

# 🐎 Patchwork Horse Wall Hanging

## Tutorial

Create a beautiful **Patchwork Horse** using denim scraps, plaid fabric, and simple sewing techniques! This project is perfect for quilting lovers, rustic farmhouse décor, nursery decorations, or handmade gifts. The tutorial below follows the measurements and shapes shown in the original diagram so your final piece stays loyal to the pattern.

### COMPLETE TUTORIAL: DENIM PATCHWORK HORSE (US QUILTING METHODS)



#### STEP-BY-STEP MAKING PROCESS

##### 1. PREPARE DENIM PATCHWORK



**A. Create custom patchwork panels** using 1/4" seam allowance (standard US method, approx 0.6 cm) and contrasting denim pieces.

##### 2. CUTTING & APPLIQUÉ



**B. Use templates** (all measurements in cm) to cut body parts. Cut specific patterned pieces (Fussy Cutting). Add saddle with raw-edge appliqué.

##### 3. ASSEMBLY & FINISHING



**C. Stitch body** (leaving opening). Turn and stuff (firmly). Insert mane and tail pieces (Frayed Edge technique). Hand-sew opening closed (Ladder Stitch).

#### TEMPLATES & DIMENSIONS (All in cm)

##### GLOSSARY: US SEWING & QUILTING METHODS

###### 1/4" Seam Allowance

Standard edge distance for patchwork.

###### Fussy Cutting



Selecting a precise pattern section (e.g., a specific spot).

###### Raw-Edge Appliqué



Stitching down a shape with its edges exposed and fraying for texture.

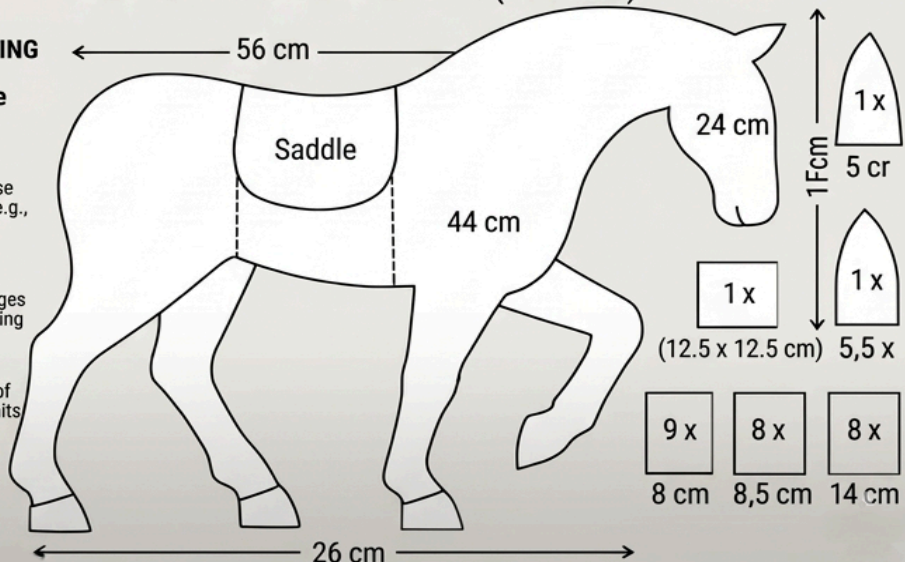
###### Chain Piecing



Efficient sewing of multiple fabric units in a continuous sequence.

###### Ladder Stitch

Invisible hand stitch for closing stuffed objects.



This guide is beginner-friendly and detailed enough for anyone in the USA to complete from start to finish. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

## **Materials You Will Need**

Before starting, gather all supplies.

### **Fabrics**

- Denim scraps in different blue shades
- Plaid cotton fabric scraps
- Light blue cotton fabric
- Fusible interfacing (optional for stability)
- Felt or batting (optional for thickness)

### **Sewing Supplies**

- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Quilting ruler
- Pins or clips
- Fabric chalk or washable marker
- Hand sewing needle
- Iron and ironing board

