

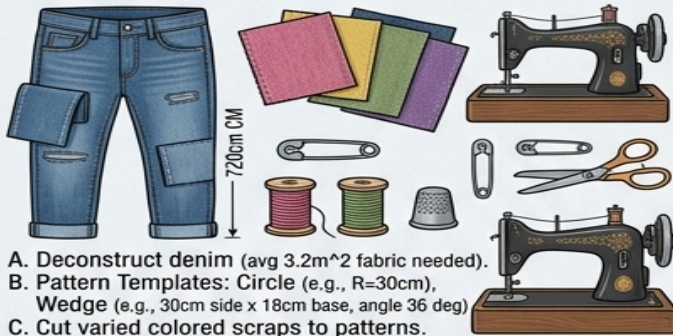


Complete & Detailed Tutorial: Upcycled Denim Patchwork Rug

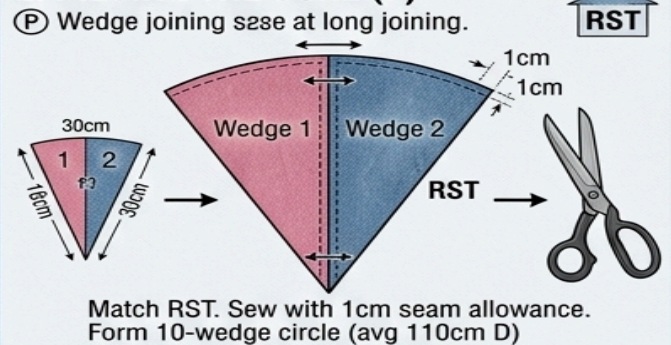
This is an expanded, highly detailed version of the tutorial so **any beginner in the U.S. can follow from start to finish** with confidence. Measurements are provided in both **centimeters and inches**, and every step includes practical tips, common mistakes, and pro techniques 🙌 <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

COMPLETE TUTORIAL: UPCYCLED DENIM PATCHWORK RUGS (Dimensions in CM)

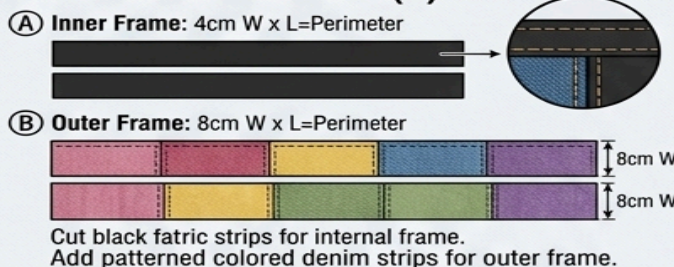
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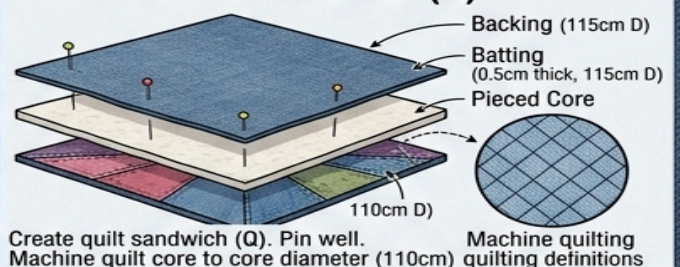
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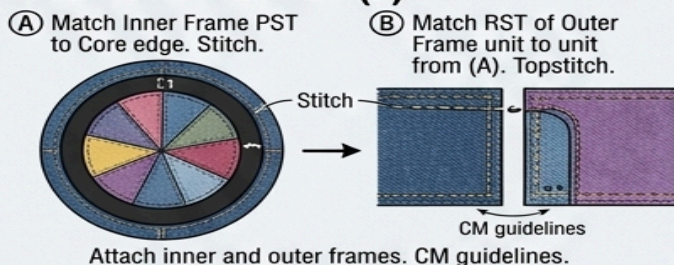
3. PREPARE BORDERS (B)



