

# 🧵 DIY Denim Cocker Spaniel Keychain Tutorial

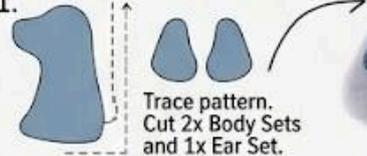
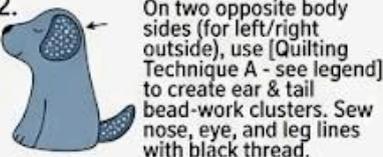
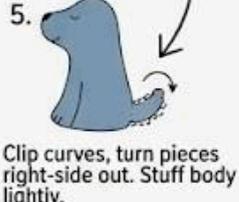
Create an adorable and stylish denim Cocker Spaniel keychain using simple sewing and quilting techniques. This step-by-step guide follows the diagram closely, ensuring you can complete this project from start to finish—even if you're a beginner. Let's get started! 🐶🌟

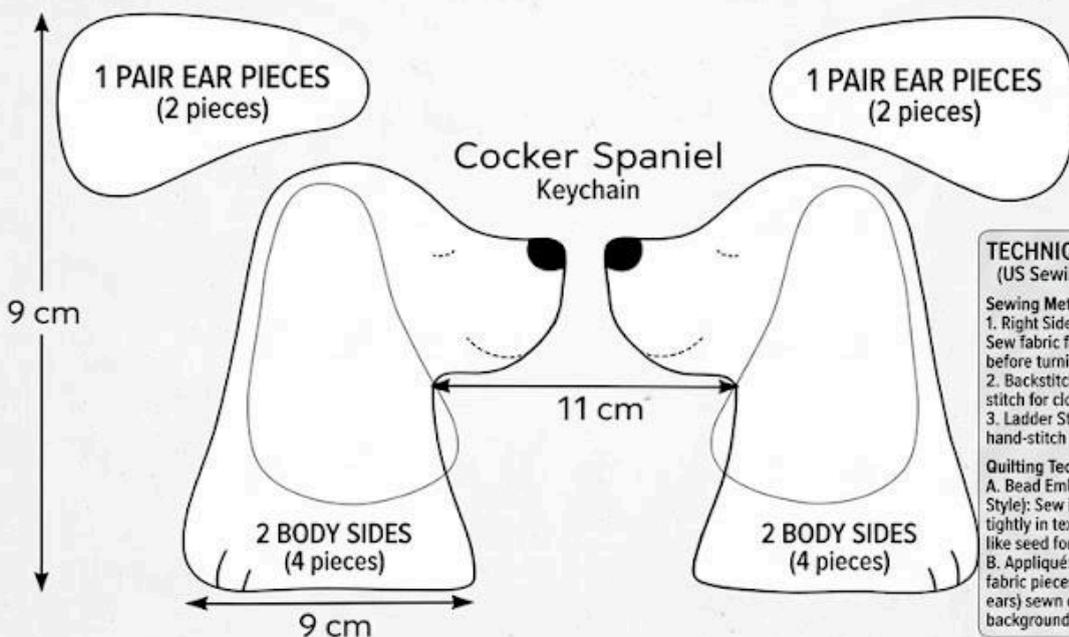
## TUTORIAL: DIY DENIM COCKER SPANIEL KEYCHAIN (US Sewing & Quilting Techniques)

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Sturdy Blue Denim (recycled)
- Small amount of contrasting lighter denim (for collar)
- Assorted Blue & White Micro-beads
- 2x Bronze Split Rings (small & large)
- Black Brcc kings (Micro-beads)
- Black Embroidery Thread
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- Polyester Stuffing
- Fabric Glue or fusible web (optional)
- (Sewing Machine, Hand Needles, Thread, Scissors)

### FABRICATION PROCESS

1.  Trace pattern. Cut 2x Body Sets and 1x Ear Set.
2.  On two opposite body sides (for left/right outside), use [Quilting Technique A - see legend] to create ear & tail bead-work clusters. Sew nose, eye, and leg lines with black thread.
3.  Sew small collar loop with a small split ring, position between two body sides. Pin and sew body halves, right sides together, leaving turning gap.
4.  Pin and sew ear halves, right sides together.
5.  Clip curves, turn pieces right-side out. Stuff body lightly.
6.  Attach ears to body (left/right). Hand-sew turning gap with [Sewing Method 3 - see legend]. Attach main keyring to bottom loop.



### TECHNIQUE LEGEND (US Sewing & Quilting)

**Sewing Methods:**  
 1. Right Sides Together (RST): Sew fabric faces together before turning.  
 2. Backstitch: Strong hand-stitch for closing gaps.  
 3. Ladder Stitch: Invisible hand-stitch for closing.

**Quilting Techniques:**  
 A. Bead Embroidery (US Style): Sew individual beads tightly in textured clusters, like seed for surface texture.  
 B. Appliqué: Using small fabric pieces (optional, for ears) sewn onto a background fabric.

