

# Denim Fabric Dog Applique

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SCRAAPPY PUPPETS

To begin your adorable denim puppy applique, make sure you have all your materials ready. You will need scraps of denim fabric (different shades work beautifully), fusible webbing, scissors (both regular and detail scissors if possible), a pencil or fabric marker, black buttons or safety eyes, embroidery thread, and a sewing machine or needle for hand stitching.



## **Step 1: Gather Materials & Trace the Pattern**

Start by preparing your puppy template. You can either print or draw a simple puppy shape that includes separate pieces for the body, head, ears, and muzzle. Place the fusible webbing paper side up and trace each piece carefully using a pencil. Make sure to label each part so you don't get confused later.

Once all pieces are traced, roughly cut them out, leaving a small margin around each shape. This makes them easier to handle in the next step.



## **Step 2: Apply Fusible Webbing**

Take your denim fabric pieces and place them wrong side up. Position each traced fusible webbing piece (adhesive side down) onto the fabric. Using a warm iron (no steam), press each piece according to the fusible webbing instructions—usually about 5–10 seconds.

Allow the pieces to cool completely before handling. This step is important because it ensures the adhesive bonds properly to the fabric.

After cooling, carefully cut out each shape exactly along the traced lines. Now you will have clean, precise denim pieces backed with fusible adhesive, ready to assemble.



## **Step 3: Distress and Fray the Edges**

This step gives your puppy its unique, textured, and slightly rustic look. Take each denim piece and use small scissors or a seam ripper to gently fray the edges.

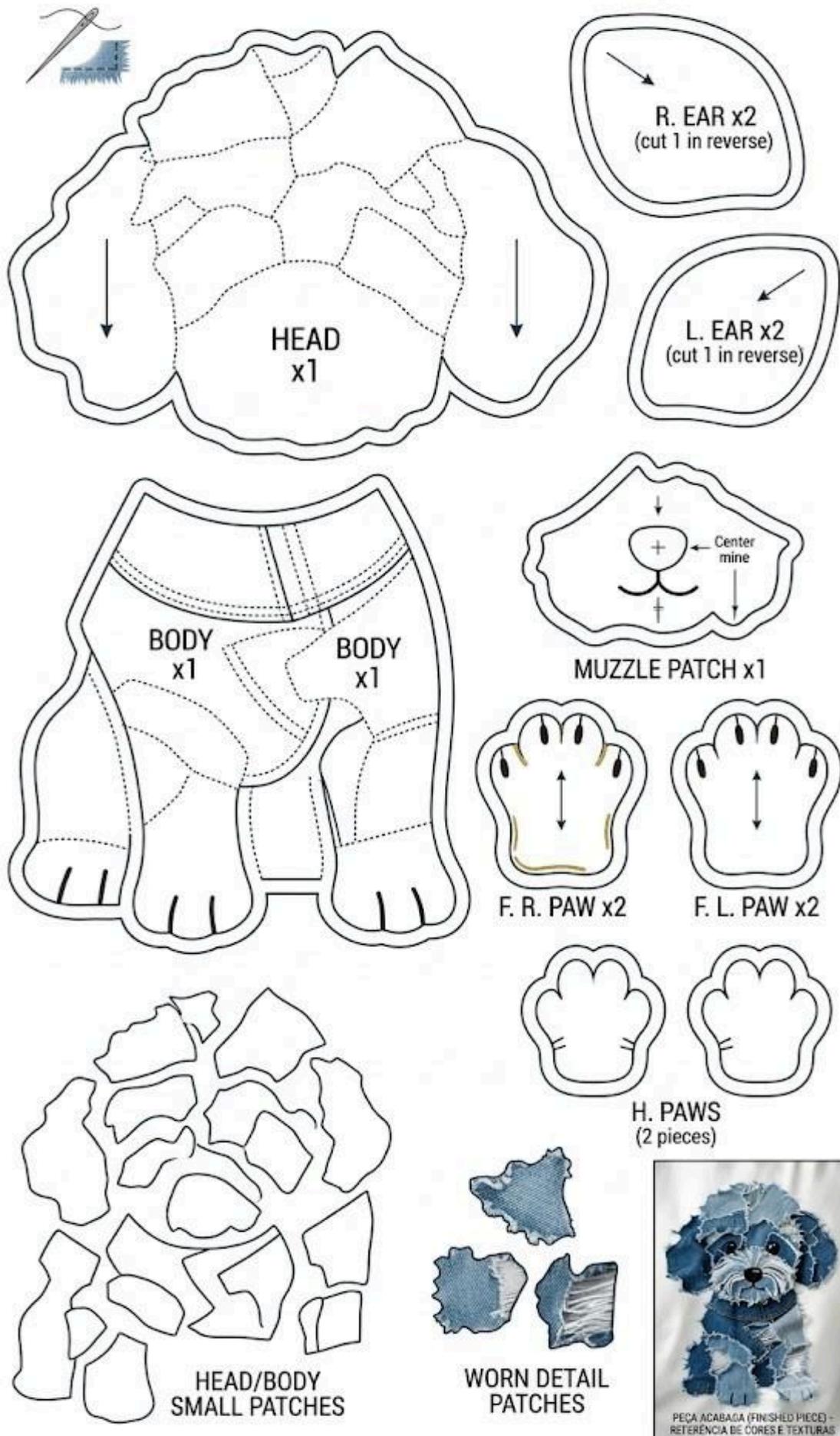
Lightly snip around the edges and pull out a few threads to create a soft fringe. Be careful not to overdo it—just enough to give a fuzzy, worn effect.

