



Guide to Creating the Denim Starburst Patchwork Rug

This step-by-step tutorial follows the diagram precisely and is written so anyone in the U.S. can complete the project from start to finish—even beginners. Grab your denim, tools, and let's get started! ✂️

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LEGEND OF KEY METHODS & TERMINOLOGY (US Sewing & Quilting)



APPLIQUÉ
Joining one fabric to another with stitching



PIECING
Stitching varied fabric shapes together to form a block or top



BATTING
Inner layered material or batting

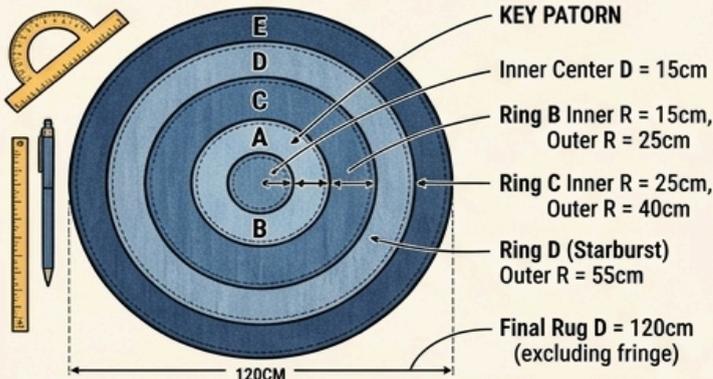


RAW-EDGE BINDING
Frayed look finish
frayed look finish

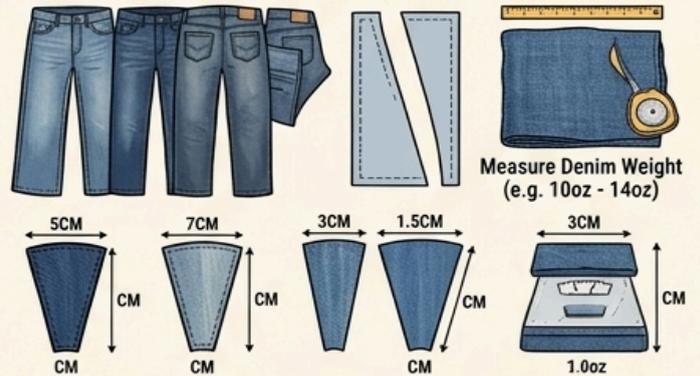


TOPSTITCHING
Visible functional or decorative stitching

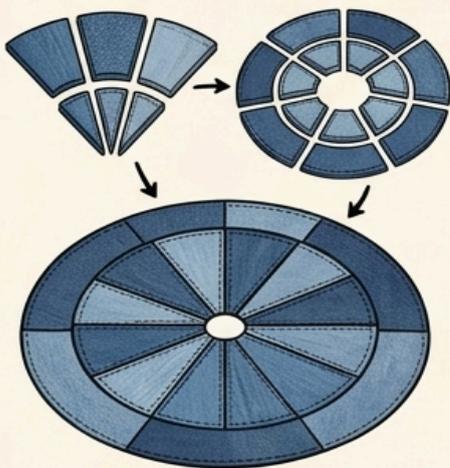
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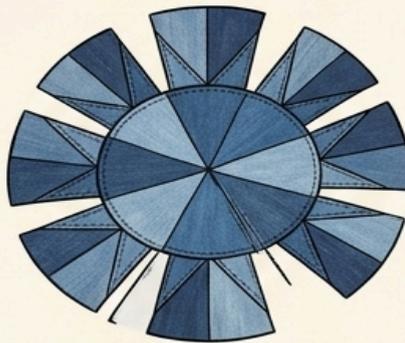
2 DENIM SOURCING & CUTTING



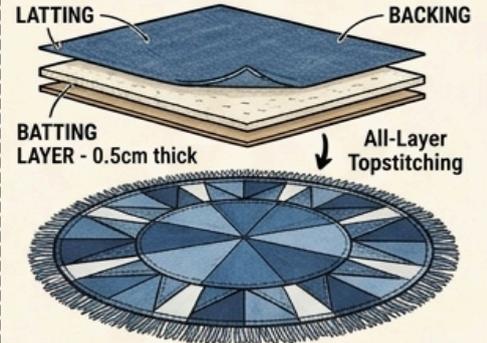
3 PIECING THE CORE (RINGS A-C)



