

# Complete Sewing Tutorial: Denim Smiley Flower Pot Holder

This step-by-step guide will walk you through how to create a beautiful denim flower-shaped pot holder with a cheerful smiley face. It's beginner-friendly but detailed enough for confident results from start to finish.

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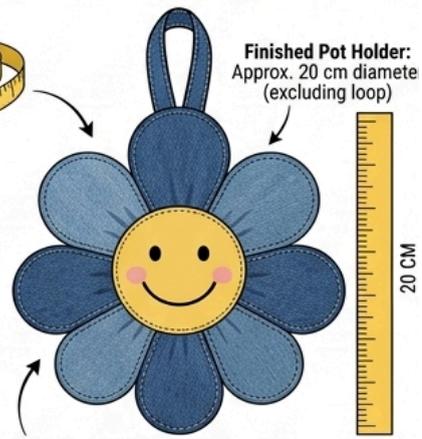
### 1 Materials Preparation



**Materials:** Denim Fabric (blue), Quilting Batting (internal layer), Yellow Fabric (for face), Embroidery Thread.

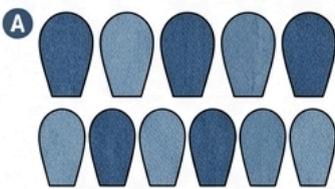
-  **Piecing**  
(1/4" Seam Allowance)
-  **Appliqué**  
(Raw Edge/Blanket Stitch)
-  **Binding**
-  **Quilting**  
(Stitch-in-the-Ditch/Echo)

### Finished Project



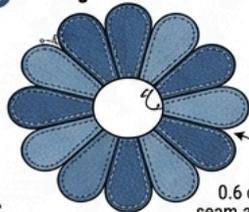
**Finished Pot Holder:** Approx. 20 cm diameter (excluding loop)

### 2 Pattern Cutting & Denim Piecing



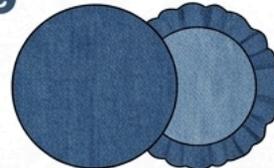
**Cut Petals (x12):** Template for petals is provided (approx. 5 cm x 8 cm). Alternating moedes like in NAC.

### B Piecing the Flower Head



Sew with 0.6 cm (1/4") seam allowance

### C

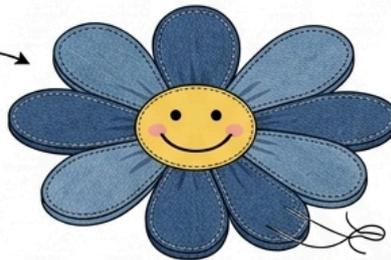


**Backing & Ruffle Circle (x1 each):** Cut denim circles, approx. 18 cm diameter

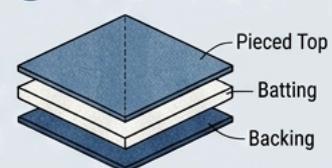
### 3 Creating the Smiley Face



**Appliqué the Face:** Cut a yellow fabric circle (6.5 cm diameter). Appliqué onto the **pieced denim top** using a blanket stitch or satin stitch. Hand-embroider eyes and smile.



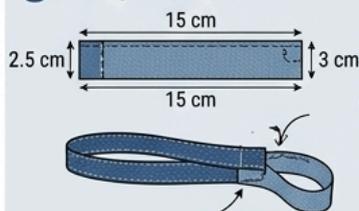
### 4 Quilting the Layers



**Layer Sandwich:** Place batting between pieced top and backing.  
**\*Echo Quilt:** Quilt 1 cm away from the edges of the petal seams.

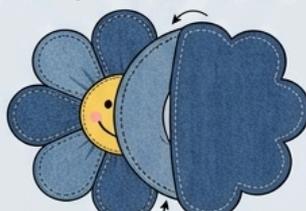
### 5 Finishing the Edges & Loop

#### A Making the Loop



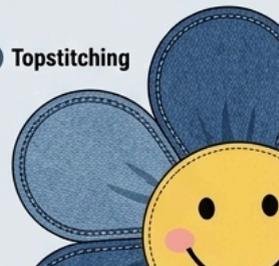
Form loop and baste to the back circle.

