



DENIM CAT

♥ QUILT APPLIQUE TUTORIAL ♥

FINISHED SIZE

Cat: 16 cm high x 9 cm wide
(from ears to paws)

Block edge to edge: any size
(example in tutorial)

FABRIC & COLOR SUGGESTION



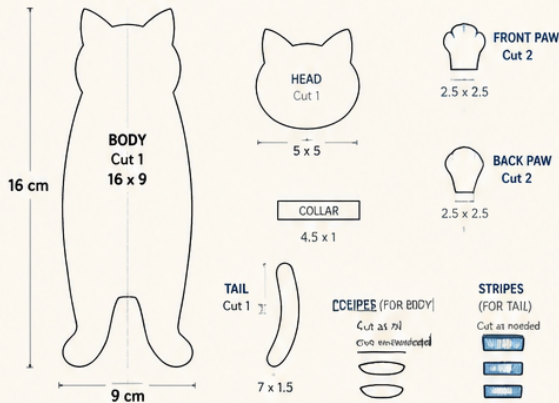
MATERIALS

- Denim fabrics in different shades
- White denim or cotton (paws)
- Cotton fabric for background
- Fusible web (lightweight)
- Embroidery floss: dark blue, black, white, brown
- Sewing thread to match fabrics
- Quilt batting
- Basic sewing tools

MAIN METHODS USED

- Appliqué (raw edge with blanket stitch)
- Straight stitch
- Backstitch (embroidery)
- Satin stitch (embroidery)
- Topstitching
- Quilting (stitch in the ditch)

1. PATTERNS (measurements in cm)



* Add 0.5 cm seam allowance around all pieces if not using fusible web.

2. CUTTING

- Cut all pieces from denim using the pattern.
- Cut the background (quilt block or panel) to the desired size.
- If using fusible web, iron it to the wrong side of the fabric before cutting.



3. APPLIQUE PREPARATION

- Peel off the paper backing from the fusible web.
- Position each piece on the background as shown.
- Fuse in place with a warm iron.



4. SECURE APPLIQUE

- Stitch around each piece using blanket stitch.
- Use matching thread.



5. ADD DETAILS (EMBROIDERY)

- Whiskers: backstitch with black thread.
- Stripe on body and tail: satin stitch with dark blue.
- Inner ears (optional): satin stitch.



6. PAWS

- Appliqué the white paw pieces.
- Blanket stitch around the edges.



7. TOPSTITCHING

- Topstitch around collar and along the top edge of the quilt block.



8. QUILTING

- Layer: back fabric (wrong side up), batting, quilt top (right side up).
- Quilt as desired.
- Stitch in the ditch along the "brick" seams and around the cat.



9. EMBROIDERED BRANCH (OPTIONAL)

Embroider the branch and leaves above the cat.

BRANCH

- Backstitch with brown (3 strands)



LEAVES (Satin stitch)

- Dark blue
- Light blue
- Green
- Light green



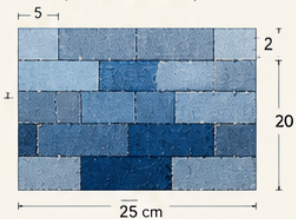
10. FINISHING

- Trim excess batting and backing.
- Bind the edges of your quilt if needed.
- Press well.
- Your Denim Cat quilt is ready!



QUILT BLOCK EXAMPLE

(measurements in cm)



APPLIQUE

Fuse or pin pieces in place and stitch around the edges with blanket stitch.



BACKSTITCH

Strong stitch used for outlines and details (whiskers, branch).



SATIN STITCH

Fill areas or create stripes with close, parallel stitches.



TOPSTITCHING

Straight stitch on top for decoration and durability.



QUILTING (STITCH IN THE DITCH)

