

## **Denim Flower**



If you are looking for an idea for upcycling denim, why not consider making denim flowers? Wear it as a brooch, pin it to a tote or accessory as an embellishment, or make several to display as home decor. The materials listed are for making one flower. The finished size of one flower is approximately 5½" x 5½" (14cm x 14cm).

## What you need

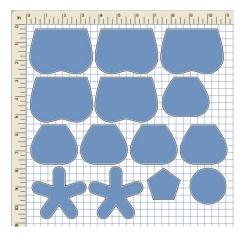
- Medium weight Denim Fabric -12" x 12" (30cm x 30cm)
- Fabric Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Rotary blade
- Brayer
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Tear-away Stabilizer
- Wood Glue
- Brooch Pin
- Ribbon

Fabric Glue

## **Directions**

- 1. Open the project in Canvas.
- 2. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Place the main fabric on your 12" x 12" Fabric Grip Mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the fabric to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles. Follow the steps to cut the fabric on your crafting machine.

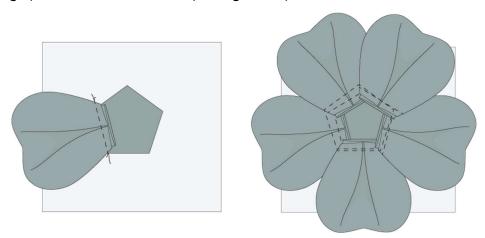
Pro-Tip: Perform a test cut on your material as there is a wide range of material thickness for denim.



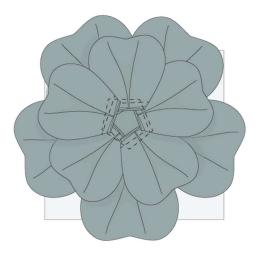
3. Set your sewing machine for straight stitch. Fold each petal to make a pleat. Sew across the base to hold in place. Repeat with all 10 petals.



4. Place the denim pentagon shape on a piece of tear-away stabilizer. Starting with the large petals, sew them to the pentagon shape.



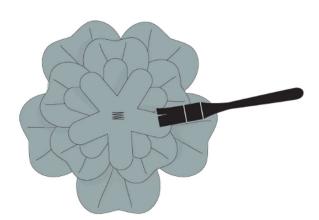
5. Sew the smaller petals inside.



 Place the two flower shapes in the center and set your sewing machine for a satin stitch and sew in place with a few stitches. Remove the excess stabilizer.



7. To shape the flowers and to stop the fabric from fraying use a mixture of wood glue and water. Pour an equal amount of glue and water in a bowl and mix. Use a paintbrush to apply the mixture to the fabric. Shape the petals while wet, then let dry.



8. You can add a brooch pin, hair clip or a ribbon to the back of the flower depending on how you want to use it. Sew the pin or the ribbon to the denim circle shape, then use fabric glue to attach it to the back of the flower.

