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DENIM FLOWER CUTLERY HOLDER

SEWING TUTORIAL WITH PATTERN

This lovely denim flower cutlery holder adds a charming touch to your table. It is easy to make and perfect for special occasions or everyday use.

FINISHED SIZE

Overall flower width:
18 cm
(7.1 inches)
Flower height:
20 cm
(7.9 inches)



MATERIALS

- Denim fabric (medium weight)
- Cotton fabric for lining (optional)
- Thread (matching color)
- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors
- Pins / Clips
- Iron
- Chalk or fabric marker

CUTTING GUIDE (ALL MEASUREMENTS IN CM)

A - Back Flower Piece (Cut 1)
Cut from denim fabric.

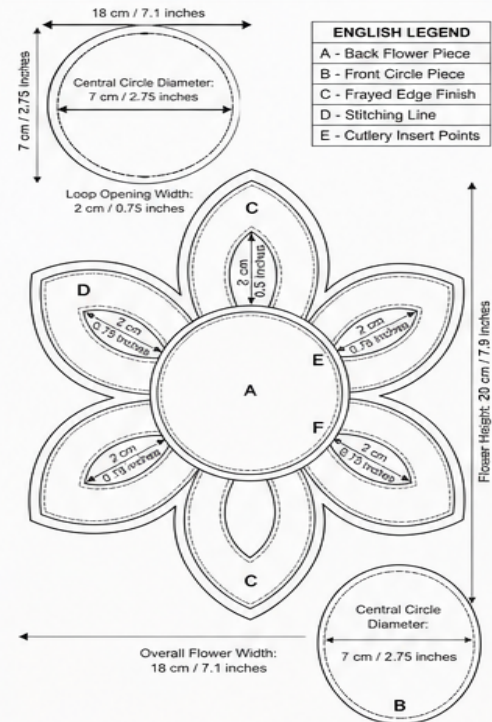
B - Front Circle Piece (Cut 1)
Cut from denim fabric.

C - Frayed Edge Finis
(Integrated into petals)
Cut along outer edge.

D - Stitching Line
Sew along this line.

E - Cutlery Insert Points
Leave opening for inserting cutlery.

NOTE:
All seam allowances are 0.7 cm (1/4 inch) unless otherwise specified.



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. PREPARE PIECES

Cut all pieces as shown in the cutting guide.



2. MARK STITCHING LINES

Mark the stitching line (D) on the wrong side of the back flower piece.



3. CREATE CUTLERY OPENINGS

At each petal, fold along the inner marks to create the cutlery insertion opening (E).



4. SEW PETALS

Place the front circle piece (B) on top of the back flower piece (A), right sides together.



Sew along line (D) around the circle.

5. CLIP & TRIM

Clip curves between petals without cutting the stitching.



Trim seam allowance if needed.

6. TURN & PRESS

Turn the flower to the right side through one of the petal openings. Use a blunt tool to push out petals nicely.



Press with an iron.

7. FRAVED EDGE FINISH

Gently pull the outer edge threads of the denim to create a frayed look.



Do this all around the petals.

8. TOPSTITCH

Topstitch around the circle and along each petal opening for a neat finish.



Use matching thread.

9. INSERT CUTLERY

Insert knife, fork, and spoon through the openings.



Your denim flower cutlery holder is ready!

SEWING TIPS

- Use a denim needle (size 90/14) for smoother stitching.
- Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
- Press each step for a professional finish.
- Fraying the edges gives a beautiful rustic look.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Hand wash cold



Do not bleach



Lay flat to dry



Cool iron if needed

BASIC SEWING METHODS (US TERMS)

STRAIGHT STITCH

Used for general sewing. Stitch length 2.5–3 mm.



BACKSTITCH

Sew backward a few stitches to lock the seam.



TOPSTITCH

Stitch on the right side for decoration and strength.



CLIP CURVES

Make small cuts in the seam allowance on curves. Do not cut the stitching.



FRAVED EDGE

Pull a few threads from the edge of denim to create a frayed look.