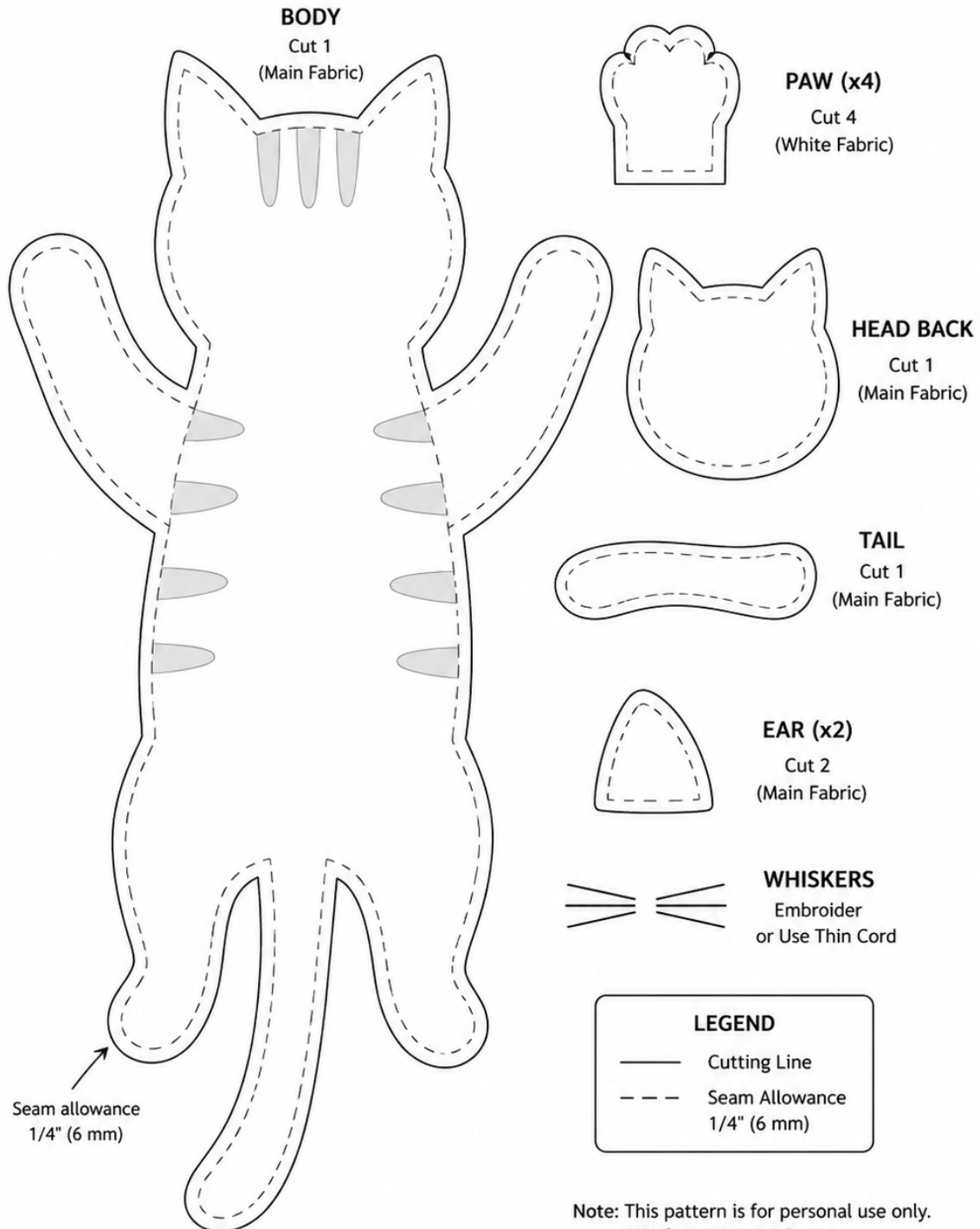
Sew in the seam lines to quilt the layers together.



Happy Sewing & Quilting! ♥

DENIM CAT APPLIQUE PATTERN

For Sewing / Applique
Seam allowance included



Denim Cat Quilt Appliqué Tutorial

A Complete Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners and Experienced Quilters

Welcome to this complete Denim Cat Quilt Appliqué Tutorial! This guide is based on the pattern shown in the reference chart and expands every step with detailed explanations so anyone can successfully complete the project from start to finish.

Whether you are new to appliqué or have years of quilting experience, this tutorial will guide you through every stage of the process using simple language and professional techniques commonly used in the United States.

The finished cat measures approximately 16 cm (6¼ inches) tall and 9 cm (3½ inches) wide, but the background quilt block can be made in any size you prefer.



Let's begin!

H2 – Materials and Supplies

Before starting, gather all of your materials.

Fabrics

- Denim fabrics in several shades of blue
- White denim or white cotton fabric for paws
- Cotton fabric for the quilt background
- Lightweight fusible web
- Quilt batting
- Backing fabric

Embroidery Thread

Prepare embroidery floss in the following colors:

- **Dark navy blue**
- **Black**
- **White**
- **Brown**
- **Light blue**
- **Olive green**
- **Green**

Sewing Thread

Use high-quality sewing thread that closely matches each fabric color.

