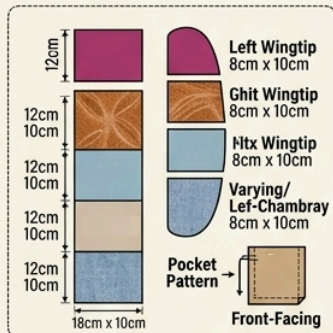
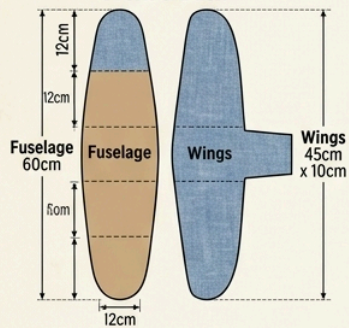


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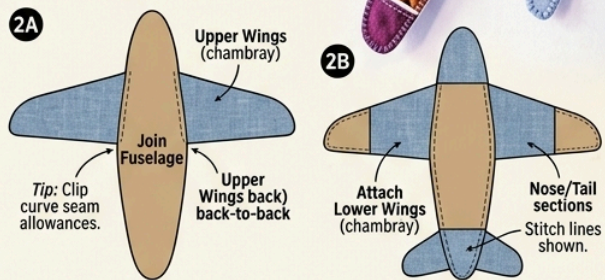
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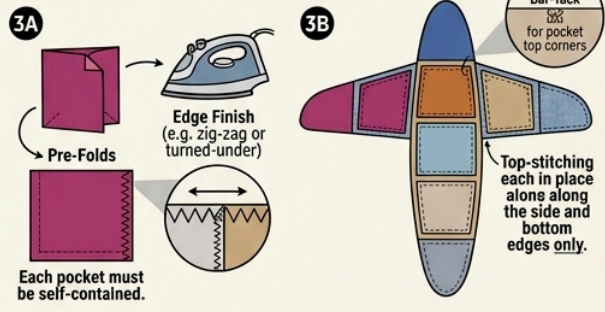
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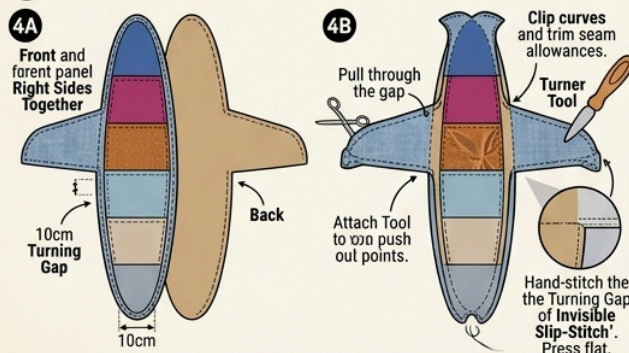
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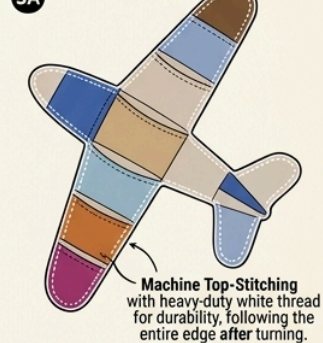
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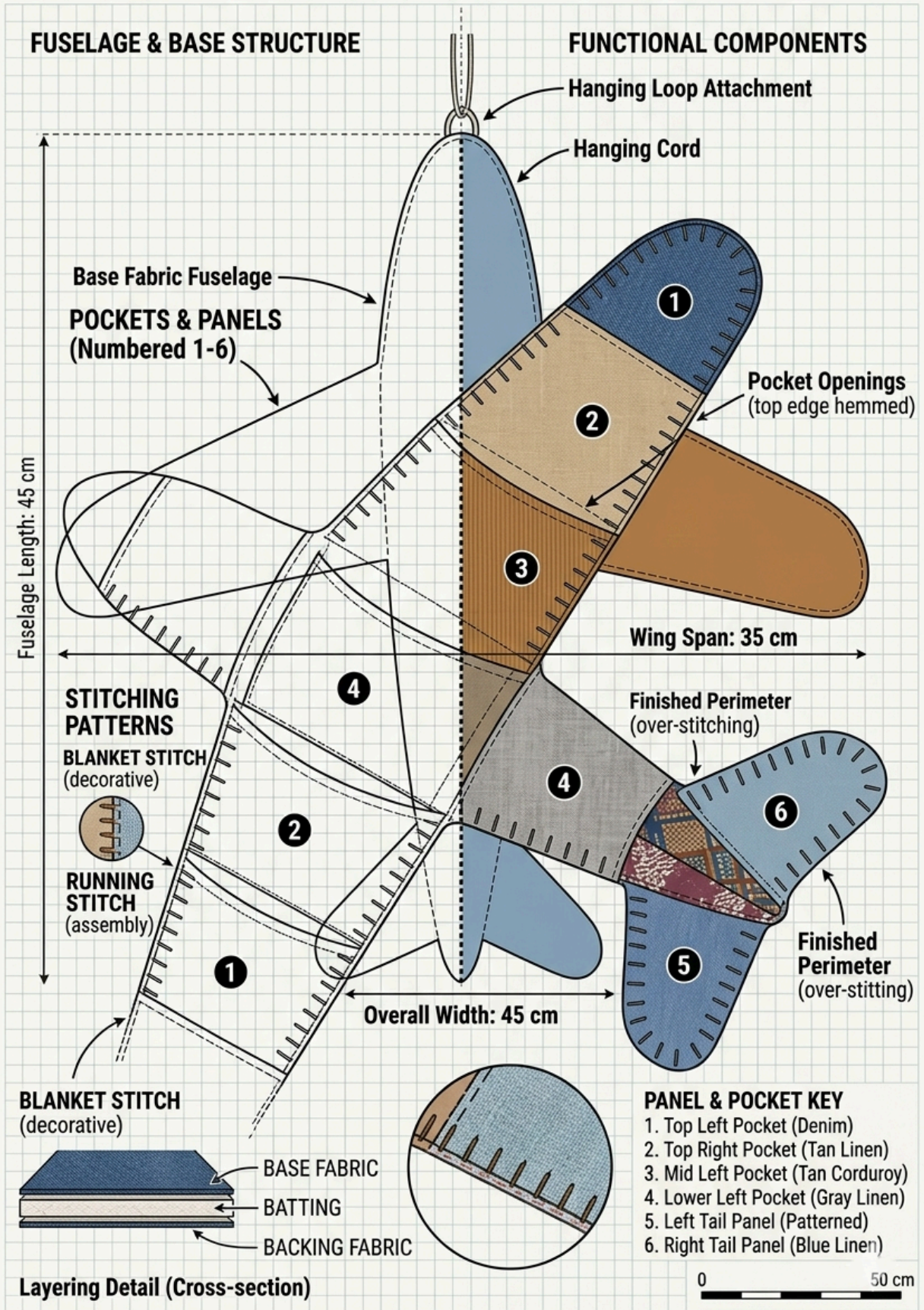
This beautiful airplane-shaped fabric organizer is both decorative and functional. It works perfectly as a wall hanging for storing small treasures, sewing tools, crochet hooks, notes, accessories, or children's keepsakes.

This tutorial follows the original pattern layout shown in the graphic and explains every step in detail so anyone in the USA can recreate it from start to finish with confidence.

The project combines quilting, appliqué, visible blanket stitch details, patchwork pockets, and hand-finishing techniques.

Let's begin ✨

DETAILED TECHNICAL DIAGRAM: AIRPLANE WALL HANGER ORGANIZER



Finished Size

Approximate finished airplane size:

Height: 45 cm (17.7 inches)

Wingspan: 35 cm on each side (about 13.7 inches)

Main body length:

Fuselage length: 45 cm

Wing width:

Wingspan side extension: 35 cm

Top and bottom width:

18 cm

This creates a medium wall organizer perfect for hanging.