#### B Sewing to Back Circle & Turning



Turn right side out and press.

#### C Topstitching



Add decorative topstitching around the entire flower edge (0.3 cm from edge) to secure and finish.

### US SEWING & QUILT KEY METHODS



**Piecing**  
Piecing (1/4" Seam Allowance)



**Appliqué**  
(Raw Edge/Blanket Stitch)



**Quilting**  
Quilting over batting (other cotton/sitted)



**Binding**  
used for the initial perimeter

## Step 1: Materials Preparation

Before starting, gather all your materials:

### Fabrics & Notions:

- Blue denim fabric (for petals and backing)
- Quilting batting (for insulation layer)
- Yellow fabric (for the smiley face center)
- Embroidery thread (for face details)
- Sewing thread (matching or contrasting)

### Tools:

- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or clips
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Iron

### Techniques you'll use:

- Piecing ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance)
- Appliqué (blanket stitch or satin stitch)
- Quilting (echo quilting or stitch-in-the-ditch)
- Binding (edge finishing)

### Finished size:

- Approx. 8 inches (20 cm) diameter (excluding loop)

## Step 2: Pattern Cutting & Denim Piecing

### A. Cut the Petals

- Cut **12 petal shapes** using a template
- Each petal should be about **2 x 3 inches (5 x 8 cm)**
- Alternate shades of denim for a nice visual effect

### B. Piece the Flower Head

- Arrange petals in a circle
- Sew them together using a  **$\frac{1}{4}$  inch (0.6 cm) seam allowance**
- Continue until you form a full flower shape with an open center

## C. Cut Backing & Ruffle Circles

- Cut:
  - **1 backing circle (denim)** ~7 inches (18 cm)
  - **1 ruffle circle (optional layered look)** same size
- These will form the back and structure

## Step 3: Creating the Smiley Face

### Prepare the Face

- Cut a **yellow fabric circle** about **2.5 inches (6.5 cm)** in diameter

### Appliqué the Face

- Place the yellow circle in the center of your flower
- Attach using:
  - Blanket stitch (for a handmade look)
  - Satin stitch (for a clean finish)

### Add Facial Features

- Use embroidery thread to hand-stitch:
  - Two eyes
  - A curved smile
- Optional: add pink fabric or stitches for cheeks

## Step 4: Quilting the Layers

### Create the Quilt Sandwich

Layer your materials in this order:

1. Pieced flower top
2. Quilting batting
3. Backing circle

### Secure the Layers

- Pin or baste all layers together

### Quilt the Design

- Use **echo quilting**:
  - Stitch about  **$\frac{3}{8}$  inch (1 cm)** away from petal seams
- This helps define the flower shape and adds durability

## Step 5: Finishing the Edges & Loop

### A. Make the Hanging Loop

- Cut a strip: **6 x 1 inch (15 x 2.5 cm)**
- Fold lengthwise and sew
- Turn right side out and press
- Form a loop and baste it to the top back edge

### B. Sew to Back & Turn

- Place front and back pieces **right sides together**
- Sew around the edge, leaving a small gap
- Turn the piece right side out
- Press flat carefully

### C. Topstitch for Finishing

- Stitch around the entire edge about **1/8 inch (0.3 cm)** from the edge
- This closes the gap and strengthens the structure

## Final Result

You now have a charming denim smiley flower pot holder that is:

- Functional (heat-resistant with batting)
- Decorative (perfect for gifting or kitchen decor)
- Durable (thanks to quilting and topstitching)

## Extra Tips

- Use thicker denim for better insulation
- Add extra quilting lines for more texture
- Wash denim before sewing to prevent shrinking
- Experiment with different face expressions for fun variations 😊