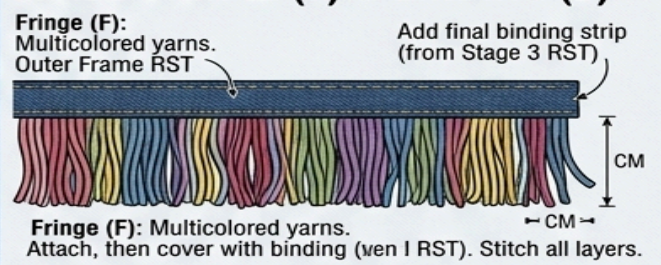
4. LAYER & QUILT CORE (Q)



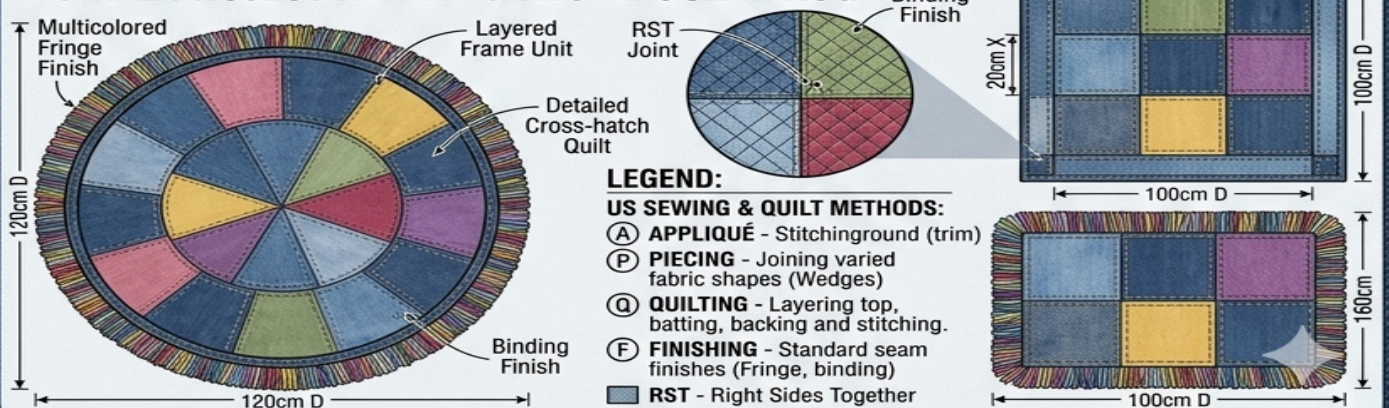
5. ATTACH FRAMES (F)



6. ADD FRINGE (F) & BINDING (B)




7. FINAL PROJECT REVIEW & RECTANGULAR RUG



Step 1: Prepare Materials & Create Your Pattern

Materials Checklist

Make sure you have everything ready before starting:

- Old denim jeans (about **3.2 m² / ~3.8 square yards / ~4–6 pairs of jeans**)
- Sewing machine (heavy-duty needle recommended: size 90/14 or 100/16)
- Thread (polyester or heavy-duty)
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter + cutting mat
- Pins or clips
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Chalk or fabric marker
- Iron (very important )
- Batting (thin: **0.5 cm / 1/4 inch thick**)
- Backing fabric (cotton, canvas, or denim)
- Yarn (for fringe) <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**

Preparing the Denim

1. Cut along seams of jeans:
 - Remove waistbands, zippers, pockets if bulky.
2. Open each piece into **flat panels**.
3. Iron everything flat (this step makes cutting MUCH more accurate).

 Tip: Keep different shades separated (light, medium, dark) for better design control.

Making the Wedge Template (for Circular Rug)

You'll create a circle using **10 wedge-shaped pieces**.

Measurements per wedge:

- Height: **30 cm (12 inches)**
- Bottom width: **18 cm (7 inches)**
- Angle: ~36° (you don't need to measure angle if you copy shape)

How to make template:

1. Draw on cardboard or thick paper.
2. Cut it out carefully.
3. Label top and bottom.

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Cutting Fabric

1. Place template on denim.
2. Trace with chalk. <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**
3. Cut **10 wedges total**.

- ✓ Mix colors for a patchwork effect
- ✓ Try alternating light/dark pieces for a balanced look

Step 2: Piecing the Core (Main Circle)

This step forms the top of your rug.

