

Denim Feather

With very little sewing, you can create a fashion feather from denim jeans. Use one or more to decorate totes, jackets, or use as wall decor.

Approximate Finished Size: 3½" x 10"

Supplies Needed:

- One pair of denim jeans
- Or,
8½" x 11" denim scrap
- 10" of 22 gauge florist's stem wire
- ⅛" wide satin ribbon, yarn, or novelty threads

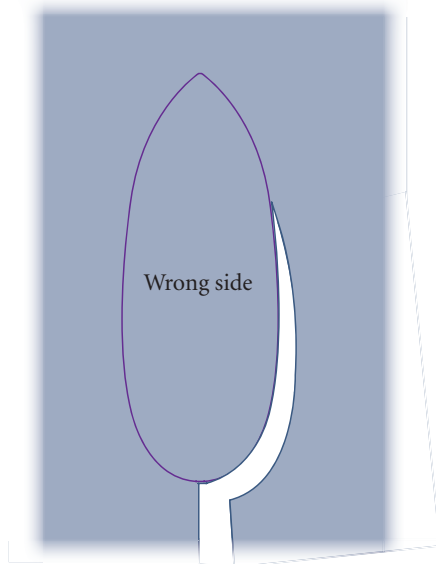
Helpful Notions:

- Rotary cutter and mat
- Erasable fabric marking pen or pencil
- Coordinating or accenting all-purpose thread
- Sewer's Fix It Tape
- Fabric Glue
- Optional: Seam ripper

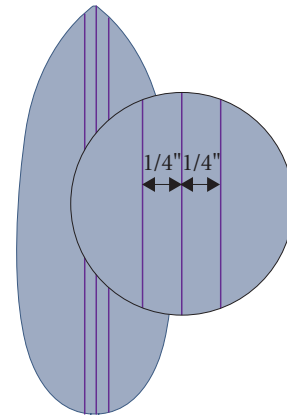
Instructions:

Read all instructions before beginning project.

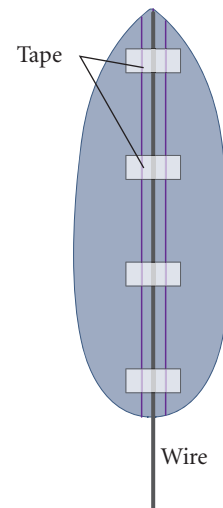
1. Prepare fabric:
 - Wash and dry denim jeans before cutting
 - Cut denim jeans apart following seam allowances. Jean parts should lay flat.
2. Create fabric feather:
 - Trace and cut out desired size of feather pattern found on p. 48.
 - Place pattern on wrong side of the denim fabric.
 - Trace pattern shape using an erasable fabric marking pen or pencil.
 - Cut out fabric feather, following traced lines.



3. Secure the feather "spine."
 - With a fabric marking pen or pencil, mark straight center line and ¼" on either side of center line, on wrong side of fabric feather as illustrated.



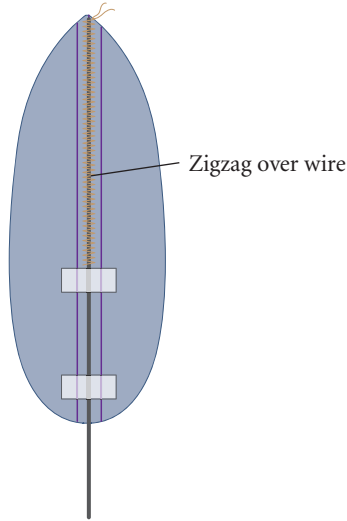
- Secure stem wire with Sewer's Fix It Tape following the center mark line. The remaining 2" will extend from the lower edge of the feather.



- Set up machine for either a zigzag or satin stitch, 4.5–5.0 stitch width, 0.8–1.0 stitch length. Zigzag stitch should be close together and wide enough to cover the thin wire.

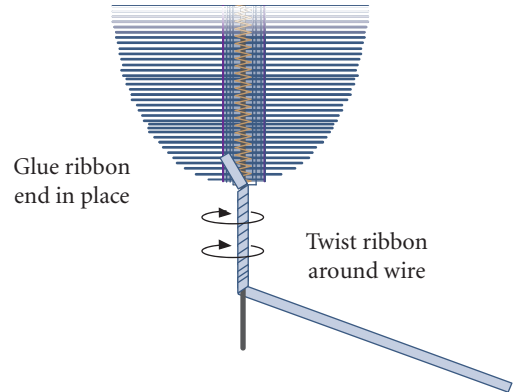
Note: Test the stitch before sewing on final project. Make sure stitches will cover and hold wire in place. Stitch slowly so not to hit the wire while sewing.

- Begin stitching from the upper edge of the fabric feather, removing tape as you go.



5. Complete the feather:

- Place a small dot of glue at end of ribbon and center the wire on the ribbon.
- Begin wrapping the ribbon around the wire. Cut and glue the end of the ribbon in place covering the thin wire and forming the shaft of the feather.



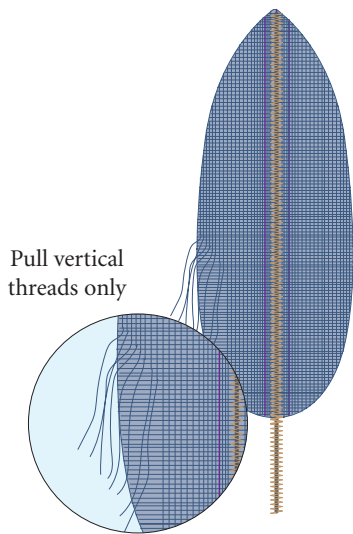
Note: Finish lower end of wire by satin stitching down the entire length of the wire (off the denim feather) covering the wire with stitching.

4. Remove threads to create feather.

- Start from the widest point of the fabric feather.

Note: Vertical and horizontal threads (warp and weft) form the denim fabric. Vertical threads are white and horizontal threads are blue.

- Place the fabric feather on a flat surface. Begin on the left side, pull the vertical threads **only** using a straight pin or seam ripper.
- Continue pulling threads until you reach the 1/4" marked line. Remaining horizontal threads will be the fringe to form your feather.



- Fringe the right side of the feather, again pulling vertical threads.