### **For Decoration**

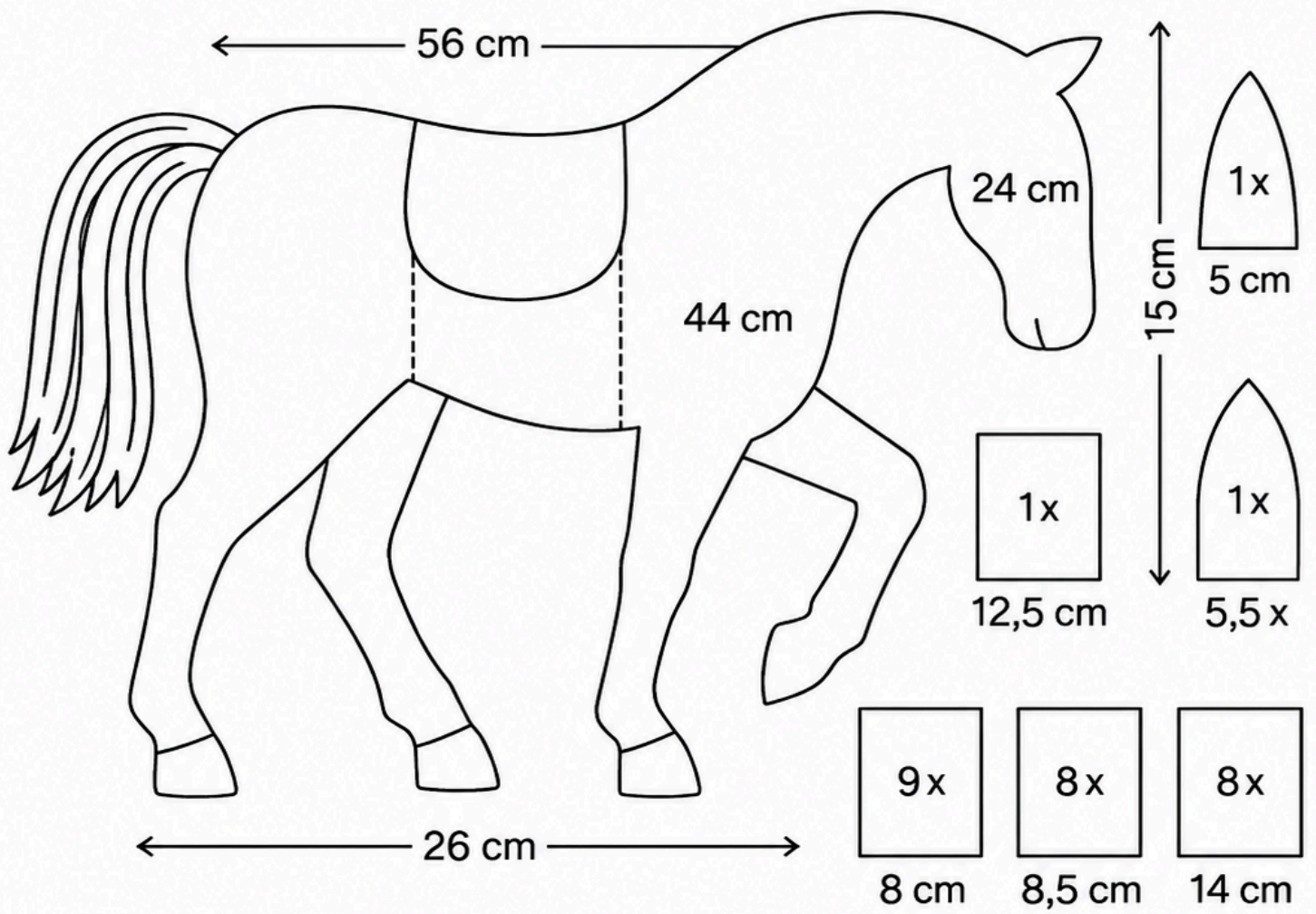
- Black embroidery thread or button for the eye
- Thick yarn or fabric strips for mane and tail
- Fabric glue (optional)

## **Finished Size**

The finished horse measures approximately: [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

- **Width:** 56 cm (22 inches)
- **Height:** 44 cm (17 inches)

This makes a perfect wall decoration, pillow front, or quilt centerpiece.





## Understanding the Pattern Pieces

The horse is made using several patchwork sections assembled together.

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According to the diagram, you will need:

### Main Body Base

- 1 full horse body template

### Patchwork Squares and Rectangles

Cut the following pieces:

- 9 squares — 8 cm each
- 8 rectangles — 8.5 cm each
- 8 rectangles — 14 cm each

### Additional Pieces

- Ear pieces: 5 cm
- Neck/head pieces: 5.5 cm
- Body curve section: 12.5 cm

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- Denim
- Plaid cotton
- Chambray
- Light washed jeans
- Recycled denim

Using multiple shades gives the horse its rustic patchwork appearance.



## How to Create the Pattern Template

Since the diagram acts as the master pattern, you will first recreate it onto paper.

### Step 1 [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

Use:

- Kraft paper
- Freezer paper
- Poster board
- Newspaper taped together

## Step 2

Draw the horse outline carefully using the measurements provided.

## Step 3

Separate the body into patchwork zones similar to the image.

Do not worry about making every square perfectly identical — handmade charm makes patchwork beautiful ❤️ [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](https://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

## Cutting the Fabric Pieces

### Step 1: Cut the Patchwork Pieces

Using your ruler and rotary cutter:

Cut:

- 9 squares at 8 cm
- 8 rectangles at 8.5 cm
- 8 rectangles at 14 cm

Mix fabrics randomly for a natural vintage effect.