Sewing the Wedges

1. Take **2 wedges**.
2. Place **right sides together (RST)**.
3. Pin along one long edge.
4. Sew using:
 - **1 cm seam allowance ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch)**
 - Straight stitch, medium length
5. Open and press seam flat with iron.


Continue Joining

- Add wedges one at a time.
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 - Align edges carefully
 - Sew → press → repeat

Closing the Circle

- After sewing all 10 wedges:
 - Join first and last wedge
 - Adjust slightly if needed to fit evenly

✓ Final diameter: about **110 cm (43 inches)**

 Tip: If center doesn't align perfectly, trim slightly—it will be covered by quilting.

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Step 3: Prepare Borders (Frames)

Borders stabilize the rug and improve appearance.

Inner Frame

- Width: **4 cm (1.5 inches)**
- Length: measure circumference of circle (~345 cm / 136 inches)

Steps:

1. Cut strips (can join smaller pieces).
2. Sew strips together to form one long band.
3. Press seams open.

✓ Use solid color (black or dark denim works best)

Outer Frame

- Width: **8 cm (3 inches)**
- Same total length

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1. Cut multiple strips in different colors.
2. Sew short pieces together to create patchwork strip.
3. Press flat.

✓ This adds visual interest 🎨

Step 4: Layer & Quilt the Core

Now you create the full rug structure.

Layering (Quilt Sandwich)


You will have 3 layers:

1. **Bottom (Backing)**
 - Size: **115 cm (45 inches)** circle or square
2. **Middle (Batting)**
 - Same size
 - Thickness: **0.5 cm / ¼ inch**
3. **Top (Denim Circle)**
 - Your pieced wedges

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Pinning

- Lay backing (wrong side up)
- Add batting
- Place denim top (right side up)
- Pin every 10–15 cm (4–6 inches)

 Important: Keep layers smooth to avoid wrinkles

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Use your sewing machine to stitch all layers together.

Recommended patterns:

- Cross-hatch (grid)
- Straight lines
- Follow seam lines

✓ Stitch spacing: about **5–10 cm (2–4 inches)**

 Tip: Start from center and move outward

Step 5: Attach Frames (Borders)

Attach Inner Frame

1. Place frame strip **RST with circle edge**
2. Pin evenly (divide circle into quarters to align)
3. Sew around entire circle
4. Press seam outward

Attach Outer Frame

1. Join outer strips into one loop
2. Attach to inner frame edge (RST)
3. Sew carefully around curve

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- Sew close to seam (about 3 mm / 1/8 inch)
- This strengthens and flattens edges

Step 6: Add Fringe & Binding

Making Fringe

1. Cut yarn pieces:
 - Length: **10–15 cm (4–6 inches)**
2. Fold each piece in half
3. Insert along edge

✓ Space evenly (every 1–2 cm / ½–1 inch)

Securing Fringe

- Place fringe ends between rug edge and binding strip

Binding

1. Use strip from Step 3
2. Fold over raw edge
3. Sew through all layers

✓ This:

- Locks fringe
- Protects edges
- Gives clean finish

Step 7: Final Review & Adjustments

✓ **Check Everything:**

- Loose threads → trim
- Uneven edges → trim slightly
- Weak seams → reinforce

 **Final Size:**

- Circular rug: **~120 cm (47 inches)** diameter

Optional: Rectangular Rug Version





If you prefer a rectangle instead of wedges:

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Construction:

1. Cut squares (e.g., **20 cm / 8 inches**)
2. Arrange in grid (like 5×5 layout)
3. Sew rows → join rows
4. Follow SAME steps:
 - Layering
 - Quilting
 - Borders <https://handcrafted.craftsforlove.com/> **SEE THE BEST PATTERNS**
 - Fringe

Common Mistakes to Avoid

-  Skipping ironing → causes uneven seams
-  Not pinning layers → fabric shifts
-  Using weak needle → breaks on denim
-  Uneven seam allowance → warped shape

Pro Tips

- Use **denim needle** for best results
- Mix textures (stretch + rigid denim carefully)
- Add a non-slip backing if rug is for hardwood floors
- Wash finished rug in cold water, air dry

Finished!

You now have a **durable, eco-friendly, handcrafted denim rug** 

It's:

- Washable
- Strong
- Unique every time

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