

Freeform Denim Quilt Pattern

This unique quilt, made from pieces of old blue jeans, is easy to put together. It's freeform, so the layout shown is only an example. Have some fun with this, and show off your creative side by designing your own layout.

Quilt Notes:

Finished quilt measures approximately 56" x 72" · 1/4" seam allowance is used
Backing used was fleece · Binding used was 100% cotton · Batting used was a lightweight cotton

Things to consider: Using the fleece backing and the batting makes this quilt very warm. You can easily back it with quilting fabric. If you like the fleece back, you may want to leave out the batting. Additionally, sewing with denim is different than with quilting cotton. Adjust techniques as needed.

This is an improv quilt, so the cutting and the amount of fabric needed may vary, depending on which units you plan on using. These instructions are based on the layout shown.

Fabric Needed

Denim: Pieces totaling about 4 ½ yards, none smaller than 4 ½ inches square and some are 9 ¼ inches

Backing: 4 to 4 ½ yards (based on fabric with a width of 42", adjust according to width of backing fabric you are using) · **Batting:** 4 yards · **Binding:** As needed, depending on binding method

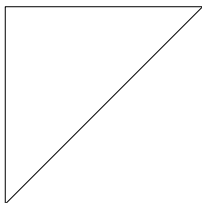
Cutting

- 39 rectangles cut 4 ½ inches by 8 ½ inches
- 62 squares cut 4 ½ inches by 4 ½ inches
- 28 squares cut 9 ¼ inches by 9 ¼ inches (to make the 28 half square triangles)

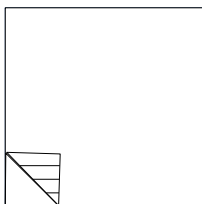
Assembly

Half Square Triangle Instructions

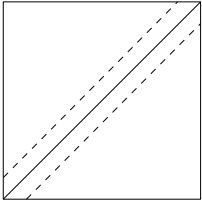
First, make the half square triangles. To do this you will need the large squares measuring 9 ¼ inches.



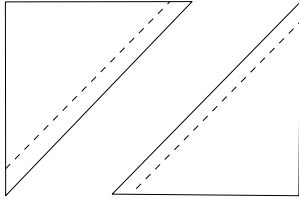
Draw a diagonal line on the back (wrong) side of one of the squares. This will be the sewing guide.



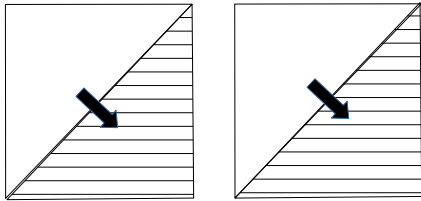
Lay the square with the drawn line on top of another large square, with front (right) sides facing each other.



Using a 1/4 inch seam allowance, sew along both sides of the diagonal line drawn earlier.



Cut down the center, along the line that was drawn earlier. You will have two blocks that now need to be pressed open. I recommend pressing the seams open to reduce bulk.



Trim the blocks down so they measure 8 1/2 inches by 8 1/2 inches.

Repeat with other pairs of the large squares. When finished, you should have 28 half square triangles.