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Denim Flower Cutlery Holder — Complete Sewing Tutorial

This tutorial is based directly on the provided pattern and instruction graphic. It explains the entire project from preparing the denim and cutting the pieces through sewing, creating the cutlery openings, finishing the frayed edges, pressing, and inserting the utensils.

The finished piece is a decorative **denim flower-shaped cutlery holder** designed to hold a knife, fork, and spoon at the center of the flower.

Finished Size

The finished flower is approximately:

- **Overall width:** 18 cm / 7.1 inches
- **Overall height:** 20 cm / 7.9 inches
- **Center circle diameter:** 7 cm / 2.75 inches
- **Each cutlery opening:** approximately 2 cm / 0.75 inch wide
- **Seam allowance:** 0.7 cm / 1/4 inch unless otherwise specified

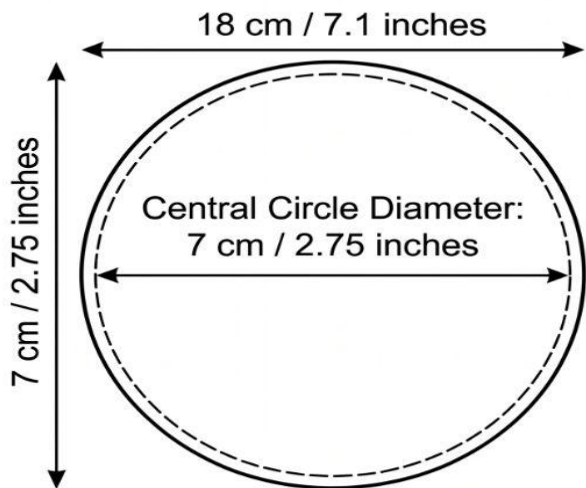
The measurements shown in the pattern are metric first, with approximate U.S. measurements in inches.

Materials and Supplies

You will need:

