

Patchwork Cat Quilt Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Guide (40 cm x 40 cm)

Finished Size: 40 cm x 40 cm (16" x 16")

🐱🌸 Create a beautiful Patchwork Cat Quilt featuring floral appliqué details, decorative quilting, and charming patchwork fabric combinations. This detailed tutorial is designed for beginners and experienced quilters alike, providing everything needed to complete the project from start to finish.

PATCHWORK CAT QUILT TUTORIAL

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1. MATERIALS

- 100% Cotton Fabric (several prints in pink, black and dark blue)
- Batting (quilt batting)
- Backing fabric
- Coordinating thread
- Quilting thread
- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Pins / Clips
- Fabric scissors
- Iron & pressing mat
- Temporary fabric marker
- Ruler & cutting mat

2. FINISHED QUILT

40 cm

3. PATTERN & MEASUREMENTS (All seam allowances 0.7 cm included)

CAT PATTERN PIECES

- Inner Ear (x2): 12.5 cm x 4.5 cm
- Outer Ear (x2): 5.5 cm x 6 cm
- Body: 18 cm x 3.5 cm
- Front Leg (x2): 14 cm x 6.5 cm
- Back Leg: 7.5 cm x 6.5 cm
- Chest Patch: 8 cm x 8 cm
- Body Patch: 9.5 cm x 9.5 cm
- Face Patch (right): 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm
- Face Patch (left): 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm
- Muzzle: 3.5 cm x 2.5 cm

FLOWER APPLIQUÉ

- Large Flower (x1): 9 cm
- Small Flower (x2): 4 cm
- Stem (x2): 15 cm
- Leaf (x4): 4 x 2.5 cm

4. FABRIC CUTTING GUIDE

(All pieces include seam allowance 0.7 cm)

- Black with white dots: Outer ears, tail, back leg, parts of body, front leg
- Dark blue denim texture: Parts of head, body, leg
- Pink gingham check: Left face, chest patch, part of body, tail tip
- Pink small dots: Face right, muzzle, inner ears, front leg
- Pink large dots: Inner ears, front leg center strip, tail tip
- Pink floral print: Large flower, small flowers
- Green leaf print: Leaves
- Solid black: Neck accent, whisker area

5. STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

- Prepare Fabrics**
Wash, iron and pre-shrink all fabrics.
- Cut All Pieces**
Cut all pattern pieces according to the measurements in Section 3.
- Sew the Head**
Sew the face patches to the head. Add muzzle and embroider nose and mouth.
- Add Ears**
Layer inner ear inside outer ear, sew together and attach to head.
- Assemble the Body**
Piece together body patches, front leg, back leg and chest patch as shown.
- Attach Head to Body**
Pin and sew the head to the body.
- Sew the Tail**
Sew tail pieces right sides together, turn, stuff lightly (optional) and attach.
- Add Flowers**
Appliqué or sew flowers, stems and leaves to the quilt top.
- Layer the Quilt**
Layer quilt top, batting and backing fabric.
- Quilt**
Quilt around the cat, flowers and background. Use echo quilting or free-motion designs.
- Bind the Quilt**
Bind all edges with 6.5 cm wide binding strips.
- Finished!**
Your Patchwork Cat Quilt is complete!

6. APPLIQUÉ METHODS (Choose your favorite)

A. Raw Edge Appliqué
Place fabric piece on background, straight stitch around edge.

B. Turned Edge Appliqué
Turn under 0.7 cm seam allowance, appliqué with blind stitch.

C. Fusible Appliqué
Use fusible web, iron to attach, then stitch edge.

7. BINDING

Cut 6.5 cm wide strips x WOF (width of fabric). Sew strips together, fold in half, press. Sew binding to front, fold to back and hand stitch or machine stitch.

6.5 cm

8. LEGEND: COMMON QUILTING & SEWING METHODS (USA)

- Straight Stitch
 - Use for piecing and topstitching.
- Backstitch
 - Strong stitch for securing seams and embroidery.
- Whipstitch
 - Hand stitch for appliqué or binding.
- Running Stitch
 - Hand stitch for gathering.
- Blanket Stitch
 - Decorative edge stitch for appliqué.
- Dense stitch for smooth appliqué or embroidery.
- French Knot
 - Decorative knot for flower centers or embellishments.
- Quilting (Echo)
 - Stitch around shapes following the design.
- Free-Motion Quilting
 - Move fabric freely under the needle for custom designs.

9. TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Use coordinating thread colors.
- Press seams open or to the side.
- Pin or clip pieces before sewing.
- Take your time with curved seams.
- Practice stitches on scrap fabric.

10. CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Machine wash cold, gentle cycle.
- Use mild detergent.
- Tumble dry low or air dry.
- Do not bleach.
- Iron on low heat.

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Enjoy Your Quilt! 🌸

Materials and Supplies

Before starting, gather all required materials.

Fabrics

100% Cotton Fabrics

- Black fabric with white dots
- Dark blue denim-look fabric
- Pink gingham check fabric
- Pink small dot fabric
- Pink large dot fabric
- Pink floral print fabric
- Green leaf print fabric
- Solid black fabric

Additional Materials

- Quilt batting
- Backing fabric
- Coordinating sewing thread
- Quilting thread
- Fusible web (optional)
- Temporary fabric marker
- Pins or quilting clips

Tools

- Sewing machine
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Quilter's ruler
- Iron
- Pressing mat

Understanding the Quilt Design

The quilt consists of:

- Patchwork cat body
- Appliqué flowers
- Decorative leaves and stems
- Quilted background

- Bound edges

The cat is assembled from individual fabric pieces that are stitched together and then attached to the quilt top using appliqué techniques.

Pattern Pieces and Measurements

All measurements below already include a **0.7 cm (¼ inch) seam allowance**.

Cat Head

- Width: 12.5 cm
- Height: 12.5 cm

Inner Ear (Cut 2)

- Width: 5 cm
- Height: 4.5 cm

Outer Ear (Cut 2)

- Width: 6 cm
- Height: 5.5 cm

Body

- Width: 16 cm
- Height: 19 cm

Tail

- Width: 3.5 cm
- Length: 18 cm

Front Leg (Cut 2)

- Height: 14 cm

Back Leg

- Width: 6.5 cm
- Height: 7.5 cm

Chest Patch

- 8 cm x 8 cm

Body Patch

- 9.5 cm x 9.5 cm

Face Patch Right

- 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm

Face Patch Left

- 6.5 cm x 6.5 cm

Muzzle

- Width: 3.5 cm
- Height: 2.5 cm

Flower Appliqué Pieces

Large Flower

- Cut 1
- Width: 9 cm

Small Flowers

- Cut 2
- Width: 4 cm

Stems

- Cut 2
- Length: 15 cm

Leaves

- Cut 4
- Size: 4 cm x 2.5 cm

Fabric Cutting Guide

Black Fabric with White Dots

Cut:

- Outer ears
- Tail
- Back leg
- Body sections
- Front legs

Dark Blue Fabric

Cut:

- Portions of the head
- Portions of the body
- Leg sections

Pink Gingham Fabric

Cut:

- Left face patch
- Chest patch
- Body patch
- Tail section

Pink Small Dot Fabric

Cut:

- Right face patch
- Muzzle
- Inner ears
- Front leg center strip

Pink Large Dot Fabric

Cut:

- Large circular body patch
- Flower petals
- Tail tip

Pink Floral Fabric

Cut:

- Large flower
- Small flowers

Green Print Fabric

Cut:

- Leaves

Solid Black Fabric

Cut:

- Whisker area
- Neck accent pieces

Preparing the Fabrics

Wash and Dry

Pre-wash all fabrics using cold water to prevent future shrinking.

Press Thoroughly

Iron every fabric piece before cutting.

This step is extremely important because accurate cutting results in more precise piecing and easier assembly.

Transfer Pattern Pieces

Using a temporary fabric marker:

- Trace all pattern shapes
- Mark placement guides if desired
- Label pieces to avoid confusion

Cutting All Pattern Pieces

Carefully cut every pattern piece according to the measurements provided.

 Tips:

- Use sharp scissors or a rotary cutter.
- Cut slowly around curves.
- Keep pieces organized by section.
- Store small pieces in labeled containers.

After cutting, arrange all pieces on a table to verify nothing is missing.

Sewing the Cat Head

Assemble the Face

Join the left and right face patches to form the cat's face.

Press seams flat.

Add the Muzzle

Center the muzzle near the lower portion of the face.

Attach using your preferred appliqué method.

Embroider Facial Features

Using embroidery floss or sewing thread:

Create:

- Nose
- Mouth
- Whiskers

You may also add safety eyes or embroidered eyes.

For a more realistic appearance:

 Use green eyes with black pupils.

Making the Ears

Assemble Ear Units

Place each inner ear on top of an outer ear piece.

Attach using appliqué stitching.

Attach Ears to Head

Position ears evenly on the top of the head.

Pin in place.

Stitch securely.

Press lightly.

The head section is now complete.

Assembling the Cat Body

Lay out the following pieces:

- Body shape
- Front legs
- Back leg
- Chest patch
- Body patch

- Circular patch

Arrange them exactly as shown in the design.

