

CAT & MOON QUILT WALL HANGING

A Step-by-Step Quilt Tutorial



FINISHED SIZE

40 cm (W) x 50 cm (H)

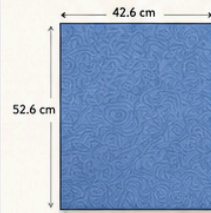
MATERIALS

- Blue fabric (background)
45 cm x 55 cm
- White fabric (moon)
35 cm x 35 cm
- Dark brown fabric (cat & base)
35 cm x 40 cm
- Batting (wadding)
45 cm x 55 cm
- Backing fabric
45 cm x 55 cm
- Binding fabric
250 cm x 6 cm (strip)
- Thread to match fabrics
- Fabric scissors
- Pins, sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Fabric glue or fusible web (optional)

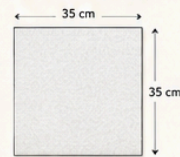
CUTTING

★ All seam allowances are 0.7 cm.

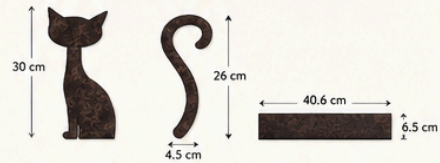
From blue fabric (background):



From white fabric (moon):



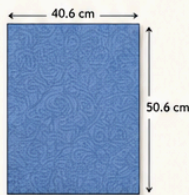
From dark brown fabric (cat & base):



Tip: Use templates or draw the shapes on the wrong side of the fabric.

1 PREPARE THE BACKGROUND

Trim the blue background piece to 40.6 cm (W) x 50.6 cm (H). This will be the front of your quilt.



2 PREPARE THE MOON

Place the moon template on the white fabric, trace, and cut out with 0.7 cm seam allowance.



3 APPLIQUE THE MOON

Position the moon on the left side of the background. Use pins or basting glue to hold. Applique using one of the methods below.



4 PREPARE THE CAT

Trace and cut the cat body and tail from the dark brown fabric with 0.7 cm seam allowance.



5 APPLIQUE THE CAT

Position the cat body on the moon and base. Place the tail next to the body. Applique in place.



6 ADD THE BASE

Attach the 6.5 cm x 40.6 cm brown strip at the bottom to create the ground.



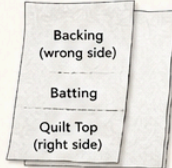
7 CHECK YOUR LAYOUT

Ensure all pieces are secure and the design is balanced.



8 SANDWICH THE QUILT

Layer the backing (wrong side up), the batting, and the quilt top (right side up). Pin or baste all layers together.



9 QUILTING

Quilt as desired. You can follow the swirls in the background for a beautiful effect.



10 TRIM THE QUILT

Square up the quilt, trimming excess batting and backing to 40 cm x 50 cm.



11 PREPARE THE BINDING

Cut binding strip: 6 cm wide x 250 cm long. Fold in half lengthwise and press.



12 ATTACH THE BINDING

Sew the binding to the front of the quilt with a 0.7 cm seam allowance. Miter the corners.



13 FINISH THE BINDING

Fold the binding to the back and hand stitch or machine stitch in place.

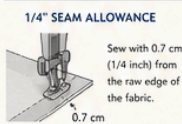


YOUR QUILT IS COMPLETE!

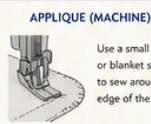


Enjoy your handmade Cat & Moon Quilt Wall Hanging! ♥

LEGEND: MAIN SEWING & QUILTING METHODS (U.S.)



Sew with 0.7 cm (1/4 inch) from the raw edge of the fabric.



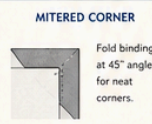
Use a small zigzag or blanket stitch to sew around the edge of the shape.



Use a small blanket stitch to secure the edges by hand.



Sew through all three layers: top, batting, and backing.



Fold binding at 45° angles for neat corners.



Use small, almost invisible stitches to sew the binding to the back.

