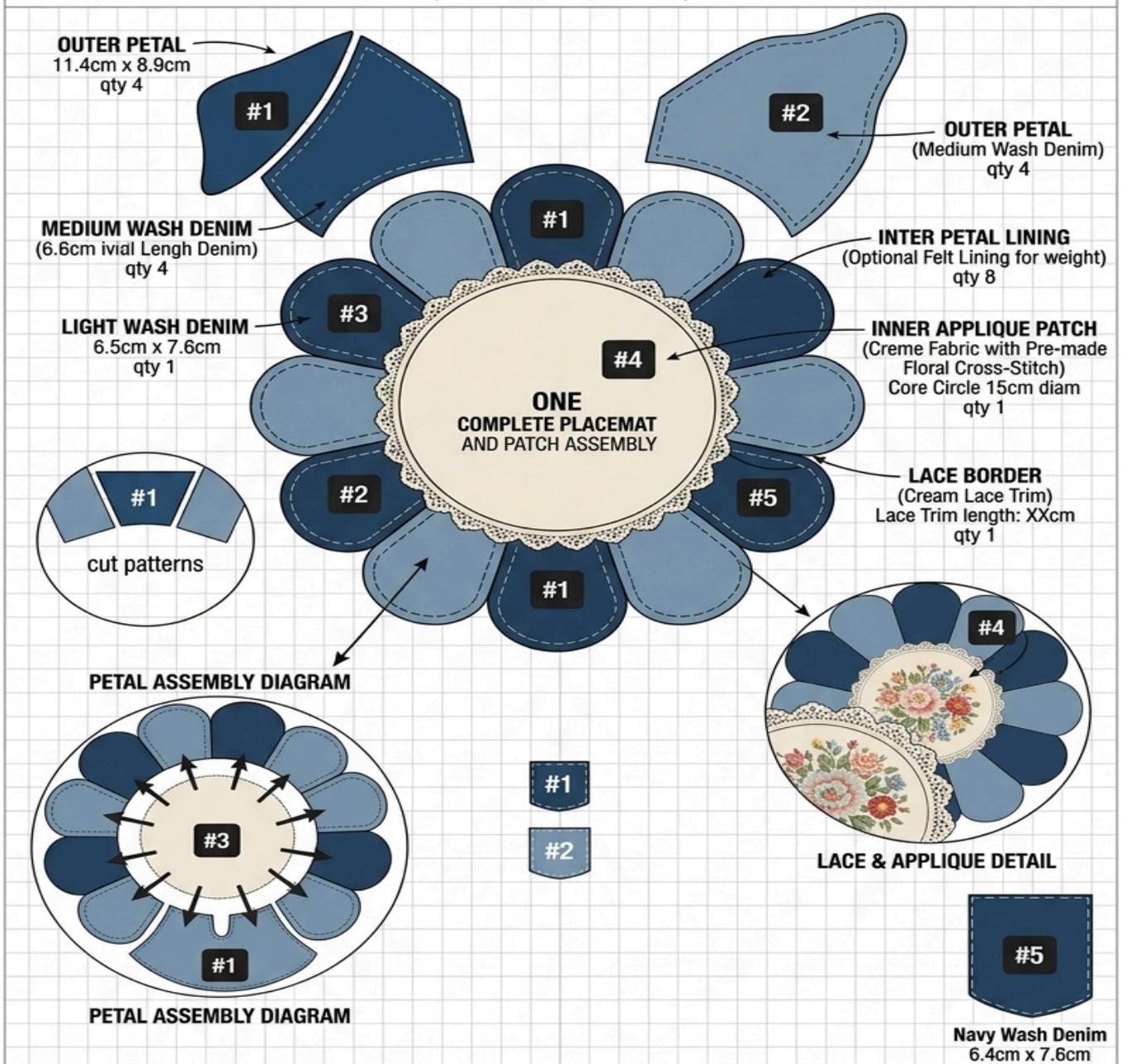


# 🧵 Patchwork Floral Denim Placemat – Full Step-by-Step Tutorial (From Old Jeans)

This tutorial will guide you through making a beautiful floral-style placemat using recycled denim, based directly on the template. It's beginner-friendly but detailed enough for accurate, professional results 🌻

