

Denim Jeans Decorating Contest Rules

1. Contest Overview

Participants are invited to transform a pair of denim jeans into an original work of art using their own creativity and craftsmanship. All artistic mediums and techniques are permitted unless specifically prohibited below.

2. Eligibility

- Open to all eligible participants as designated by the contest organizer.
- Each participant may submit one entry unless otherwise stated by the organizer.
- Entries must be created solely by the participant. Participants should complete most of the decorating themselves. **Limited** assistance from a parent or guardian is allowed for younger children.

3. Eligible Garment

- Entry must be a pair of denim jeans.
- Jeans may be any color, style, but must be size youth 7/8 (for display space purposes)
- Jeans may be new or previously owned, provided they are clean and in wearable condition.

4. Permitted Decoration Methods

Participants may use any handmade artistic medium, including but not limited to:

- Painting (acrylic, fabric paint, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawing and illustration
- Embroidery and hand stitching
- Beading
- Sequins
- Rhinestones applied individually
- Fabric markers
- Dyeing, bleaching, or fabric treatments
- Patches **created by the participant only**
- Mixed media
- Fabric collage
- Hand-cut fabric additions
- Screen printing or stamping created by the participant
- Handcrafted embellishments

5. Originality Requirement

- The decorative design must be primarily created by the participant.
- Entries should demonstrate original artistic effort and creative expression.
- Use of copyrighted images, logos, or trademarks without permission is prohibited.
- Creativity is encouraged. Participants are welcome to explore their own artistic style and ideas.

6. Prohibited Decorations and Materials

The following are **not permitted**:

- Professionally decorated jeans purchased with artwork, embellishments, embroidery, rhinestones, prints, or other decorative features already applied.
- Pre-decorated, factory-distressed, or commercially embellished jeans where the decoration forms a significant part of the final design.
- Store-bought iron-on transfers, pre-printed graphics, or ready-made decorative panels.
- Commercially produced patch sets, decal kits, sticker kits, or embellishment kits used as-is.
- Pre-made appliqués, embroidered motifs, or decorative elements intended to serve as the primary artwork.
- Designs must be created by the participants. Using someone else's artwork (including AI generated artwork) as the main design is not allowed.
- Decorations created by a professional artist, designer, or commercial service.
- Entries previously submitted in another contest unless specifically allowed by the organizer.

7. Construction and Safety

- Decorations must be securely attached.
- Entries may not contain hazardous materials, sharp edges, exposed wires, glass shards, or substances that could cause injury.
- The organizer reserves the right to reject entries deemed unsafe, offensive, or inappropriate.

8. Judging – 2 voting structures

- Public Choice – the public will vote for their favorite pair.
- Judge's Choice - entries may be judged on:
 - Creativity and originality (40%)
 - Artistic skill and craftsmanship (30%)
 - Effective use of materials and techniques (20%)
 - Overall visual impact (10%)

9. Submission Requirements

- Jeans must be completed before submission.
- Participants may be asked to provide photographs showing stages of creation to verify originality.
- A brief description of materials and techniques used is **required**.

10. Organizer Rights

- The organizer reserves the right to disqualify entries that violate contest rules.
- Submission of an entry constitutes agreement with all contest rules and judging decisions.
- Judges' decisions are final.

11. Spirit of the Contest

The purpose of the contest is to celebrate individual creativity and handcrafted design. Participants are encouraged to create original decorations rather than relying on commercially produced or professionally applied embellishments.