★ TIP: Take your time, press your fabric often, and enjoy the process! ♥

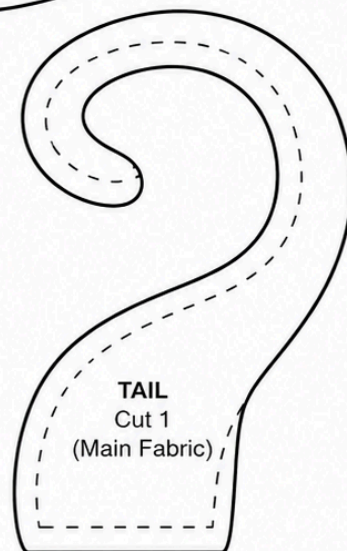
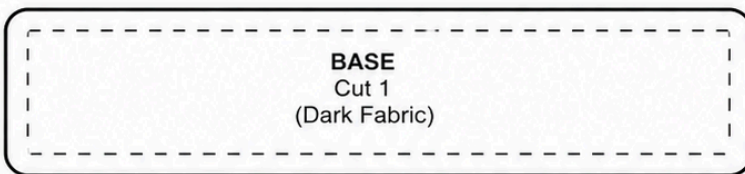
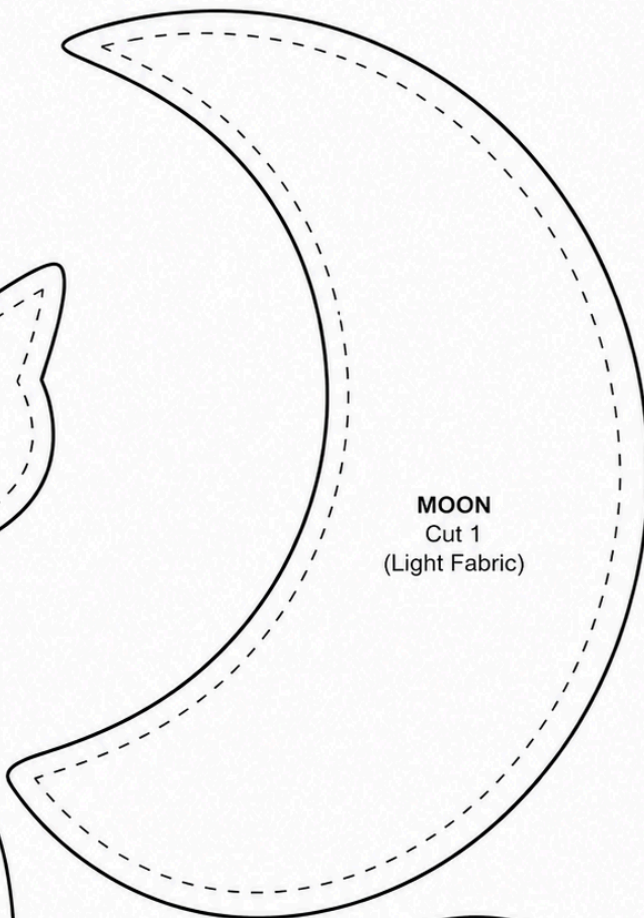
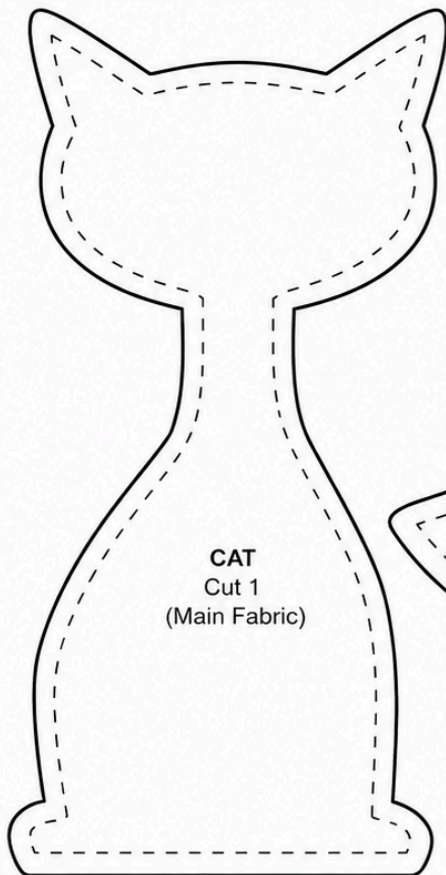
**CAT ON THE MOON
APPLIQUE PATTERN**

Includes 1/4" (6mm) seam allowance

Cut along the solid line.