Materials Needed

Fabric

Main Fuselage Fabric (Piece #1)

Use:

- Linen
- Cotton canvas
- Quilting cotton
- Light denim
- Neutral upholstery fabric

This will be the airplane body base.

Decorative Pocket Fabrics

Use contrasting fabrics like:

- Denim
- Corduroy
- Linen scraps
- Quilting cotton
- Canvas remnants
- Patchwork leftovers

Mixing textures gives the organizer a beautiful handmade quilted look.

Batting

Use:

- Thin cotton batting
- Quilt batting
- Fusible fleece (optional)

This gives structure and softness.

Thread

Use:

- Heavy-duty thread
- Embroidery thread
- Perle cotton
- Contrast quilting thread

Visible thread is recommended because the blanket stitch is decorative.

Tools

You will need:

- Fabric scissors
- Paper scissors
- Pins or clips
- Hand sewing needles
- Sewing machine (optional but helpful)
- Fabric marker
- Quilting ruler

- Measuring tape
- Iron
- Ironing board
- Paper for templates

Pattern Pieces and Cutting Measurements

Main Airplane Fuselage

Cut:

1 Main Front Piece

Measurements:

- Total height: 45 cm
- Top width: 18 cm
- Bottom width: 18 cm
- Wing extension: 35 cm each side
- Wing height: 18 cm
- Top wing span: 35 cm
- Left wing extension: 35 cm

Also cut:

1 Batting Piece

Same exact size as the fuselage

1 Backing Piece

Same exact size as the fuselage

This will be the back of the organizer.

Pocket Pieces

Upper Left Pocket

Cut:

8 cm x 9 cm

Upper Pocket

Cut:

8 cm x 9 cm

Tail Pocket

Cut:

8 cm x 9 cm

Lower Tail Pocket

Cut:

8 cm x 9 cm

Top Pocket

Cut:

5 cm x 9 cm

Large Center Pocket

Cut:

13 cm x 13 cm

With folded usable section approximately:

9 cm wide x 13 cm high

These sizes follow the visual layout from the original design.

Step 1 – Prepare the Paper Templates

Start by drawing all pattern pieces on paper.

This includes:

- Full airplane fuselage
- Wing pocket panels
- Upper body pockets
- Tail pockets
- Center pocket pieces

Use a ruler and fabric-safe proportions.

Take your time here because accurate templates make the entire project easier.

After drawing, cut all paper templates neatly using paper scissors.

Label each template:

- Piece 1
- Piece 2
- Piece 3
- etc.

This helps avoid mistakes later.

Step 2 – Organize and Cut the Fabric

Place your templates on the wrong side of the fabric.

Pin them in place.

Carefully cut:

16 Fabric Pieces

plus

1 Main Fuselage Batting Piece

As shown in the original tutorial.

Be sure to cut accurately and smoothly around curves, especially:

- airplane nose
- wings
- tail section

Clean curved cuts make finishing much prettier.

Step 3 – Prepare the Pocket Tops

Before attaching any pocket to the airplane, finish the top edge of every pocket panel.

This is very important.

Fold the top edge down by:

0.5 cm (¼ inch)

Press with an iron.

Fold again for a cleaner finish and press once more.

Now stitch that folded edge using:

- straight stitch
or
- decorative stitch

Do this for ALL pocket pieces.

This creates a professional pocket opening.

Step 4 – Build the Fuselage Layer

Place the batting piece directly on top of the wrong side of the main fuselage fabric.

Layer order:

Bottom

Main fuselage fabric

Middle

Batting

Top

Pocket panels will be added later

Align all edges perfectly.

Trim excess batting flush with the airplane shape.

Press lightly.

Now your airplane has structure.