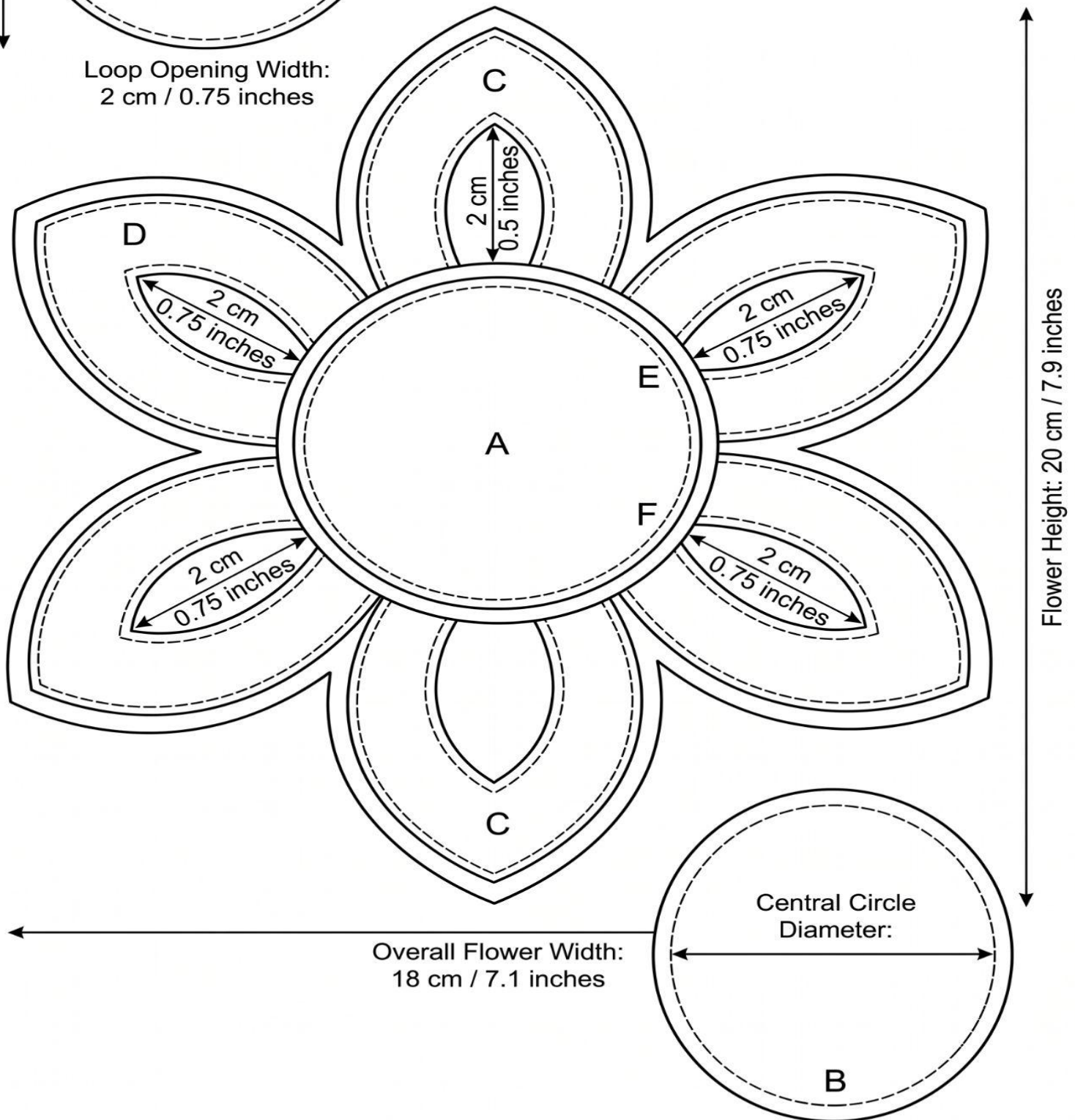
- **Medium-weight denim fabric**
 - Approximately enough to cut one complete flower-shaped back piece and one 7 cm center circle.
 - An old pair of jeans can also work well, provided the denim is clean and in good condition.
- **Cotton fabric for lining — optional**
 - The graphic lists cotton fabric as an optional material.
- **Matching sewing thread**
- **Sewing machine**
- **Fabric scissors or sharp sewing scissors**
- **Pins or sewing clips**
- **Iron**
- **Chalk or a washable fabric marker**
- **Ruler**
- **Measuring tape**
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Loop Opening Width:
2 cm / 0.75 inches

ENGLISH LEGEND	
A -	Back Flower Piece
B -	Front Circle Piece
C -	Frayed Edge Finish
D -	Stitching Line
E -	Cutlery Insert Points



Flower Height: 20 cm / 7.9 inches

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- **Denim sewing-machine needle**
 - A size **90/14** denim needle is recommended in the tutorial.
- **Small, sharp scissors** for clipping curves and trimming
- **Blunt turning tool**, such as a turning tool or the blunt end of a suitable tool, for carefully pushing out the petals

Optional but helpful

- Fabric clips instead of pins, especially when working with several layers of denim
- Seam gauge for accurately marking the 1/4-inch seam allowance
- Scrap denim for practicing your stitch length and fraying technique

Understand the Pattern Pieces

The graphic uses letters to identify the important parts of the design.

A — Back Flower Piece

This is the large flower-shaped denim piece with the six petals.

It forms the back of the cutlery holder and includes the petals that become the decorative loops around the center.

Cut 1.

B — Front Circle Piece

This is the circular piece sewn over the center of the flower.

- Diameter: **7 cm / 2.75 inches**
- **Cut 1**

This circular piece creates the finished center of the flower and secures the central area of the cutlery holder.

C — Frayed Edge Finish

The outer edges of the petals are intentionally left with a frayed denim finish.

The pattern illustration shows this as the outer decorative edge.

D — Stitching Line

This is the stitching line that follows the inner shape of the flower.

It is sewn around the designated areas to define and reinforce the flower.

E — Cutlery Insert Points

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These are the openings through which the knife, fork, and spoon are inserted.

Each opening is approximately:

2 cm / 0.75 inch wide.

The openings are located in the petal areas around the central circle.

Before You Start: Prepare the Denim

If you are using new denim, wash and dry it before cutting whenever possible.