Tip:

Alternate:

- Dark denim
- Medium denim
- Light denim
- Plaid prints

This creates depth and texture. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](https://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

### Step 2: Arrange Your Layout

Before sewing:

- Lay all pieces on a table
- Rearrange colors until balanced
- Avoid placing similar fabrics side-by-side

Take a photo once you like the arrangement so you remember the order 📷  
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## Sewing the Patchwork Panels

### Step 3: Sew Small Sections Together

Using a 1/4 inch seam allowance:

- Sew pieces into small rows first
- Press seams open with an iron
- Join rows together slowly

Denim can become bulky, so press carefully after every seam.

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#### Helpful Tip

Use a denim needle on your sewing machine:

- Size 90/14 works great

### Step 4: Create the Full Horse Body Panel

Once all patchwork sections are sewn:

- Place the horse template on top
- Pin securely
- Trace around it with chalk

Cut out: [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

- Front horse body
- Back horse body (optional if making stuffed)

You should now have the recognizable horse shape 🐾

## Adding Stability

### Step 5: Add Interfacing or Batting

If using lightweight fabrics:

- Iron fusible interfacing to the back

If making a soft wall hanging:

- Add thin batting between layers

This helps the horse hold its shape beautifully.

## **Making the Mane and Tail**

### **Step 6: Create the Mane** [.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](https://www.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

The mane is made using yarn or fabric strips.

#### **Option 1: Yarn Mane**


Cut multiple strands:

- About 15–20 cm long

Fold them in half and sew along the neck edge.

#### **Option 2: Denim Fringe Mane**

Cut thin denim strips and fray the edges.

This creates a gorgeous rustic western look  [.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](https://www.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

### **Step 7: Make the Tail**

Cut long yarn strands or denim strips.

Bundle together and stitch securely at the tail area.

Trim evenly after attaching.

## **Creating the Ears**

### **Step 8: Sew the Ears**

Cut:

- 2 outer ear pieces
- 2 lining ear pieces

Sew right sides together.

Turn inside out and press flat. Attach carefully to the top of the head before sewing final layers together. [.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](https://www.ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

## Adding the Face Details

### Step 9: Add the Eye and Nose

You can create the eye using:

- Black embroidery thread
- Small black button
- Felt circle

For the nostril:

- Use simple embroidery stitches
- Or fabric paint

Keep the face soft and simple for a folk-art appearance.

## Assembling the Horse

### Step 10: Join the Layers

Place:

- Front side facing up
- Back side facing down

Pin around all edges.

Sew slowly around the horse shape. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

Leave a small opening if stuffing.

### **If Making a Flat Wall Hanging**

You can skip stuffing completely.

### **If Making a Plush Horse**

Lightly stuff with:

- Poly-fil
- Cotton filling
- Scrap batting

Then hand stitch the opening closed.

## **Step 11: Trim and Clip Curves**

Before turning:

- Trim excess seam allowance
- Clip curved areas carefully

This helps the horse shape turn smoothly. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

Turn right side out and press gently.

## **Optional Quilting Details**

To give extra texture:

- Topstitch around patchwork sections
- Add quilting lines
- Use decorative stitches

Denim looks amazing with visible stitching.

You can use:

- White thread
- Golden thread
- Navy thread

## **Turning It Into Wall Décor**

## **Step 12: Add Hanging Support**

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- Sew loops on the back
- Add a wooden dowel
- Or attach directly to a quilt hanger

This project looks beautiful in:

- Farmhouse homes
- Craft rooms
- Kids' bedrooms
- Western-themed décor

## **Beginner Tips for Success**

### **Use Old Jeans**

Recycled denim works perfectly and saves money.

### **Iron Frequently**

Pressing seams keeps the project flat and professional. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

### **Sew Slowly Over Thick Areas**

Denim layers can become heavy near seam intersections.

### **Mix Textures**

Combining plaid and denim creates authentic country charm.

### **Use Clips Instead of Pins**

Clips hold thick fabric layers better.

## **Creative Variations**

You can personalize your horse in many ways:


### **Rustic Western Horse**

Use dark denim and brown plaid.

### **Baby Nursery Horse**

Use pastel fabrics and soft yarn.

### **Christmas Horse**

Add red plaid and holiday ribbons 

### **Boho Style**

Use floral cottons and colorful embroidery. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

## Care Instructions

If used as décor:

- Dust gently
- Spot clean only

If making a plush toy:

- Hand wash cold
- Air dry flat

Avoid machine drying because denim may shrink unevenly. [ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com](http://ilovecrafts.curiosodaweb.com)

## Final Thoughts

This Patchwork Horse project is a beautiful way to transform fabric scraps into charming handmade art. The combination of denim textures, patchwork quilting, and rustic details creates a timeless country-style decoration that feels warm and handmade.

Even beginners can complete this project by following each step carefully. Take your time arranging fabrics, sewing slowly through thick denim, and enjoying the creative process.

Your finished horse will become a unique handmade piece full of personality and charm



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