Step 5 – Arrange the Pocket Panels

This is the fun design stage ✨

Place the pockets according to the airplane layout:

Nose section

Smaller top pockets

Wing sections

Long wing panel pockets

Center body

Large square center pocket

Tail section

Smaller square tail pockets

Lower body

Additional organizer pockets

Arrange everything with the

right sides facing up

and make sure the spacing looks balanced.

This step creates the “airplane organizer” effect.

Pin everything securely.

Do not sew yet until you love the arrangement.

Step 6 – Attach the Pocket Panels

Using pins or clips, secure the 6 main visible fabric panels into place.

Start from the center and work outward.

This helps prevent shifting.

You may use:

- hand basting
or
- machine stay stitching


around the sides only.

Do NOT close the top openings of the pockets.

Only stitch the sides and bottoms where needed.

Make sure every pocket remains functional.

Step 7 – Decorative Contrast Blanket Stitch

This is the signature look of the project 

Using thick contrast thread and a hand needle, sew around all four visible sides of each fabric panel using:

Blanket Stitch

This stitch wraps around the edge and creates a decorative handcrafted finish.

How to do it:

1. Bring needle up from the back
2. Insert near the edge
3. Keep thread loop under the needle
4. Pull gently
5. Repeat evenly around the edge

Keep stitch spacing consistent.

About:

5–8 mm apart

works beautifully.

This creates the rustic patchwork look shown in the photo.

You may also use decorative running stitch if preferred.

But blanket stitch is the most faithful to the original design.

Step 8 – Prepare the Back Layer

Take your backing fabric cut in the same airplane shape.

Place it:

Right sides together

with the decorated front airplane piece.

This means:

front design facing inward

back fabric facing inward

Match all edges carefully.

Pin all around the perimeter.

This step creates the final sandwich.

Step 9 – Stitch Around the Entire Airplane

Sew around the full outer edge of the airplane.

Follow every curve carefully:

- nose
- wings
- tail
- tail fins

Leave a small turning gap of about:

7–10 cm

preferably near the bottom straight section.

This opening will be used to turn the project right side out.

Use slow stitching around curves.

Clip curves slightly if needed to reduce bulk.

Do not cut through stitches.

Step 10 – Turn Right Side Out

Through the turning gap, carefully flip the entire airplane right side out.

Use:

- chopstick
- blunt turning tool
- knitting needle (carefully)

to push out curves and corners.

Especially shape:

- nose tip
- wings
- tail fins

so they look clean and crisp.

Press the entire piece very well with steam.

This step transforms the project beautifully.

Step 11 – Close the Turning Gap

Fold the seam allowance inward.

Press flat.

Use invisible hand stitching (ladder stitch) to close the opening neatly.

Take your time here.

A clean finish makes the organizer look professional.

Step 12 – Reinforce the Outer Edge

Now hand-stitch once again around the full perimeter using:

Visible Blanket Stitch

or

Decorative Overstitching

This strengthens the airplane and gives the handmade quilted finish shown in the original design.

This final visible edge detail is one of the most beautiful parts of the project.

Use contrast thread for maximum effect.

Step 13 – Add the Hanging Loop

Cut a small strip of fabric or use:

- cotton cord
- twill tape
- leather loop
- decorative ribbon

Attach it securely to the top back section of the airplane.

Usually near the top center behind the nose or upper fuselage.

Stitch several times for strength.

This allows wall hanging.

Step 14 – Final Pressing and Inspection

Check:

- pocket openings
- edge stitching
- hanging loop strength
- blanket stitch consistency
- batting smoothness

Trim any loose threads.

Give the entire organizer one final press.

Now your airplane organizer is complete ✨

Optional Customizations

You can personalize it with:

- child's name
- initials
- embroidery
- quilting lines
- buttons
- appliqué stars
- vintage labels
- patchwork scraps
- denim jeans recycling

This makes every airplane unique.

Final Result

You now have a

Pocket Airplane Organizer Quilt

Perfect for:

- sewing room décor
- nursery decoration
- kids room organization
- craft room wall art
- handmade gift
- memory quilt project
- beginner quilting practice