

# Patchwork Duck

## SEWING TUTORIAL

QUILT STYLE (USA)

### MATERIALS

- 100% cotton fabric (quilt weight)
- Felt (yellow for beak and feet, white for collar)
- Pearl trim (4 mm)
- Black safety eye (8 mm)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching thread
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Hand sewing needle
- Sewing machine
- Scissors, pins, clips
- Marking pen
- Iron and pressing mat

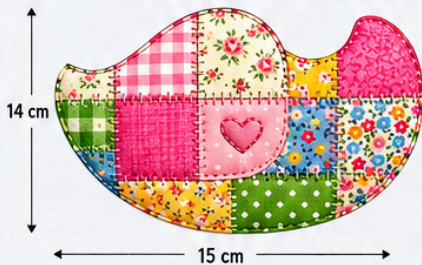
### FINISHED SIZE

23 cm high x 21 cm wide

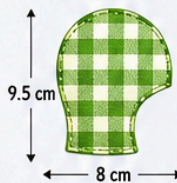


### FABRIC CUTTING (all measurements in cm)

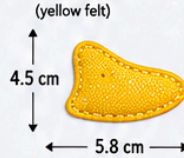
BODY – Cut 1 piece (use patchwork or do like the example)



HEAD – Cut 1



BEAK – Cut 1 (yellow felt)



TAIL FEATHERS

Cut 3 of each color



COLLAR – Cut 1 (white felt)



FEET – Cut 2 (yellow felt)



HEART APPLIQUE

Cut 1 (pink)



### PATCHWORK YOUR BODY (example layout)



Use 7-9 pieces for the body. Stitch with scant 0.7 cm (1/4") seam allowance.

### MAIN SEWING METHODS (Quilt Style - USA)



### STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS



### TIPS

- Use high quality quilt cotton.
- Press seams as you go.
- Take your time with curves.
- Topstitch for a crisp finish.
- Hand stitch the pearl trim for durability.

FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



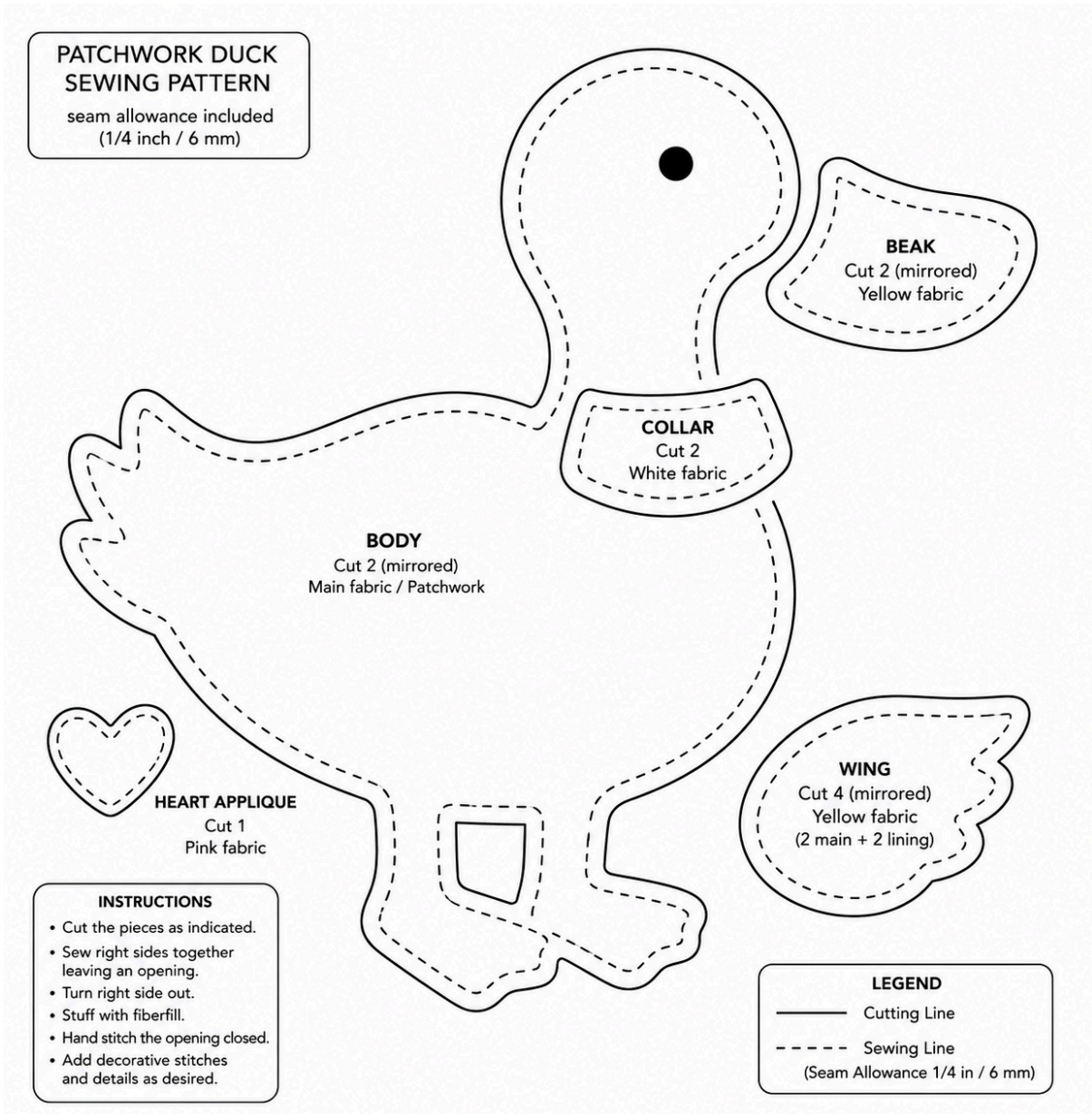
BACK VIEW



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### CARE INSTRUCTIONS





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## Patchwork Duck Sewing Tutorial – Complete Step-by-Step Quilt Style Pattern (USA) 🦆 🧵

Create a beautiful Patchwork Duck using this complete tutorial based on the reference pattern. Every step has been carefully

explained so that beginners and experienced quilters alike can confidently complete the project from start to finish. This guide follows traditional American quilt sewing techniques, making it easy to understand and reproduce.

The finished duck measures approximately 23 cm (9") high x 21 cm (8¼") wide and features a charming patchwork body, felt beak and feet, decorative pearl trim, and embroidered details that make it a wonderful decoration or handmade gift.

Take your time, enjoy every stitch, and remember that quilting is all about creativity. Feel free to personalize your duck by choosing different fabric combinations while following the construction process described below.

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## Materials Needed

Prepare all supplies before beginning.

- 100% Cotton quilting fabrics (assorted prints)
- Green gingham cotton fabric for the head
- White felt (collar)
- Yellow felt (beak and feet)
- Pink cotton fabric (heart appliqué)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Black safety eye (8 mm)
- Pearl trim (4 mm)
- Matching sewing thread
- Fabric glue (optional)
- Hand sewing needle
- Sewing machine
- Fabric scissors
- Paper scissors
- Rotary cutter and cutting mat (optional)
- Quilting ruler

- Pins or sewing clips
  - Fabric marking pen or chalk
  - Iron and ironing board
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## Finished Size

- Height: 23 cm (9 inches)
  - Width: 21 cm (8¼ inches)
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## Pattern Pieces

Cut all pieces before sewing.

### Body

- Cut 1
- Size approximately:
  - Height: 14 cm
  - Width: 15 cm

### Head

- Cut 1
- Height:
  - 9.5 cm
- Width:
  - 8 cm

### Beak

- Cut 1
- Yellow felt
- Height:
  - 4.5 cm
- Width:

- **5.8 cm**

### **Collar**

- **Cut 1**
- **White felt**
- **Height:**
  - **2 cm**
- **Width:**
  - **6.5 cm**

### **Feet**

- **Cut 2**
- **Yellow felt**
- **Height:**
  - **6 cm**
- **Width:**
  - **4.5 cm**

### **Tail Feathers**

**Cut 3 of each color**

**Each feather:**

- **Height:**
  - **6 cm**
- **Width:**
  - **2.5 cm**

**Suggested colors:**

- **Yellow**
- **White**
- **Yellow with white dots**

### **Heart Appliqué**

**Cut 1**

**Pink fabric**

**Size:**

- **3 cm x 3 cm**
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## **H2 – Creating the Patchwork Body**

**The body is made from several small quilt cotton pieces sewn together before cutting the final body shape.**

**Use approximately 7 to 9 fabric pieces in different coordinating prints.**

**Arrange the fabrics until the overall composition looks balanced.**

**Mix floral, gingham, polka dots, solids, and tiny prints for a traditional quilt appearance.**

**Use a ¼-inch (0.7 cm) seam allowance throughout the entire project.**

**Sew the small pieces together row by row.**

**Press every seam open or to one side after sewing.**

**Once the patchwork panel is complete, place the body template over it.**

**Center the design so every section of the duck includes different prints.**

**Trace the body shape.**

**Cut one complete body piece.**

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## H2 – Preparing the Heart Appliqué

Center the pink heart on the body.

Use pins or washable fabric glue to keep it in place.

Sew around the heart using one of the following methods:

- Tight zigzag stitch
- Satin stitch
- Decorative blanket stitch
- Hand blanket stitch

Keep the stitching close to the edge.

Trim loose threads carefully.

Lightly press the body once finished.

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## H2 – Quilting Techniques Used

This project follows traditional American quilt construction.

**Seam Allowance**

Always sew with a ¼-inch (0.7 cm) seam.

**Pressing**

Iron each seam immediately after sewing.

