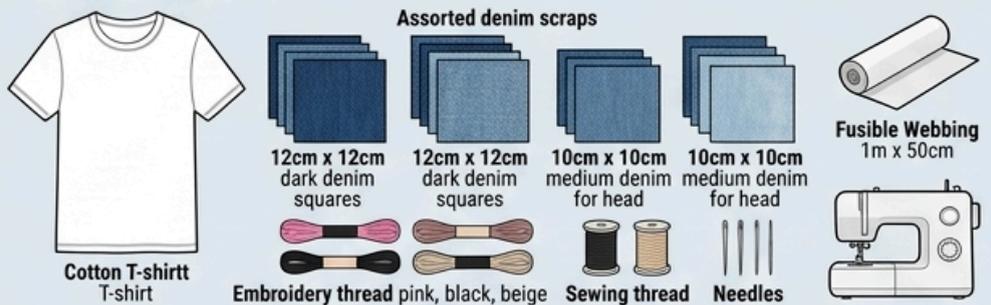


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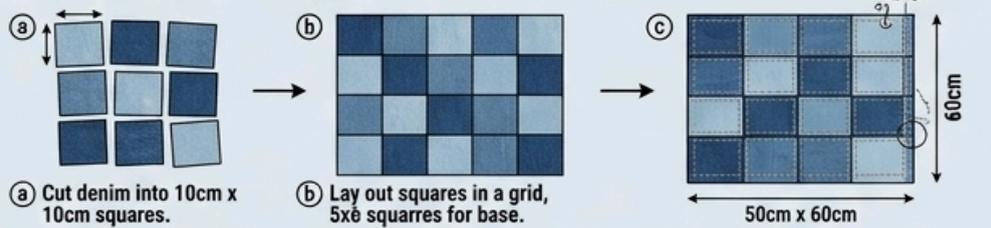
This step-by-step tutorial will walk you through how to create a charming denim patchwork puppy design on a cotton T-shirt. It's beginner-friendly and uses simple sewing techniques, while still producing a beautiful, textured result.

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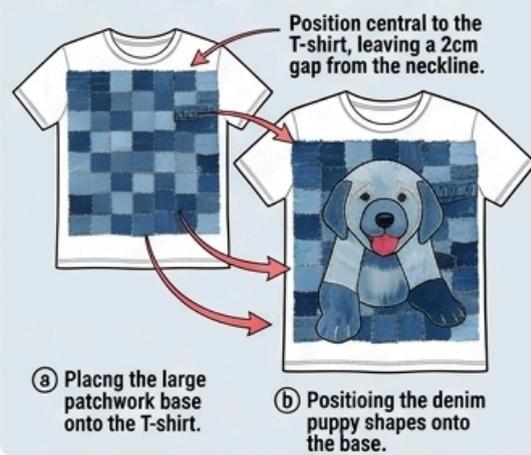
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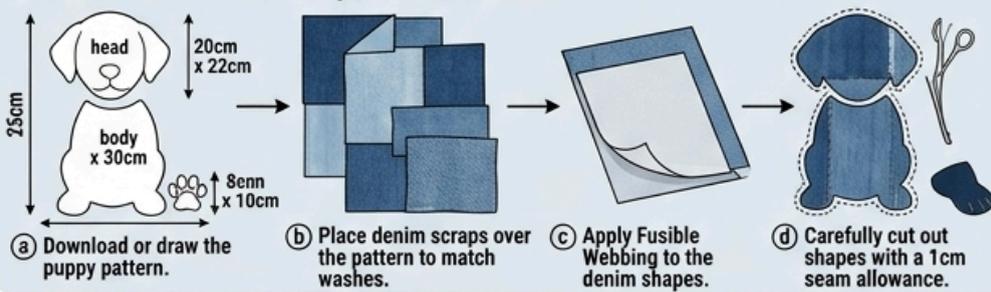
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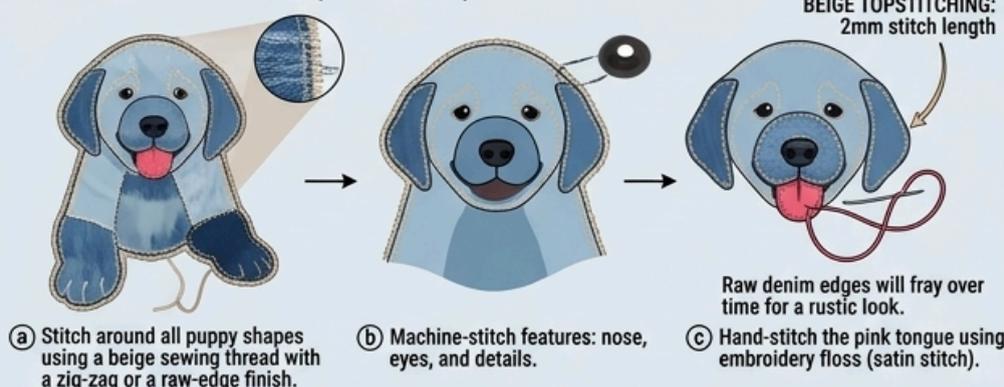
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3. PREPARE THE APPLIQUÉ SHAPES



