

Patchwork Cute Cats Bag from Old Jeans - Pattern

SEWING & QUILTING TUTORIAL: DENIM CAT TOTE & ACCESSORIES

SECTION 1: PATTERN PIECES & CUT LIST (All dimensions in CM)

- Tote Outer Front (Patchwork): 32 x 35

- Tote Outer Back: 32 x 35

Lining Piece: 4 x 102

Cataling: 5 x 102

- Sides & Bottom Gusset (Continuous piece): 12 x 102 cm (Qty 1)

- Lining Pieces (Front/Back/Gusset): Same dimensions as outer.

- Pockets (4 types, scrap denim):

- 9x11cm
- 8x10cm
- 8x10cm
- 6x7cm (a watch pocket)

- Handles: 4 x 45 cm (Qty 2)

- Cats: 15 x 12cm

- Tassel Components: Thread and beads

SEC: MAIN METHODOLOGIES & LEGEND

STITCHES

- Running Stitch
- Slip Stitch
- Satin Stitch (cat details)
- Blanket Stitch

METHODS

- Raw-Edge Appliqué
- Quilt-As-You-Go: (joining patches in one step in one notes in one step to backing/interfacing)
- Interfacing:
 - Light-weight types
 - Heavy-weight, heavy-weight
- Binding
- Cornering: squaring off corners

NOTIONS

- Safety Pin Basting
- Fabric Glue
- Fusible Web
- Thimble

STEP-BY-STEP ASSEMBLY GUIDE

All measurements in CM

1. PREPARE OUTER PANELS

Patchwork creates QayG or traditional piecing of denim prencotant pentry

2. APPLIQUÉ THE CATS

Fusible web

Blanket stitching around the edge

3. ATTACH POCKETS

4. ASSEMBLE TOTE BODY

Standard 1cm seam allowance

1cm

5. CREATE & ATTACH HANDLES

Double-fold hand

6. LINING & FINAL ASSEMBLY

"bagging" the lining with the outer (right sides together, leaving a small gap)

7. ACCESSORIES (Coasters, Pot Holder)

Coasters:

8cm

2 denim circles, and 1 batting

Pot holder: (Qty 2)

16x16cm

Pieced squares with binding,

8. FINAL TOUCHES (Tassel & Charm)

Make the charm loop placement on



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Materials You Will Need

Gather all materials before starting:

- Scrap denim fabric (various shades for patchwork)
- Solid denim (for back and handles)
- Lining fabric
- Lightweight fusible web (for appliqué)
- Batting (for coasters and pot holder)
- Thread (matching or contrasting)
- Beads and thread (for tassel)
- Keyring or loop hardware (optional)

Tools:

- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Quilting ruler
- Pins or clips
- Iron
- Safety pins (for basting)



Section 1: Pattern Pieces & Cutting

(All measurements are in centimeters and already include seam allowance)

Cut the following pieces:

Outer Front (Patchwork):

- 32 cm x 35 cm

Outer Back:

- 32 cm x 35 cm

Sides & Bottom Gusset (one continuous strip):

- 12 cm x 102 cm

Lining Pieces:

- Same dimensions as outer pieces (front, back, and gusset)

Pockets (scrap denim):

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- 9 cm x 11 cm
- 8 cm x 10 cm (cut multiple)

Handles:

- 4 strips measuring 4 cm x 45 cm

Cat Appliqué:

- Approx. 12 cm tall (cut 3 cat shapes)

Tassel Components:

- Thread and beads



Section 2: Understanding Techniques

This project uses several techniques:

- Running stitch and slip stitch (for hand details)
- Satin stitch (for cat appliqué edges)
- Blanket stitch (optional decorative edge)


Methods:

- Quilt-as-you-go (QAYG) or traditional piecing
- Raw-edge appliqué
- Fusible web bonding
- Binding and cornering techniques

Step 1: Prepare Outer Panels

Create the front panel using denim patchwork.

- Arrange small denim pieces into a rectangle (32 x 35 cm)
- Sew pieces together using QAYG or traditional piecing
- Press seams flat after each step

You can vary shades of denim for a beautiful textured look 

The back panel is a single solid piece of denim.