This is particularly important if the finished cutlery holder will eventually be washed. Prewashing allows the fabric to shrink before you construct the project.

If you are recycling jeans:

1. Wash and dry the jeans.
2. Remove pockets, seams, zippers, and other hardware from the section you intend to use.
3. Cut away heavily worn or damaged areas.
4. Press the denim flat with an iron.
5. Make sure you have a sufficiently large, flat section for the flower.

The tutorial recommends **medium-weight denim**. Very heavy denim can make the center seam difficult to sew, while very lightweight denim may not hold the flower shape as well.

Step 1: Prepare and Cut the Pattern Pieces

The project requires two primary fabric pieces:

1. **One back flower piece — A**
2. **One front circle piece — B**

The flower piece should have six rounded/pointed petals arranged around the central circle.

The finished flower measures approximately **18 cm wide by 20 cm high**.

The separate center circle measures:

7 cm / 2.75 inches in diameter.

Cutting the flower piece

Place your flower pattern on the denim and transfer the outline to the fabric using chalk or a washable fabric marker.

Cut carefully around the entire flower.

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Make sure the six petals are symmetrical and that the central area is positioned correctly.

Cutting the center circle

Mark and cut a circle measuring:

7 cm / 2.75 inches across.

This is piece **B**.

If you are drawing the circle yourself, measure through the exact center from one edge to the opposite edge to confirm the diameter.

Important cutting note

The diagram shows the finished design and stitching lines. Unless your pattern has already been prepared with the seam allowance included, remember that the tutorial specifies approximately **0.7 cm / 1/4 inch seam allowance**.

Use the same allowance consistently throughout the project.

Step 2: Mark the Stitching Lines

Before sewing, transfer the important stitching lines onto the wrong side of the flower piece.

These lines are identified as **D — Stitching Line** in the diagram.

Use chalk or a washable fabric marker.

The stitching line follows the inner contour of the flower and defines the areas around the petals.

Take your time with this step. Accurate markings will make the finished flower much more symmetrical.

Mark the center area

Also identify where the **7 cm / 2.75-inch center circle** will sit.

The center circle is the area that will eventually cover the central portion of the flower.

Mark the cutlery openings

Each petal has an opening for inserting a piece of cutlery.

The pattern indicates an opening width of approximately:

2 cm / 0.75 inch.

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These are the areas marked **E — Cutlery Insert Points**.

The opening needs to remain usable after the flower is sewn, so be careful not to accidentally stitch it closed.

Step 3: Create the Cutlery Openings

The petal openings are an important part of the design.

At each petal, fold along the inner marked lines to establish the opening where the cutlery will be inserted.

The openings are approximately **2 cm / 0.75 inch wide**.

How to prepare each opening

1. Locate the inner opening marked on the petal.
2. Fold the denim along the marked line.
3. Check that the opening is centered within the petal.
4. Repeat for the remaining petals.
5. Use clips or pins to hold the fabric in position while sewing.

The openings should create small pocket-like or loop-like areas extending from the center of the flower.

Check the openings before sewing

Before committing to the stitching, place a fork, knife, or spoon against the opening.

The utensil should be able to pass through without forcing the denim.

The graphic specifically identifies these points as the **cutlery insertion openings**, so maintaining these openings is essential to the function of the finished piece.

Step 4: Sew the Petal Construction

Thread your sewing machine with matching thread.

Install a **90/14 denim needle**, as recommended by the tutorial.

A medium stitch length of approximately **2.5–3 mm** works well for general sewing.

Secure your seams

Start with a few backstitches at the beginning of each seam.

Sew along the marked stitching line.

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When you reach the end of a seam, backstitch again to secure it.

Avoid excessive stitching back and forth because this can make the denim bulky and difficult to turn.

Sew around the marked curves

Follow the curves slowly.

When approaching a tight curve:

- Reduce your sewing speed.
- Keep the needle down when repositioning the fabric.
- Make small adjustments rather than trying to force the denim through the machine.
- Maintain an even distance from the edge.

The stitching should follow the marked **D** line consistently.