Sew along the dashed line
or slightly inside.

See project instructions
for fabric placement.



This square
should measure
1" x 1" when
printed correctly.

TIPS:

- Use fusible web to applique the pieces.
- Press pieces before stitching.
- Stitch close to the edge
or use a blanket stitch.

Cat & Moon Quilt Wall Hanging – Complete Step-by-Step Quilt Tutorial

Create a beautiful **Cat & Moon Quilt Wall Hanging** from start to finish with this detailed tutorial. This guide follows the same construction method shown in the reference chart while expanding every step with clear explanations, professional quilting tips, and beginner-friendly instructions. Whether you're making your very first appliqué quilt or have years of quilting experience, you'll find everything you need to successfully complete this charming wall hanging.

Finished Size: 40 cm × 50 cm (approximately 15¾" × 19¾")

Materials and Supplies

Before starting, gather all your materials.

Fabrics

- Blue quilting cotton (background): 45 cm × 55 cm
- White quilting cotton (moon): 35 cm × 35 cm
- Dark brown quilting cotton (cat and base): 35 cm × 40 cm
- Backing fabric: 45 cm × 55 cm
- Cotton batting: 45 cm × 55 cm
- Binding fabric: 250 cm × 6 cm strip

Thread

- Dark brown thread
- White thread
- Blue thread
- Neutral quilting thread

Tools

- Rotary cutter
- Self-healing cutting mat
- Quilting ruler
- Fabric scissors
- Fabric marking pencil
- Straight pins or quilting clips
- Sewing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hand sewing needle
- Fabric glue stick or fusible web (optional)

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Step 1 – Cut the Background Fabric

The background forms the foundation of the quilt, so accurate cutting is important.

Cut the blue background fabric to:

40.6 cm × 50.6 cm

(16" × 20" including seam allowance)

Use a rotary cutter and quilting ruler to obtain perfectly straight edges.

Press the fabric before cutting to remove wrinkles that could affect accuracy.

Set the background aside.

Step 2 – Prepare the Moon

Using the moon template, trace the crescent onto the wrong side of the white fabric.

If using fusible web:

- Fuse the web to the wrong side first.
- Trace the moon shape.
- Cut precisely along the traced line.

If not using fusible web:

Trace directly onto the fabric and cut carefully using sharp scissors.

Maintain approximately a **0.7 cm (1/4") seam allowance** if using a turned-edge appliqué method.

Smooth curves make the finished moon look much more professional, so cut slowly around every curve.

Step 3 – Position and Attach the Moon

Lay the blue background flat.

Place the moon toward the upper left area exactly as desired.

Take time to experiment with positioning before attaching it.

Secure the moon using one of these methods:

- Fusible web
- Fabric glue stick
- Straight pins
- Temporary basting spray

Once satisfied with placement, stitch around the moon.

Recommended stitches:

- Blanket stitch
- Narrow zigzag stitch
- Satin stitch
- Hand blanket stitch

Keep the stitching consistent around every curve.

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Step 4 – Cut the Cat Pieces

Trace the cat body onto the dark brown fabric.

Then trace the tail separately.

Carefully cut both shapes.

The cat body measures approximately:

- Height: 30 cm

The tail measures approximately:

- Height: 26 cm

Take extra care around:

- Ears
- Neck
- Tail curve

Clean edges make appliqué much easier later.

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Step 5 – Appliqué the Cat

Place the cat body in front of the moon.

Next, position the tail beside the body.

Move the tail until the overall composition feels balanced.

The tail should curve naturally around the moon.

When happy with the layout:

- Pin
- Glue
- Fuse

Stitch around both appliqué pieces using the same stitch used for the moon.

Take your time around the ears and tail curve.

Slow sewing produces smoother curves.

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Step 6 – Add the Ground Strip

Cut the brown strip measuring:

40.6 cm × 6.5 cm

Place it across the bottom of the background.

This represents the ground where the cat is sitting.

Align it evenly with both side edges.

Secure it using pins or fabric glue.

Sew along the top edge.