## FLORAL-PETAL DENIM PLACEMAT TEMPLATE & INSTRUCTIONS (Measurements in cm)



### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Assorted Blue Denim Scraps (Dark, Medium, Light Wash from old jeans)
- Creme Fabric for Inner Appliques (either pre-made floral, plain for cross-stitch, or use Creme Linen fabric)
- Cream Lace Trim
- Cotton Embroidery Floss for Optional Cross-Stitch
- Backing Fabric (e.g., ticking or linen-blend)
- Thread (Denim and Creme)
- Fabric Glue (Optional for positioning)
- Sewing Machine with Denim Needle

### SEWING TIPS

- Use 0.6cm Seam Allowance
- **Applique and Lace:** Apply pre-made floral patch #4 and lace trim #5 to central core before assembling petals.
- **Interlocking Petals:** Pay close attention to alternating Dark (#1) and Medium (#2) washes for petals.
- **Stitching:** Stitch close to patch edges to secure firmly.
- **Raw Edge/Frayed Applique Style:** Consider a raw edge applique for petals with deliberate fraying for look and texture.
- **Secure Connections:** Reinforce all petal-to-core attachments with backstitching.



## **Materials Needed**

Gather everything before starting:

- Old denim jeans (various washes: dark, medium, light)
- Creme or beige fabric (for center circle)
- Optional floral fabric or pre-made applique patch
- Lightweight felt or interfacing (optional, for structure)
- Lace trim (cream color recommended)
- Sewing thread (matching denim + cream)
- Embroidery floss (optional, for decorative stitching)
- Fabric glue (optional, for positioning)
- Sewing machine (recommended)
- Denim needle
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Iron

## **Step 1: Cut All Pattern Pieces**

Using the measurements from the template:

### **Petals**

- **Outer Petals #1 (Dark Denim)**
  - Size: ~11.4 cm x 8.9 cm
  - Cut: 4 pieces
- **Outer Petals #2 (Medium Wash Denim)**
  - Cut: 4 pieces
- **Petal Variation #3 (Light Wash Denim)**
  - Size: ~6.5 cm x 7.6 cm
  - Cut: 1 or more (center transition layer)

### **Inner Components**

- **Inter Petal Lining (Optional)**
  - Cut 8 pieces from felt/interfacing for added weight
- **Center Circle #4**
  - Diameter: ~15 cm
  - Cut 1 piece (creme fabric)
- **Accent Patch #5 (Optional)**
  - Small denim patch (approx. 6.4 cm x 7.6 cm)

## **Step 2: Prepare the Petals**

1. Pair each denim petal with optional lining (if using)
2. Sew around edges with **0.6 cm seam allowance**
3. Turn right side out
4. Press flat with an iron

👉 For a rustic look, you can leave edges raw and slightly frayed instead of turning them.

## **Step 3: Arrange the Petals in a Circle**

1. Lay out petals in a circular flower shape
2. Alternate colors:
  - Dark (#1) → Medium (#2) → repeat
3. Ensure even spacing

👉 You should have **8 petals total** forming a full circle.

## **Step 4: Attach Petals to Base**

1. Place petals onto a backing fabric or directly onto your work surface
2. Slightly overlap inner edges toward the center
3. Pin or clip in place
4. Stitch along the inner edge of each petal to secure

## **Step 5: Add the Center Circle (Core #4)**

1. Place the creme circle over the center where petals meet
2. Fold edges slightly under for a clean finish
3. Stitch around the edge (topstitch or zigzag)

👉 This step locks all petals in place securely.

## **Step 6: Add Appliqué or Decorative Center**

Options:

- Sew a **floral patch** onto the center
- Use embroidery floss to create a floral design
- Keep it simple with plain fabric

Position it neatly inside the center circle and stitch down.

## **Step 7: Attach Lace Border**

1. Align lace trim around the edge of the center circle
2. Pin carefully
3. Stitch slowly around the circle

 This adds a soft decorative contrast to the denim.

## **Step 8: Add Optional Accent Patch (#5)**

- Sew a small denim patch onto one petal for extra detail
- You can also add decorative stitching or embroidery

## **Step 9: Reinforce and Finish**

1. Stitch over all petal connections again for durability
2. Trim loose threads
3. Press the entire placemat with an iron

Optional:

- Add a backing layer for a cleaner underside
- Quilt lightly through layers for stability

## **Step 10: Final Touches**

- Lightly fray edges for a rustic denim look
- Add hand embroidery if desired
- Wash gently to soften fabric and enhance texture