Step 5: Join the Front Circle to the Flower

Now it is time to attach piece **B**, the 7 cm / 2.75-inch circle.

Place the front circle over the center of the flower piece with the **right sides of the fabric facing each other**, as shown in the tutorial.

Clip or pin the circle into position.

Sew around the circle

Sew around the circumference of the circle using approximately a **1/4-inch / 0.7 cm seam allowance**, unless your marked pattern specifies otherwise.

Try to keep the circular seam smooth and even.

Because the circle is small and denim can be stiff, sewing slowly will help produce a cleaner result.

Important

The petal openings must remain accessible.

Do not accidentally sew across an opening that is intended for cutlery insertion.

Step 6: Clip and Trim the Curves

Before turning the project right side out, carefully clip the curved areas.

This is especially important around the petals and the circular center.

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How to clip the curves

Using small sharp scissors:

1. Make small cuts into the seam allowance around curved areas.
2. Space the clips approximately **1/4–1/2 inch apart**, depending on how tight the curve is.
3. Stop before cutting the actual stitching.
4. Clip more closely around tighter curves.
5. Trim bulky areas of the seam allowance if necessary.

Do not cut through the stitching.

Clipping allows the seam allowance to spread when the project is turned, producing smoother curves instead of puckered edges.

Step 7: Turn the Flower Right Side Out

Carefully turn the sewn flower so that the correct side of the denim is facing outward.

Work slowly around each petal.

The pointed or curved petal sections can be difficult to turn because the denim is relatively thick.

Use a **blunt turning tool** to gently push the petals into their final shape.

Do not use a sharp object that could puncture the denim.

Shape each petal

After turning:

1. Push the seams fully outward.
2. Carefully shape each petal.
3. Check the center circle.
4. Make sure the cutlery openings are open.
5. Smooth the fabric with your fingers.

The flower should now begin to resemble the finished flower shown in the tutorial.

Step 8: Press the Flower

Set your iron to a temperature appropriate for your denim.

Press the flower carefully.

Pressing technique

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Work around the flower rather than pressing aggressively over the entire piece at once.

Press:

- The center circle
- The petal seams
- The edges of the openings
- The individual petals

A properly pressed project will look much more professional.

The tutorial specifically recommends pressing each step for a cleaner, more finished appearance.

Be careful around the frayed edges

Do not aggressively flatten the decorative frayed edges.

The frayed denim is part of the intended appearance of the finished holder.

Step 9: Create the Frayed Denim Edge ✨

The flower is designed with a **frayed edge finish**.

This is what gives the project its rustic denim appearance.

The graphic identifies this finish as **C — Frayed Edge Finish**.

How to create the frayed edge

Once the main construction is complete, gently pull a few threads from the outer denim edge.

You can use your fingers or carefully use a needle/pin to loosen individual threads.

Work gradually around all six petals.

The goal is a soft, slightly distressed edge rather than an extremely damaged edge.

Important

Do not pull aggressively.

You want the decorative edge to fray while the structural stitching remains intact.

The stitching line should stop the fabric from continuing to unravel into the main body of the flower.

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Step 10: Topstitch the Center and Petals

Topstitch around the center circle and along the petal areas for a neat, finished appearance.

Use matching thread, as recommended by the tutorial.

Topstitching the circle

Sew carefully around the central circular area.

Maintain an even distance from the edge.

Topstitching the petals

Follow the existing stitching lines around the petal openings.

Topstitching serves both a decorative and practical purpose:

- It reinforces the construction.
- It defines the petals.
- It gives the denim flower a finished appearance.
- It helps stabilize the cutlery openings.

Backstitch at the beginning and end of your seams.

Step 11: Check Every Cutlery Opening

Before using the finished holder, inspect all of the openings.

There should be usable openings in the petal areas.

Each opening is approximately:

2 cm / 0.75 inch wide.

Insert a fork, knife, and spoon individually to make sure the openings are large enough.

Do not force the utensils through the fabric.

If an opening has become partially closed by stitching or loose threads, carefully clean it up without cutting the structural stitching.

Step 12: Insert the Cutlery

The final step is to insert the utensils.