The lower edge will later be enclosed inside the binding.

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Step 7 – Check the Entire Layout

Before assembling the quilt sandwich, inspect every detail.

Check that:

- The moon is centered nicely.
- The cat sits naturally.
- The tail has a pleasing curve.
- The ground strip is level.
- No appliqué edges are lifting.
- Threads are trimmed.

Now is the perfect time to make adjustments.

Step 8 – Assemble the Quilt Sandwich

Layer the quilt in this order:

1. Backing fabric (wrong side up)
2. Batting
3. Quilt top (right side up)

Smooth every layer from the center outward.

Remove wrinkles and bubbles.

Secure the layers using:

- Safety pins
- Spray basting
- Hand basting

The flatter the sandwich, the easier quilting becomes.

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Step 9 – Quilt the Project

Now it's time to quilt.

The sample uses decorative swirl quilting across the blue background.

You may quilt:

- Swirls

- Loops
- Meandering
- Pebbles
- Echo quilting
- Straight lines

Avoid quilting directly across the appliqué unless desired.

Instead, quilt around the cat and moon to help them stand out.

Work slowly.

Rotate the quilt often.

Maintain an even stitch length.

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Step 10 – Square the Quilt

After quilting, trim away excess batting and backing.

Square the quilt carefully.

Final quilt size:

40 cm × 50 cm

Use a large quilting ruler.

Ensure every corner forms a true 90-degree angle.

Accurate trimming results in beautiful binding later.

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Step 11 – Prepare the Binding

Cut one continuous strip measuring:

250 cm × 6 cm

Join strips if necessary using diagonal seams.

Press all seams open.

Fold the strip in half lengthwise with wrong sides together.

Press well.

The folded binding is now ready to attach.

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Step 12 – Sew the Binding

Beginning near the center of one side:

Attach the binding to the front of the quilt using a **0.7 cm (¼") seam allowance**.

When approaching each corner:

Stop sewing ¼" before the edge.

Create a mitered corner by folding the binding upward at 45°.

Fold it back down.

Continue sewing.

Repeat for all four corners.

Take your time.

Neat corners dramatically improve the finished quilt.

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Step 13 – Finish the Binding

Fold the binding toward the back.

Secure using:

- Blind stitch by hand
- Machine stitch close to the edge

If sewing by hand:

Take tiny invisible stitches through the folded binding.

Avoid stitching through the front whenever possible.

Press the finished quilt one final time.

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Sewing Techniques Used

1/4" Seam Allowance

Most quilt construction uses a consistent **1/4-inch seam allowance**.

Accurate seams ensure every piece fits together correctly.

Machine Appliqué

A blanket stitch or narrow zigzag stitch secures the appliqué while adding decorative detail.

Adjust stitch width until the stitches lie smoothly around curves.

Hand Appliqué

Hand blanket stitches provide a traditional handcrafted appearance.

Use matching thread for nearly invisible stitching.

Quilting

Quilting joins:

- Quilt top
- Batting
- Backing

This adds texture while preventing shifting during use.

Mitered Corners

A mitered corner creates neat professional-looking binding corners.

Press each fold before stitching for crisp results.

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Blind Stitch

Blind stitching hides the binding stitches on the back while keeping the front clean and professional.



Helpful Tips for Success

- Wash and press fabrics before cutting if desired.
- Use quilting-quality cotton fabrics.
- Replace rotary blades frequently.
- Press after every major sewing step.
- Use matching thread colors.
- Test stitches on fabric scraps first.
- Trim loose threads often.
- Quilt from the center outward.
- Sew slowly around curved appliqué.
- Keep your workspace clean and organized.



Congratulations!

Your **Cat & Moon Quilt Wall Hanging** is now complete!

You have created a charming decorative quilt featuring a peaceful cat sitting beneath a crescent moon. This project combines **appliqué**, **quilting**, **binding**, and **basic quilt construction** into one enjoyable design that is suitable for confident beginners as well as experienced quilters.

Hang it in your sewing room, gift it to a fellow cat lover, or display it as seasonal home décor. With careful cutting, accurate appliqué, thoughtful quilting, and neatly finished binding, you'll have a beautiful handmade quilt that you can proudly display for years to come. 🐱🌙🧵

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