

# CHARMING CIRCLES RECYCLED DENIM QUILT

*NO BATTING & NO QUILTING*

*Easy “Cathedral Window” look in a durable quilt of recycled denim.*

Ruler: June Taylor Charming Circles Ruler (Available from JoAnn’s)

Lap Quilt Size: 45” X 60”

Materials Required:

108 Circles from recycled denim jeans

108 Fabric Charms (5” X 5” square)

Fabric Marking Pen

Scissors or small rotary cutter and cutting mat

Glue Stick, water soluble

## **Follow the instructions included with the Charming Circles Ruler:**

1. Cut out 108 circles of denim using the ruler. You can use a small rotary cutter and cutting mat to cut around the perimeter OR you can mark the circles and cut with scissors (I’m a klutz with a rotary cutter, so I used scissors)
2. Lay out 12 rows of 9 denim circles in desired order (right side up) to create a pleasing mix of denim shades.
3. Flip in place so they are all wrong-side up. Place a 5” square in the middle of each circle in desired order to create a pleasing arrangement.
4. Apply glue stick to wrong-side of 5” square.
5. Position square in right side up in center of wrong-side of denim circle making sure denim straight of grain is either vertical or horizontal (makes it easier to sew and will make a more durable quilt)
6. Working in rows, place the first two circles, denim right sides together. Make sure the corners of the squares are aligned. Using the edge of the square as your guide, stitch along the edge of the square.
7. Continue in the same manner to complete a row. Press the seamed circle flaps open, over the squares for each row. Spray starch is helpful in keeping the seam and the edges crisp and flat.
8. Place rows with round edges, right sides together and pin in place aligning corners and edges of squares. Pin in place. Using the edge of the squares as your guide, stitch the rows together. Press remaining circle flaps open, over the squares.
9. Press flaps along edge over the squares to create a straight quilt edge.

## **Finishing:**

For a “shabby chic” finish, top stitch 1/4” from raw edge of all denim circle flaps. Snip edges to, but not through stitching. Machine wash and machine dry for a soft, frayed, rag-quilt appearance.

For a smooth finish, use a blanket stitch or other decorative stitch and sew along all raw edges of denim circle flaps.