Place the flower flat on the table.

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Insert the knife, fork, and spoon through the appropriate petal openings.

The utensils should slide into the openings and be held by the flower structure.

Arrange the cutlery so that the handles extend toward the outside/bottom of the flower and the utensil heads extend upward through the openings.

The exact arrangement can be adjusted according to your table setting.

The Finished Denim Flower Cutlery Holder 🌻 🍴

Your completed holder should have:

- A **7 cm / 2.75-inch denim center**
- Six decorative denim petals
- Cutlery openings approximately **2 cm / 0.75 inch wide**
- Visible stitching around the center and petals
- Intentionally frayed outer edges
- A finished size of approximately **18 cm / 7.1 inches wide**
- A finished height of approximately **20 cm / 7.9 inches**

The finished flower can be placed directly on a dining table or used as a charming handmade gift.

Sewing Techniques Used in This Project

Straight Stitch

Use the straight stitch for the primary construction seams.

The tutorial recommends approximately **2.5–3 mm stitch length**.

Backstitch

Use backstitching at the beginning and end of seams to prevent the stitching from coming undone.

A few stitches are sufficient.

Topstitch

Topstitching is sewn on the visible side of the project for both decoration and reinforcement.

Use matching thread for a subtle appearance.

Clipping Curves

Clipping the seam allowance around curves allows the fabric to turn smoothly.

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Make small cuts into the seam allowance without cutting the stitching.

Frayed Edge

Pull a few threads from the denim edge to create the intentionally distressed finish.

Work gradually to control the amount of fraying.

Sewing Tips for Working With Denim

Use the correct needle

A **90/14 denim needle** is recommended by the original tutorial.

If your denim is particularly heavy, make sure your machine can comfortably handle the number of layers before sewing the actual project.

Start and finish seams securely

Backstitch at the beginning and end of seams.

This is especially important around the cutlery openings because those areas will experience repeated movement when utensils are inserted and removed.

Sew slowly around curves

The flower contains numerous curves.

Slow, controlled sewing produces much better results than trying to sew around the curves quickly.

Press as you work

Pressing after each major construction stage helps the denim maintain the intended shape.

Test your machine first

Before beginning the actual flower, sew a few lines on a scrap of the same denim.

Check:

- Needle size
- Thread tension
- Stitch length
- Number of denim layers your machine can handle

This can prevent problems on the finished piece.

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Care Instructions

The tutorial recommends the following care:

Hand wash cold.

Avoid bleach.

Lay flat to dry.

If necessary, use a **cool iron**.

Because the project has deliberately frayed edges, avoid aggressive washing or excessive agitation, which can cause the edges to become more distressed than intended.

Quick Project Checklist

Before you start:

- Medium-weight denim
- Matching thread
- 90/14 denim needle
- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Iron
- Chalk/fabric marker
- Ruler
- Turning tool

Cut:

- **A — 1 back flower piece**
- **B — 1 front circle, 7 cm / 2.75 inches diameter**

Mark:

- **D — stitching lines**
- **E — cutlery insertion openings**
- Approximately **2 cm / 0.75 inch** opening width

Sew:

- Prepare the petal openings
- Sew the marked construction lines
- Join the center circle
- Clip curved seam allowances
- Turn right side out
- Press

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- Create the frayed edges
- Topstitch the center and petals
- Check the cutlery openings

Finish:

- Insert knife
- Insert fork
- Insert spoon
- Arrange on the table

Final Result

This project combines simple sewing techniques with recycled denim to create a decorative **flower-shaped cutlery holder**. The six petals form the characteristic flower silhouette, while the central **7 cm / 2.75-inch circle** anchors the design. The approximately **2 cm / 0.75-inch openings** in the petals hold the cutlery, and the intentionally frayed denim edges give the finished piece its rustic handmade look.

For the most faithful result to the supplied pattern, keep the proportions, **18 × 20 cm overall flower size, 7 cm center, 2 cm cutlery openings, 1/4-inch seam allowance**, matching thread, frayed edges, and visible topstitching consistent throughout the project.