You can vary the amount of fraying depending on the piece. For example, ears and body can have more texture, while smaller parts like the muzzle should be more subtle.

This step adds personality and dimension to your final piece, making it look more artistic and handcrafted.

# DENIM DOG APPLIQUE PATTERN - CORTAR EM JEANS

1 CM MARGEM DE COSTURA RECOMENDADA PARA O EFEITO DESFIADO



## **Step 4: Layer and Fuse the Pieces**

Now it's time to bring your puppy to life! Start by placing the base (body) onto your background fabric. Once you're happy with the position, press it with your iron to fuse it in place.

Next, layer the head on top of the body and press again. Continue adding the ears and muzzle in the correct order:

Layer 1: Body

Layer 2: Head

Layer 3: Ears

Layer 4: Muzzle

Make sure each piece is properly aligned before pressing. Use a pressing cloth if needed to protect the fabric.

The layering creates depth and gives your puppy a dimensional appearance.

## **Step 5: Attach Facial Details & Stitch**

Now comes the most expressive part—adding the face! Attach the eyes using buttons or safety eyes. If sewing for small children, it's safer to embroider the eyes instead.

Use black embroidery thread to stitch the nose and mouth. You can use simple satin stitches or outline stitches to define the features.

To add whiskers, thread a needle with white embroidery floss and stitch straight lines extending from the muzzle.

Once the face is complete, stitch around each fabric piece using a sewing machine or by hand. A straight stitch or zigzag stitch works well and helps secure the frayed edges while adding decorative detail.

Take your time with this step—it really brings character to your puppy.

## ✨ **Step 6: Final Fraying & Finishing Touches**

After stitching, you can enhance the frayed effect even more. Gently brush the edges with a small fabric brush or even a toothbrush to loosen the fibers.

Trim any loose threads that look too long or uneven, but keep the overall textured look.

Give the entire piece a final light press to set everything in place.

At this point, your denim puppy applique is complete! 🐾 You can use it to decorate bags, quilts, jackets, or even frame it as a cute handmade artwork.

This project is beginner-friendly but still allows for creativity and customization. Try experimenting with different fabric colors, stitching styles, or even adding accessories like a tiny bow or patch.

Now you have a charming, handmade puppy created from start to finish—perfect for gifting or adding a personal touch to your projects! ❤️