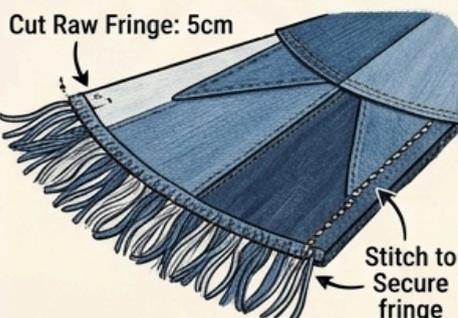
4 CRAFTING THE STARBURST (RING D)



5 FINAL ASSEMBLY & BATTING



6 FINISHING THE EDGE



Materials & Tools You'll Need

- Old denim jeans (varied shades work best)
- Fabric scissors or rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Sewing machine (recommended) or hand sewing tools
- Thread (heavy-duty or denim thread preferred)
- Batting (approx. 0.5 cm thick)
- Backing fabric (canvas or sturdy cotton)
- Measuring tape
- Pins or clips
- Iron

Key Techniques (Quick Reference)

- **Appliqué:** Stitching one fabric onto another
- **Piecing:** Sewing fabric shapes together
- **Batting:** Inner padded layer
- **Raw-edge binding:** Frayed edge finish
- **Topstitching:** Visible stitching for strength + style

Step 1: Preparation & Design

Start by understanding the layout of your rug. This project builds outward in circular layers.

Final Dimensions

- Total rug diameter: **120 cm (~47 inches)** (excluding fringe)

Pattern Breakdown

You will create concentric rings:

- **Center Circle (A)**
 - Diameter: 15 cm (~6 in)
- **Ring B**
 - Inner radius: 15 cm
 - Outer radius: 25 cm
- **Ring C**
 - Inner radius: 25 cm
 - Outer radius: 40 cm
- **Ring D (Starburst)**
 - Outer radius: 55 cm

 Tip: Draw this layout on paper or directly onto fabric backing as a guide.

Step 2: Denim Sourcing & Cutting

Choosing Denim

- Use jeans in different washes (light, medium, dark)
- Weight range: **10 oz – 14 oz denim** works best

Cutting Pieces

You'll cut wedge-shaped panels:

- Widths:
 - 5 cm (~2 in)
 - 7 cm (~2.75 in)
 - 3 cm (~1.2 in)
 - 1.5 cm (~0.6 in)
- Shape: Slight trapezoids or wedges (narrow at one end)

 Cut multiple pieces of each size to allow variation in color and pattern.

Step 3: Piecing the Core (Rings A–C)

Assemble the Center

1. Start with **Ring A (center circle)**
 - Sew wedge pieces together into a full circle
2. Build **Ring B**
 - Attach wedge segments around the center
 - Ensure even spacing
3. Add **Ring C**
 - Continue outward using larger wedges

Sewing Tips

- Use a **¼ inch seam allowance**
- Press seams flat as you go
- Alternate denim shades for a balanced look

Step 4: Crafting the Starburst (Ring D)

This is the signature design element!

Create Starburst Pieces

- Use longer wedge shapes
- Mix light and dark denim for contrast

Assembly

1. Arrange wedges in a circular “sunburst” pattern
2. Alternate colors for visual impact
3. Sew wedges into sections, then join sections together
4. Attach the full starburst ring to Ring C

 Take your time aligning points—this step defines the final look!

Step 5: Final Assembly & Batting

Now you'll turn your patchwork into a real rug.

Layering

From bottom to top:

1. **Backing fabric**
2. **Batting (0.5 cm thick)**
3. **Denim patchwork top**

Secure Layers

- Pin or clip all layers together evenly

Topstitching

- Sew through all layers
- Follow circular seams for structure
- Add extra stitching lines for durability

 This step prevents shifting and gives a quilted finish.

Step 6: Finishing the Edge

Create Raw Fringe

1. Trim edge evenly
2. Cut fringe around entire rug:
 - Length: **5 cm (~2 inches)**
3. Pull threads slightly for a frayed look

Secure Fringe

- Stitch a circular seam just inside the fringe
- This prevents further unraveling

 The frayed edge gives a rustic, handmade finish!

Final Result

You'll have a stunning **denim starburst rug** with:

- Layered circular design
- Bold geometric starburst pattern
- Durable quilted construction
- Stylish frayed edge

Perfect for living rooms, bedrooms, or creative spaces 

Extra Tips

- Wash denim before starting to prevent shrinking
- Use a heavy-duty needle (size 90/14 or 100/16)
- Work slowly through thick seams
- Mix textures (stretch + rigid denim) carefully