

# Fabric Feathers

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These ‘feathers’ are easy to make and amazingly realistic. You can make them from leftover scraps of denim or recycled worn out jeans or other heavy woven fabrics. Some upholstery fabrics – particularly tapestry types – make gorgeous feathers as long as they are heavy enough and fray well. Your feathers can be used to embellish other projects or strung to make into jewelry, dangle from a purse or bag and even used as a unique scissors fob to identify your scissors at a class or workshop. You might even decide to ‘Feather Your Vest’!



**Please be courteous to others by arriving for class with the correct supplies.**

Contact me at 503-888-9784 or [helene.m.knott@gmail.com](mailto:helene.m.knott@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**A Note to Students:** Many students do not realize that once the teacher is paid, the shop offering a class makes little if any income on the class itself. The shop is relying on product sales to continue offering quality classes to you. Therefore, I urge you to patronize this shop when buying your supplies for this class as much as possible and remind you that big chain stores do not offer the variety of classes that the smaller shops do. Keep quilt classes alive by supporting this shop.

Thank you, Helene



## TOOLS/MATERIALS:

- **Fabric:** You will need a piece of denim (without spandex – this is important!), white Duck canvas (for painting your own custom colors if you wish), or un-bonded upholstery tapestry fabric. You can make the feathers any size you want so even smaller scraps should be fine but I would recommend no smaller than about 1 ½ wide by 4-5” long.
- **Freezer Paper and a pencil:** To make your feather templates.
- **Waxed Linen or thin hemp cord:** This will be used to make the feather spine and hanging loop.
- **8” ruler**
- **Fabric marker**
- **Scissors:** A pair of sharp craft scissors would be perfect
- **Sewing awl or seam ripper**
- **Sharpie® brand Alcohol based pens (optional – for painting your feathers):** In colors of your choice.
- **Small spray or spritzer bottle with 90% alcohol (optional – for painting your feathers)**
- **Optional Embellishing materials:** You can add embellishments to your feathers if you wish.
  - ❖ **Seed beads (small to medium sized) and beading needle and thread**
  - ❖ **Small charms**
  - ❖ **Metallic or glitter paints/glue in squeeze bottles (the dimensional ‘puff’ paints might be nice)**
  - ❖ **Embroidery floss and/or metallic threads and crewel embroidery needles.**
  - ❖ **Fine gauge metallic wire: available at crafts shops in many colors (if you want to make your feathers into jewelry)**
- **Thread:** Sewing thread in a color that contrasts slightly from the fabric.
- **Sewing machine:** The feather spine will be attached with zigzag stitching so the machine has to be capable of zigzag sewing. Note: an open-toed foot makes this process easier than a closed toe presser foot.