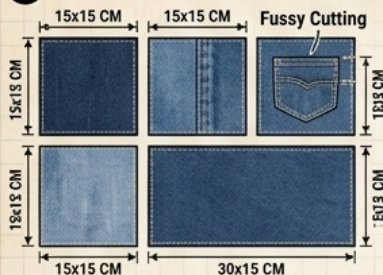


# 🧵 Comprehensive Tutorial: Patchwork Denim Tote with Appliqué Girl

This step-by-step guide walks you through creating a stylish patchwork denim tote bag with a charming appliqué girl design. It's beginner-friendly but detailed enough for intermediate sewists. Let's get started!



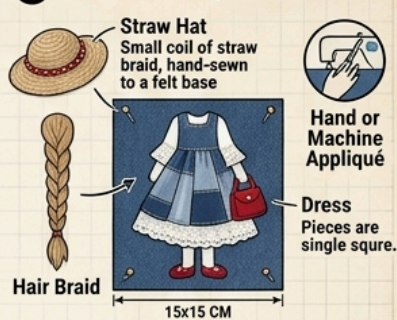
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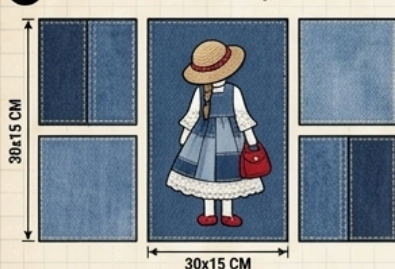
### 100% Cotton Lining

- Assorted dark and light
- Cotton lining
- Heavy-duty thread
- 2x 25mm D-rings
- 2x 25mm Swivel Snaps
- 1x 25mm Slide Buckle
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- Fused Pearl Bead String
- Assorted star charms
- Brass rivets
- 100% Cotton Batting (Quilting Fleece)
- Small red scrap for bag
- lace, felt, straw braid

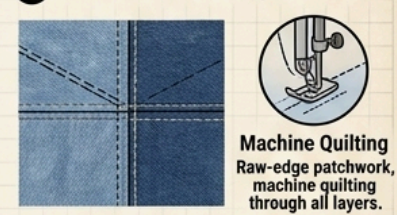
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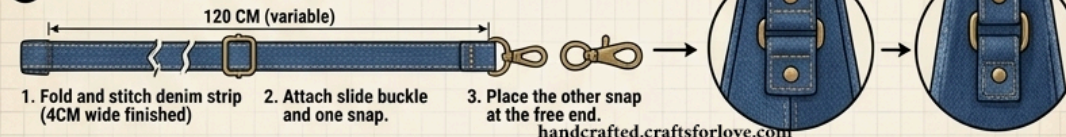
### 3 PATCHWORK & QUILTING



### 3 MACHWORK & QUILTING



### 4 STRAPS & HARDWARE



### 5 FINAL ASSEMBLY & FINISHING



### LEGEND: PRINCIPAL SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (US)

- Machine Appliqué**  
Using a sewing machine (e.g., zigzag or satin stitch) to secure fabric shapes to a base.
- Raw-Edge Patchwork**  
A modern quilting technique where raw fabric edges are left exposed and fraying is allowed and sometimes encouraged as a design feature.
- Fussy Cutting**  
Intentionally cutting fabric to include specific patterns (e.g., pockets, belt loops) from the original denim.
- Machine Quilting**  
Stitching through the top fabric, batting, and lining on a sewing machine, creating a stable, textured textile.
- Boxed Corner (Gusset)**  
A technique for creating depth and a flat bottom on a bag.
- Top Stitching**  
A line stitching on the 'right' side of the fabric for decoration and structure.

## 1. Preparation & Cutting

### Materials You'll Need

- Assorted dark and light denim fabric pieces
- 100% cotton lining fabric
- Heavy-duty thread
- 2 × 25mm D-rings
- 2 × 25mm swivel snaps
- 1 × 25mm slide buckle
- Fused pearl bead string
- Small decorative charms (stars, etc.)
- Brass rivets
- Cotton batting (quilting fleece)
- Scrap red fabric (for bag detail)
- Lace, felt, and straw braid (for appliqué)

### Cutting Your Fabric

Prepare the following denim pieces:

- 3 squares: **15 × 15 cm (6" × 6")**
- 1 rectangle: **30 × 15 cm (12" × 6")**
- Optional: fussy-cut pocket piece (use an existing jeans pocket if desired)

 *Tip: "Fussy cutting" means cutting fabric to highlight specific details like seams or pockets.* <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

## 2. Girl Appliqué


### Create the Appliqué Design

Your appliqué will feature:

- A **dress** (cut from denim pieces, patchwork style)
- A **straw hat** (use straw braid, hand-sewn onto felt base)
- A **hair braid** (braided yarn or fabric strip)
- A **small red bag** (use scrap fabric)

**Steps** <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

1. Arrange all elements on a **15 × 15 cm square** base.
2. Secure pieces using pins or fabric glue.
3. Stitch using:
  - Sewing machine (zigzag or satin stitch), OR
  - Hand appliqué stitch

 Keep proportions balanced and centered.

## 3. Patchwork & Quilting

### Assemble Patchwork Panels

- Combine your cut denim pieces into a **30 × 15 cm panel**.
- Include your appliqué square as one of the sections.

### Quilt Sandwich Layers

Each panel should include:

- Top layer: patchwork denim
- Middle layer: cotton batting
- Bottom layer: cotton lining

**Quilting Method** <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

- Use **machine quilting**
- Stitch across all layers (straight lines or cross pattern)
- Leave raw edges visible for a rustic look (raw-edge patchwork)

 Sew slowly through thick layers and use a denim needle.

## 4. Straps & Hardware

### Make the Strap

- Cut a denim strip **~120 cm (47") long**
- Fold edges inward and stitch for a finished width of **4 cm (1.5")**

### Attach Hardware

1. Thread strap through the **slide buckle**
2. Attach one **swivel snap**
3. Secure stitching firmly
4. Attach second snap to the opposite end

 Reinforce with extra stitching or rivets for durability.

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## 5. Final Assembly & Finishing

### Construct the Bag Body

1. Sew front and back panels together
2. Add side panels if desired for depth
3. Create a **boxed bottom**:
  - Cut **5 × 5 cm (2" × 2") squares** from bottom corners
  - Fold and stitch to form depth

### Attach Handles & D-Rings

- Insert **D-rings** into side seams
- Attach straps using swivel snaps

### Add Decorative Features

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- Attach fussy-cut denim pocket to front
- Sew bead string with brass chain and charms across upper panel
  - Use a **heavy-duty hand needle**

✨ This adds a stylish, handmade finish!

## Sewing Techniques Used

### Machine Appliqué

Using zigzag or satin stitch to attach shapes securely.

### Raw-Edge Patchwork

Edges are left exposed for a textured, rustic denim look.

### Machine Quilting

Stitching through all layers for structure and durability.

### Fussy Cutting

Strategically cutting fabric to highlight details like seams or pockets.

### Boxed Corners

Creates a flat bottom and depth in your bag.


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## Top Stitching

Visible stitching that reinforces seams and adds decoration.

## You're Done!

You now have a beautiful patchwork denim tote with a unique appliqué design. Every bag will be one-of-a-kind depending on your fabric choices and layout.

If you'd like, I can also help you convert measurements to inches only, suggest fabric combinations, or simplify this into a printable pattern 

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