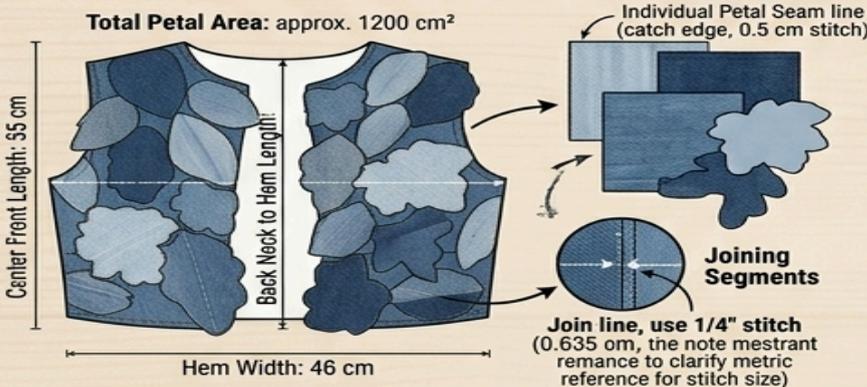
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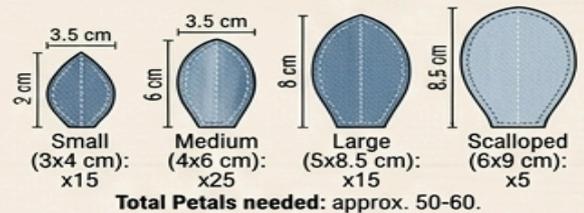


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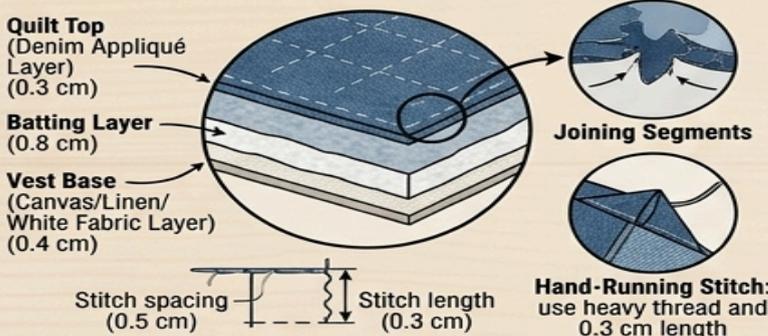


### NEW DETAILED PETAL DIAGRAM Petal & Leaf Shapes

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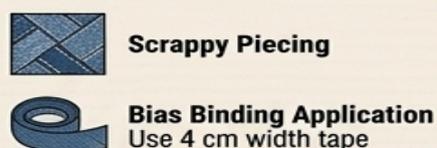
### SECTION 5: FINAL CONSTRUCTION



### STITCH LEGEND & METHOD KEY (Metric Terms)



Finished Vest Size (M): approx. 48 cm chest width x 55 cm center front length



YOUR FINISHED PROJECT

## **Step 1: Materials & Preparation (The Canvas)**

Before starting, gather all your materials and tools:

### **Fabrics:**

- Light-wash denim scraps (approx. 7" x 7" / 18 x 20 cm each)
- Cotton or linen fabric for the vest base (center layer)

### **Thread & Tools:**

- Quilting thread (heavy-duty recommended)
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Iron

**Tip:** Wash and dry all fabrics before starting to prevent shrinkage later.

Cut your denim scraps into usable squares and press them flat with an iron.

## **Step 2: Creating Petals & Leaf Templates**

You'll create multiple petal and leaf shapes for the floral design.

**Seam allowance:** Add 0.2 inches (0.5 cm) around each shape.

### **Shapes & Quantities:**

- Small petals: 1.2" x 1.6" (3 x 4 cm) — make about 15
- Medium petals: 1.6" x 2.4" (4 x 6 cm) — make about 25
- Large petals: 2" x 3.3" (5 x 8.5 cm) — make about 15
- Scalloped petals: 2.4" x 3.5" (6 x 9 cm) — make about 5

**Total petals needed:** approximately 50–60 pieces

### **Leaf Shapes:**

- Medium leaf: about 2.4" x 2.8" (6 x 7 cm)
- Cluster block: combine multiple petals into a 6" (15 cm) grouped shape

### **Folding Technique:**

Fold some petals along a center line (about 1.2" / 3 cm) to create dimension. Stitch lightly to hold shape.

Press all pieces before assembly.

## Step 3: Layout & Assembly Design

Now design your vest layout.

### Vest dimensions (Medium size):

- Center front length: ~21.5" (55 cm)
- Width: ~18" (46 cm)
- Total floral coverage area: approx. 186 sq in (1200 cm<sup>2</sup>)

### Instructions:

1. Lay your vest base fabric flat.
2. Arrange petals and leaves organically across the surface.
3. Overlap shapes slightly for a natural "blossom" look.
4. Mix shades of denim for contrast.

### Stitching petals:

- Use a 0.2" (0.5 cm) seam line along edges
- Stitch only enough to secure (raw-edge appliqué style)

### Joining sections:

- Use a 1/4" seam allowance
- Stitch slowly to maintain shape alignment

## Step 4: Quilt Layers & Backing

Your vest will have 3 layers:

1. **Top layer:** Denim appliqué (approx. 0.12" thick)
2. **Middle layer:** Batting (approx. 0.3" thick)
3. **Bottom layer:** Cotton/linen base (approx. 0.16" thick)

### Assembly:

- Stack layers evenly
- Pin or baste to prevent shifting

### Stitch settings:

- Stitch length: 0.12" (0.3 cm)
- Stitch spacing: 0.2" (0.5 cm)

### **Hand-stitch option:**

- Use heavy thread
- Stitch through all layers
- Keep stitches about 0.12" long

Quilt across the vest, following the shapes or using straight lines.



## **Step 5: Final Construction**

Now assemble the vest structure.

### **Seams:**

- Shoulder seams: 0.4" (1 cm)
- Side seams: 0.4" (1 cm)
- Hem seams: 0.4" (1 cm)

### **Collar:**

- Sew collar edges with a 0.4" seam
- Turn and press

### **Armholes:**

- Use bias binding tape (1.5" / 4 cm wide)
- Fold over edges and stitch down

### **Edge finishing:**

- Apply binding tape around all raw edges
- Fold over and stitch securely

### **Folded petal edges:**

Insert raw edges into seams where possible for a clean finish.

## **Stitch Guide (Quick Reference)**

- Machine stitch: 0.2" seam allowance
- Hand-running stitch: 0.12" length, 0.2" spacing
- Use strong thread for durability

## **Finished Vest**

Your completed vest should measure approximately:

- Chest width: 19" (48 cm)
- Length: 21.5" (55 cm)

You now have a unique, handcrafted denim blossom quilted vest 🌸

## **Extra Tips**

- Mix dark and light denim for depth
- Press frequently for clean seams
- Don't over-stitch petals—keep them slightly loose for texture
- Try adding pockets or lining for customization