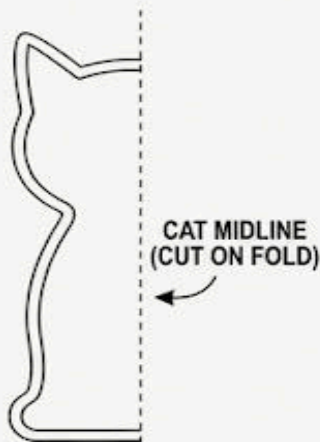
CUTTING PATTERNS FOR BLACK CAT APPLIQUÉ

(Based on Original Denim Bag)



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SECTION 1: MAIN CAT PATTERNS



Left Cat (Hidden)
Cut 1 in Black Fabric for Left Cat.



Complex Center Cat (Curved with Long Tail)
Cut 1 in Black Fabric. The tail can be cut separately and layered.



Right Cat (Sitting Straight)
Cut 1 in Black Fabric.

SECTION 2: GENERAL DETAILS - APPLICABLE TO ALL



Eyes
Eyes (Outer & Inner Eye)
Cut 2 of each.



Nose
(Triangular Nose)
Cut 1 per cat.



Ears
Ears (Inner Part)
Cut 2 per cat.



Additional Tail
Additional Tail Pattern
(if needed, cut 2).

SECTION 3: CUTTING & ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS



USE PRECISION SCISSORS FOR CLEAN CUTS.



APPLY FUSIBLE INTERFACING TO THE BACK OF BLACK FABRIC BEFORE CUTTING.



CUT WITH A 2-3 MM SEAM ALLOWANCE FOR EACH PIECE (OR CUT FLUSH AND USE SATIN STITCH).

SECTION 4: PRINTING SCALE



PRINTING SCALE - VERIFY BEFORE USE.
Print at 100% or Fit to Page.



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Step 2: Appliqué the Cats

Prepare your cat shapes.

- Trace cat silhouettes onto fusible web
- Fuse onto denim fabric
- Cut out the shapes

Position cats on the front panel.

- Fuse them in place using an iron
- Stitch around edges using satin stitch or blanket stitch

Add small details like eyes or whiskers if desired 

Step 3: Attach Pockets

Take your pocket pieces.

- Fold top edge and stitch to create a clean hem
- Position pockets on the front panel (over or near the cats)

Sew around sides and bottom edges to secure.

You can layer pockets for a fun look.

Step 4: Assemble the Tote Body

Now construct the main bag.

- Attach the gusset strip to the front panel (right sides together)
- Sew along sides and bottom using a 1 cm seam allowance

Repeat with the back panel.

You now have the full outer structure of the bag.

Ensure corners are aligned and seams are strong.

Step 5: Create and Attach Handles

Prepare handles:

- Take 2 strips per handle
- Fold edges inward, then fold in half (double-fold)

- Stitch along both long edges

Attach handles to the front and back panels:

- Position evenly
- Sew securely with reinforced stitching

Make sure handles are aligned and strong enough for daily use 💪

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Step 6: Lining & Final Assembly

Construct the lining the same way as the outer bag.

- Sew lining panels and gusset together

Now assemble using the “bagging” method:

- Place outer bag and lining right sides together
- Sew around the top edge, leaving a small opening

Turn the bag right side out through the gap.

Close the opening with a slip stitch or machine stitch.

Push lining inside and press the top edge.



Step 7: Make Accessories

Create matching accessories.

Coasters:

- Cut 2 denim circles (8 cm diameter)
- Add 1 layer of batting
- Sew around edges

Pot Holder:

- Create a 16 x 16 cm square using patchwork
- Add batting inside
- Bind edges with fabric strips
- Add a loop for hanging

✨ Step 8: Final Touches (Tassel & Charm)

Make a decorative tassel:

- Wrap thread multiple times
- Tie at the top
- Cut loops at the bottom
- Add beads if desired

Attach tassel to the bag handle using a loop or keyring.

Final Result

You now have a beautiful **Denim Cat Tote Bag with Matching Accessories** 🐱❤️

Helpful Tips

- Use denim of different shades for contrast
- Reinforce stress points like handles
- Press frequently for a professional finish
- Take your time with appliqué details

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