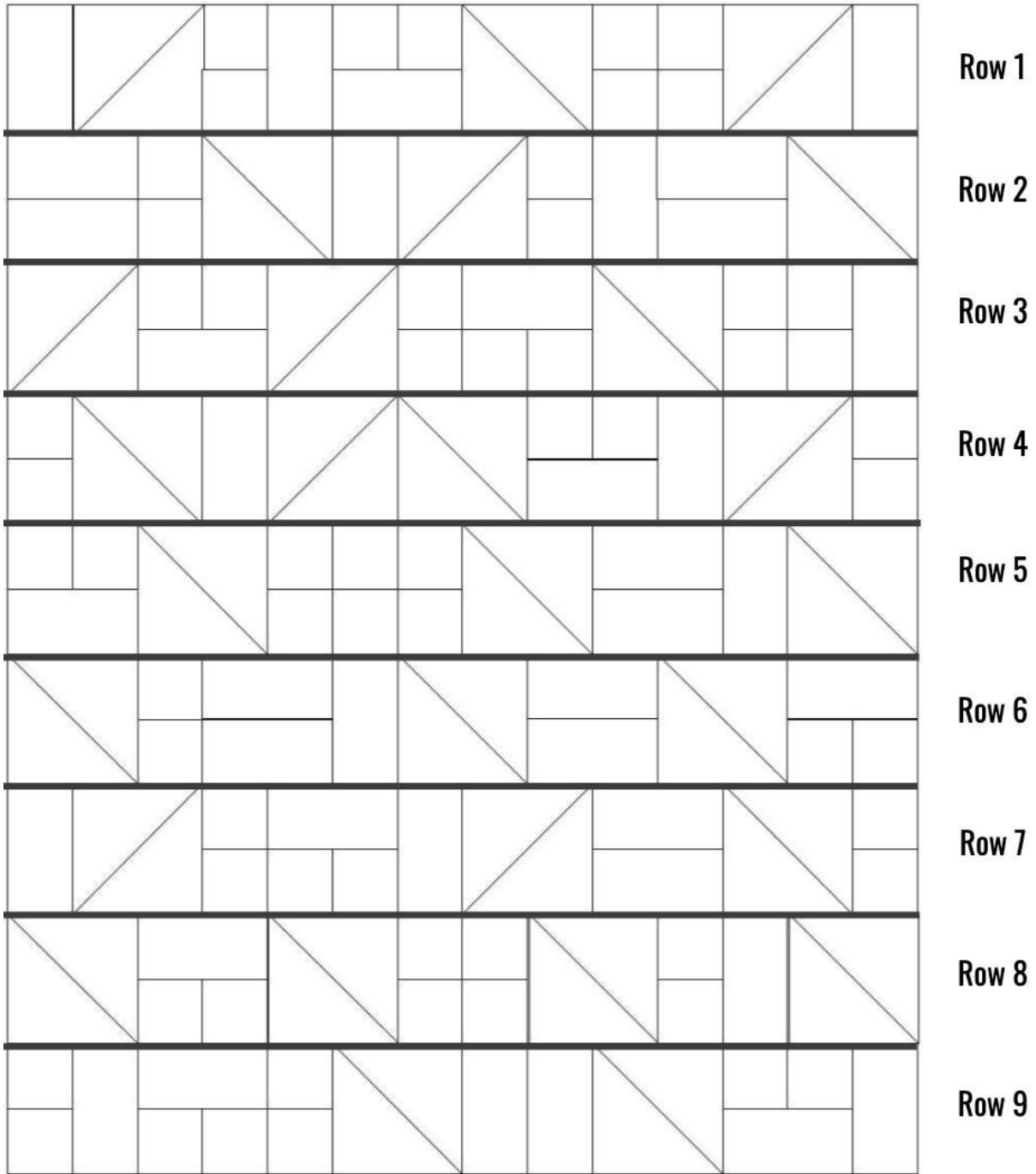
Layout and Sewing

There are nine rows in this quilt. Lay out your units so each row will be 56" long (when sewn). Within each row, sew together the smaller pieces first, so that the units are all the same height. Then sew the row together. After you have sewn each individual row, join the rows together.

Sewing Tips:

- **Stay organized:** Once you find a look you like, it is easy to mix up once the sewing starts, so it helps to label your rows and keep the pieces in the row in order. The nice thing about this quilt is that it is forgiving if there is a mix-up.
- **Consider Sewing Tools and Techniques:** Denim is thicker than regular quilting fabric. Use tools and sewing techniques to help you. For example, you may want to use a stronger needle that is made for sewing denim. You can find my fifteen tips for sewing with denim on my website: www.createwithclaudia.com.
- **Batting and Backing:** I used fleece for the backing and included thin batting. It's a nice warm and heavy quilt, however these thicker layers make it more challenging to quilt through.
- **Binding:** This quilt is dense to bind. I normally use a 2 1/2 inch width for my binding strips, but because of the thickness, I used 3 inch wide strips.

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