5. STITCH AND FINISH (RAW EDGE)



6. COMPLETED PROJECT REVIEW



LEGEND OF SEWING METHODS (US QUILT TERM GLOSSARY)

- A** **APPLIQUÉ** Stitching fabric shapes onto a background fabric (Raw-edge method used here).
- F** **FUSIBLE WEBBING** Double-sided adhesive used to pre-bond shapes before stitching.
- P** **PIECING** Stitching multiple fabric pieces together to form a larger pattern (base grid).
- T** **TOPSTITCHING** Decorative visible stitching on the right side of the project.
- R** **RAW-EDGE APPLIQUÉ** Stitching without turning the fabric edges, allowing them to fray.

Step 1: Gather Your Materials

Before you start, make sure you have everything ready:

- **Cotton T-shirt** (any color, but light colors work best)
- **Assorted denim scraps** in different shades:
 - 12 cm x 12 cm dark denim squares
 - 12 cm x 12 cm medium denim squares
 - 10 cm x 10 cm medium denim (for head and details)
- **Fusible webbing** (approx. 1 m x 50 cm)
- **Embroidery thread** (pink, black, beige)
- **Sewing thread** (neutral colors)
- **Sewing needles**
- **Sewing machine** (optional but recommended)
- **Scissors**
- **Pins or clips**
- **Iron**

Tip: Mixing different denim washes gives your puppy a more textured and lively look 🐶

Step 2: Create the Patchwork Base

This base will sit behind your puppy appliqué.

a) Cut Your Squares

Cut denim into **10 cm x 10 cm squares**.

b) Arrange the Layout

Lay out the squares in a **5 x 6 grid** (5 across, 6 down), alternating shades for a checkerboard effect.

c) Sew the Grid

- Sew squares together row by row.
- Then join rows to form one large panel.
- Final size should be approximately **50 cm x 60 cm**.
- Use a **1 cm seam allowance**.

Press seams flat with an iron for a clean finish.



Step 3: Prepare the Puppy Appliqué Shapes

a) Create or Download a Pattern

Draw or print a puppy pattern with these approximate sizes:

- Head: **20 cm x 22 cm**
- Body: **30 cm tall**
- Small parts (ears, paws): around **8–10 cm**

b) Match Denim Pieces

Place denim scraps over each pattern piece to create a patchwork effect within the puppy itself.

c) Apply Fusible Webbing

- Attach fusible webbing to the back of each denim piece using an iron.
- Follow the webbing instructions (usually heat + pressure).

d) Cut Out Shapes

- Cut each piece carefully.
- Leave about **1 cm seam allowance** around edges.



Step 4: Layer and Position the Puppy

a) Attach the Patchwork Base

- Place the denim patchwork panel onto the T-shirt.
- Center it on the chest area.
- Keep about **2 cm distance from the neckline**.
- Pin or fuse it in place.

b) Position the Puppy

- Arrange the puppy pieces on top of the patchwork base.
- Start with larger pieces (body, head), then add details (ears, paws, nose).
- Adjust placement until it looks balanced and natural.

Step 5: Stitch and Finish (Raw Edge Style)

This project uses a **raw-edge appliqué**, meaning edges will fray slightly over time for a rustic look ✨

a) Stitch Around Shapes

- Use a **zig-zag stitch** or straight stitch close to the edges.
- Sew around all puppy pieces using **beige thread**.

b) Add Facial Details

- Machine-stitch or hand-stitch:
 - Eyes
 - Nose
 - Mouth details

c) Add the Tongue

- Use **pink embroidery floss**
- Sew using a **satın stitch** (tight, close stitches)

d) Topstitching

- Add decorative stitching (about **2 mm stitch length**) around features for definition.

Note: The denim edges will fray naturally over time, enhancing the handmade look.

Step 6: Final Review and Finishing Touches

Take a moment to check your finished piece:

- ✓ Edges slightly frayed (intentional raw-edge style)
- ✓ Puppy face clearly defined with stitching
- ✓ Denim textures visible and varied
- ✓ Patchwork base securely attached
- ✓ Tongue neatly hand-stitched

Give the T-shirt a final press with an iron.

Sewing Method Glossary (Simple Terms)

- **Appliqué**: Sewing fabric shapes onto a background
- **Fusible Webbing**: Heat-activated adhesive for fabric
- **Piecing**: Sewing small fabric pieces into a larger panel
- **Topstitching**: Decorative stitching on the front side
- **Raw-edge appliqué**: Leaving fabric edges unfinished to fray