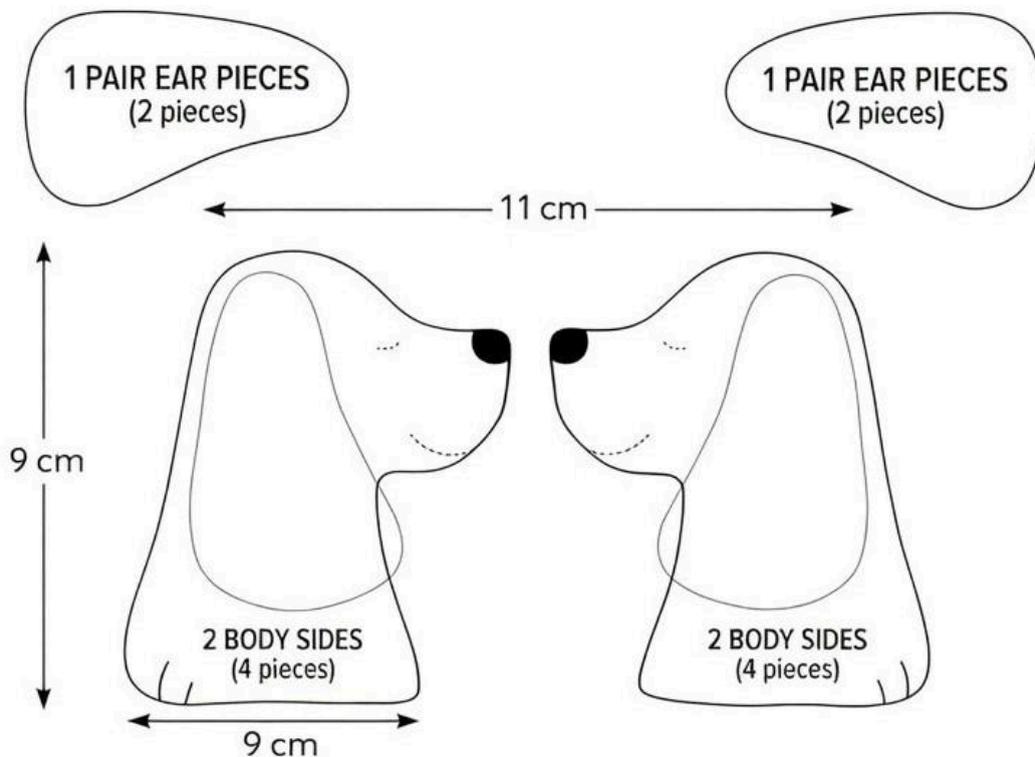
## Materials Needed

Before you begin, gather all the materials to make the process smooth and enjoyable:

- Sturdy blue denim (recycled denim works perfectly )
- Small amount of lighter contrasting denim (for the collar)
- Assorted blue and white micro-beads (for decorative details)
- 2 bronze split key rings (one small, one larger)
- Black rocaille (Roc) seed beads
- Black embroidery thread
- Polyester stuffing (fiberfill)
- Fabric glue or fusible web (optional)
- Sewing machine or hand sewing needles
- Matching thread
- Scissors 
- Pins 

## Step 1: Prepare and Cut the Pattern Pieces

Start by tracing the pattern pieces from the diagram onto your fabric.



You will need:

- 2 pairs of body sides (total of 4 pieces)
- 1 pair of ear pieces (2 pieces)

Measurements to guide you:

- Body height: approximately 9 cm
- Body width (base): approximately 9 cm
- Total width (including head): about 11 cm

Carefully cut:

- 2 mirrored sets for the body (left and right sides)
- 1 mirrored set for the ears

Make sure your fabric is aligned properly so that the right and left sides mirror each other.



## **Step 2: Add Decorative Quilting Details**

Take two of the body pieces (these will be the outer visible sides).

Using quilting or embroidery techniques:

- Sew bead clusters to create the ear and tail texture
- Use blue and white micro-beads for a soft decorative effect
- Add black Roc beads for the eye and nose
- Stitch facial features and leg lines using black embroidery thread

Keep stitches neat and secure, as these details define the personality of your puppy 🐾



## **Step 3: Create and Attach the Collar Loop**

Cut a thin strip of lighter denim to form the collar.

Steps:

- Fold the strip lengthwise and sew to create a narrow band
- Insert the small split ring into the collar loop
- Position the collar between the two body pieces (on the neckline area)

Now:

- Pin the collar in place
- Layer the body pieces right sides together, ensuring the collar loop is tucked inside

## **Step 4: Sew the Body**

With right sides facing each other:

- Pin all edges carefully
- Sew around the body, leaving a small gap (about 2–3 cm) for turning

Tips:

- Use a sewing machine for cleaner edges, or hand stitch with tight, even stitches
- Reinforce around the collar area since it will hold the keychain weight

## **Step 5: Sew the Ears**

Take the ear pieces:

- Place right sides together
- Sew around the edges, leaving a small opening for turning

After sewing:

- Trim excess fabric near curves
- Turn the ears right side out
- Lightly press if needed

Optional:

- Add bead detailing to match the body design

## **Step 6: Clip, Turn, and Stuff the Body**

Before turning the body right side out:

- Clip small notches along curved edges (this helps smooth shaping)

Then:

- Turn the body through the opening
- Gently push out corners and curves using a blunt tool

Stuffing:

- Fill the body with polyester stuffing
- Do not overfill—aim for a soft but structured shape

Close the opening:

- Use a ladder stitch (invisible stitch) for a clean finish

## **Step 7: Attach the Ears**

Position the ears on each side of the head:

- Make sure they align symmetrically

Attach using:

- Hand stitching (recommended for control and neatness)

Secure firmly since they may be handled frequently.

## **Step 8: Add the Keychain Ring**

Attach the larger bronze split ring:

- Connect it to the small ring already sewn into the collar

Ensure:

- The connection is tight and secure
- The keychain hangs centered and balanced

## **Final Touches and Tips**

Your denim Cocker Spaniel keychain is now complete! 

Helpful tips:

- Use recycled denim from old jeans for a sustainable project 
- Experiment with bead colors for unique designs
- Add a tiny fabric tag or initials for personalization
- Keep stitches tight for durability, especially if used daily

This project combines sewing, quilting, and a touch of creativity—perfect for gifts, craft fairs, or personal use. Once you make one, you'll want to create a whole collection! 