Sew Body Components

Piece the body sections together.

Work from the center outward.

Press seams after every step.

Attach Front Legs

Position the two front legs beneath the chest area.

Stitch carefully.

Add Back Leg

Attach the curved back leg section.

Add Circular Patch

Center the large circular patch on the lower body.

Appliqué around the edge.

The body should now resemble the finished cat shape.

Creating the Tail

Assemble Tail Sections

Join the tail segments together.

Include:

- Black dotted sections
- Pink sections
- Tail tip

Optional Stuffing

For a dimensional appearance:

- Add a small amount of batting inside
- Stitch closed

Attach Tail

Position tail beside the body.

Secure using pins.

Stitch firmly.

Joining Head and Body

Place the completed head above the body.

Check alignment carefully.

Pin securely.

Sew around the neck connection.

Your cat silhouette is now complete. 🐱

Making the Floral Appliqués

Large Flower

Cut one flower measuring 9 cm.

Add decorative stitching around petals.

Small Flowers

Cut two flowers measuring 4 cm each.

Create Flower Centers

Use:

- Embroidery knots
- Buttons
- Decorative stitching

Prepare Leaves

Cut four leaf shapes.

Press lightly.

Prepare Stems

Cut two stems measuring 15 cm.


Fuse or stitch them in place.


Arranging the Design

Place the cat onto the background fabric.

Then arrange:

 Large flower

 Small flowers

 Leaves

 Stems

Move pieces around until the composition looks balanced.

Pin everything securely.

Attaching the Appliqués

Choose one appliqué method.

Raw Edge Appliqué

Fastest method.

Simply stitch around the edge of each piece.

Turned Edge Appliqué

Fold under approximately 0.7 cm.

Hand stitch using a blind stitch.

Produces a cleaner traditional look.

Fusible Appliqué

Apply fusible web.

Iron pieces into position.

Finish with decorative stitching.

This is often the easiest method for beginners.

Preparing the Quilt Sandwich

Create three layers:

Top Layer

The completed cat quilt top.

Middle Layer

Quilt batting.

Bottom Layer

Backing fabric.

Stack carefully:

1. Backing
2. Batting
3. Quilt top

Smooth out wrinkles.

Pin or baste all layers together.

Quilting the Project

Background Quilting

Quilt around:

- Cat body
- Flowers
- Leaves

This makes the appliqué stand out beautifully.

Decorative Quilting Options

Use:

- Free-motion quilting
- Stipple quilting
- Echo quilting
- Meandering quilting

Quilting Around the Cat

Sew closely around:

- Head
- Body

- Legs
- Tail

This adds definition and texture.

Continue quilting until the entire quilt is secured.

Trimming the Quilt

After quilting:

Trim all edges evenly.

Measure carefully.

Final size should be:

40 cm x 40 cm

Make sure corners are square.

Making the Binding

Cut binding strips:

Binding Size

- Width: 6.5 cm
- Full width of fabric

Join strips end-to-end using diagonal seams.

Press seams open.

Fold binding in half lengthwise.

Press.

Attaching the Binding

Front Side

Sew binding to the front edge of the quilt.

Use a 0.7 cm seam allowance.

Corners

Create neat mitered corners.

Back Side

Fold binding over the edge.

Hand stitch or machine stitch in place.

Continue until all sides are finished.

Final Pressing

Give the quilt a final gentle press.

Avoid flattening heavily quilted textures.

Check for:

- ✓ Loose threads
- ✓ Missed stitching
- ✓ Open seams
- ✓ Uneven edges






Make any final corrections.

Care Instructions

To keep your Patchwork Cat Quilt beautiful for years:

- Machine wash cold
- Use mild detergent
- Gentle cycle
- Do not bleach
- Tumble dry low or air dry
- Iron on low heat if needed


Helpful Tips for Success

-  Match thread colors to fabrics whenever possible.
-  Press seams to one side for cleaner construction.
-  Pin curved pieces before sewing.
-  Practice appliqué on scrap fabric first.
-  Work slowly around ears, tail curves, and flower petals.

 Trim threads frequently for a professional finish.

 Use a walking foot during quilting if available.

Finished Quilt

Congratulations! 

You have completed a charming **40 cm x 40 cm Patchwork Cat Quilt** featuring patchwork piecing, appliqué flowers, decorative quilting, and professional binding. This adorable project can be used as:

- Wall décor
- Pillow cover front panel
- Nursery decoration
- Gift for cat lovers
- Table topper
- Sewing room decoration

Enjoy your handmade Patchwork Cat Quilt and proudly display your beautiful work! 