Well-pressed seams create cleaner curves.

**Topstitching**

Topstitch approximately ⅛ inch from the edge wherever indicated.

**Appliqué**

**Secure decorative pieces before assembling the duck.**

### **Trimming Curves**

**After sewing curved areas, clip small notches into the seam allowance.**

**Be careful not to cut through the stitching.**

### **Stuffing**

**Add enough fiberfill to give the duck a smooth shape without making it overly firm.**

### **Closing**

**Finish the opening with an invisible ladder stitch by hand.**

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## **H2 – Sewing the Head**

**Place the white felt collar along the bottom of the head.**

**Align all raw edges.**

**Topstitch the collar neatly.**

**Position the yellow felt beak.**

**Sew around the curved edge using a narrow seam or hand stitch.**

**Install the 8 mm black safety eye before stuffing.**

**Check that both the beak and eye are securely attached.**

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## **H2 – Preparing the Feet**

**Cut two identical feet from yellow felt.**

**Place both pieces right sides together if using double layers.**

**Sew around each foot.**

**Leave a small opening.**

**Turn right side out.**

**Press lightly if necessary.**

**Stuff only very lightly or leave flat depending on your preference.**

**Close the opening.**

**Set aside.**

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## **H2 – Making the Tail Feathers**

**Prepare:**

- **3 yellow feathers**
- **3 white feathers**
- **3 yellow polka-dot feathers**

**Layer the feathers from largest visual appearance to smallest.**

**Alternate the colors.**

**Slightly offset each feather.**

**Pin the feather bundle together.**

**Baste across the bottom edge.**

**The feathers will later be inserted into the back seam.**

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## H2 – Joining the Head and Body

**Position the head onto the top front of the body.**

**The neck should overlap naturally.**

**Pin securely.**

**Sew the head to the body using a strong straight stitch.**

**Topstitch if desired for additional durability.**

**Double-check the alignment before continuing.**

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## H2 – Sewing the Duck Together

**Place the front and back body pieces with right sides facing together.**

**Insert:**

- **Tail feathers**
- **Feet**

**Both should point inward toward the center of the duck.**

**Pin everything carefully.**

**Sew completely around the duck.**

**Leave a small opening along the bottom for turning.**

**Clip all curved seam allowances.**

**Turn the duck right side out.**

**Use a blunt turning tool to shape the curves.**

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## H2 – Stuffing the Duck

Gradually fill the duck using polyester fiberfill.

Begin with:

- Head
- Neck
- Tail
- Body

Push stuffing into every curved area.

Continue adding small amounts until the duck feels evenly filled.

Avoid overstuffing.

The duck should remain soft but hold its shape.

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## H2 – Closing the Opening

Fold the seam allowance inward.

Thread a hand sewing needle with matching thread.

Use an invisible ladder stitch.

Take small even stitches.

Pull the thread gently after every few stitches.

Tie a secure knot.

Hide the thread tail inside the duck.

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## H2 – Adding the Pearl Trim

**Apply the pearl trim around the outside edge.**

**You may:**

- **Hand sew each section**
- **Use small invisible stitches**
- **Apply fabric glue for decorative purposes**

**Work slowly around curves.**

**Keep the pearls evenly spaced.**

**Trim the excess.**

**Secure the final end carefully.**

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## **H2 – Final Inspection**

**Check every seam.**

**Confirm that:**

- **The beak is secure.**
- **The feet are firmly attached.**
- **The tail feathers are symmetrical.**
- **The eye is locked safely.**
- **The stuffing is evenly distributed.**
- **The pearl trim is secure.**
- **No loose threads remain.**

**Lightly steam the finished duck without pressing directly onto the pearl trim.**

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## **H2 – Helpful Tips**

**Choose high-quality quilting cotton for the best results.**

**Press every seam as you work.**

**Use fine pins around curved edges.**

**Clip curves before turning.**

**Stuff gradually instead of all at once.**

**Match thread color closely to your fabrics.**

**Take your time when sewing the pearl trim.**

**Practice the ladder stitch on scrap fabric if you're new to hand sewing.**

**Experiment with different fabric combinations to create unique ducks.**

**Store your finished duck away from direct sunlight to preserve the fabric colors.**

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## **H2 – Care Instructions**

- **Spot clean only with a damp cloth.**
- **Do not machine wash.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Allow to air dry naturally.**
- **Keep away from direct sunlight for long periods.**
- **Store in a dry location.**
- **Avoid excessive moisture.**
- **Handle the pearl trim carefully during cleaning.**

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 **Congratulations!**

**Your beautiful Patchwork Duck is now complete!  **

**Whether displayed as seasonal décor, given as a heartfelt handmade gift, or added to your quilted collection, this charming duck showcases classic American quilt-style patchwork with delightful handcrafted details. Enjoy creating more ducks in different fabric combinations and let your creativity shine with every stitch. Happy quilting! 🧵💕**