Basic Sewing Tools

- **Fabric scissors**
- **Small embroidery scissors**
- **Rotary cutter (optional)**
- **Cutting mat**
- **Acrylic ruler**
- **Iron**
- **Ironing board**
- **Pins or fabric clips**
- **Fabric marking pen**
- **Sewing machine**
- **Hand sewing needles**
- **Embroidery needle**

H2 – Finished Size

The appliqué cat measures approximately:

- **Height: 16 cm (6¼")**
- **Width: 9 cm (3½")**

The quilt block itself can be made in any size.

The example shown uses a brick-style denim background, but you may enlarge or reduce the background to suit your quilt project.

H2 – Fabric Color Suggestions

Using several shades of denim gives the cat a realistic appearance.

Recommended denim colors include:

- **Dark Indigo**
- **Medium Blue**
- **Stonewashed Blue**
- **Light Denim**
- **Deep Navy**

White fabric is used for the paws.

Using different denim shades for the background bricks creates beautiful visual texture.

H2 – Download and Prepare the Pattern

Print all template pieces at 100% scale.

Do not resize the pattern.

Pattern pieces include:

- **Body (Cut 1)**
- **Head (Cut 1)**
- **Front Paw (Cut 2)**

- **Back Paw (Cut 2)**
- **Tail (Cut 1)**
- **Collar (Cut 1)**
- **Body Stripes (Cut as needed)**
- **Tail Stripes (Cut as needed)**

If you are not using fusible web, remember to add a ½ cm (¼") seam allowance around every template.

H2 – Cutting the Fabric

Trace every template onto the paper side of the fusible web.

Cut around each traced piece leaving a small margin.

Fuse the web to the wrong side of the selected denim.

Allow the fabric to cool completely.

Now cut every piece precisely along the traced lines.

Cut:

- **1 Body**
- **1 Head**
- **1 Tail**
- **1 Collar**
- **2 Front Paws**
- **2 Back Paws**
- **Body stripes**
- **Tail stripes**

Cut the white paw pieces from white fabric.

H2 – Preparing the Quilt Background

Cut your quilt background to the desired size.

The example uses a brick layout created from rectangles of different denim fabrics.

Arrange the denim rectangles randomly.

Mix light, medium and dark shades for a natural appearance.

Sew the rectangles together.

Press all seams flat.

Trim the background square.

H2 – Prepare the Appliqué

Remove the paper backing from every fusible piece.

Arrange the pieces before fusing.

Order of placement:

- 1. Body**
- 2. Head**
- 3. Collar**
- 4. Tail**
- 5. Body stripes**
- 6. Tail stripes**
- 7. White paws**

Check that everything is centered before ironing.

When satisfied, fuse each piece with a warm iron following the manufacturer's instructions.

Allow everything to cool before moving the fabric.

H2 – Stitch the Main Appliqué

Secure every appliqué piece with a blanket stitch.

You may sew:

- **By machine**
- **Or by hand**

Work slowly around all curves.

Keep the stitch spacing even.

Use matching thread whenever possible.

Take extra care around:

- **Ears**
- **Tail**
- **Neck**
- **Legs**
- **Paw curves**

These areas define the overall appearance.

H2 – Embroider the Details

Now add the facial features and decorative stitching.

Whiskers

Use black embroidery floss.

Stitch using Backstitch.

Keep the whiskers symmetrical.

Eyes

Create small stitched eyes using black embroidery floss.

Nose

Embroider a small nose.

Mouth

Add a simple stitched mouth below the nose.

Body Stripes

Sew each stripe using Satin Stitch.

Keep all stitches close together.

Tail Stripes

Repeat the satin stitch on every tail stripe.

Inner Ears (Optional)

Fill the inside ears using satin stitch if desired.

This gives the cat additional detail.

H2 – Attach the White Paws

Position the white paw pieces.

Fuse them in place if using fusible web.

Secure every edge with a blanket stitch.

Take your time around the curved edges.

The white paws create a wonderful contrast against the blue denim.

H2 – Topstitching

Topstitch around the collar.

Topstitch along the upper edge of the quilt block as shown in the pattern.

This decorative stitching creates texture and reinforces the appliqué.

Use matching denim thread.

Maintain an even stitch length.

H2 – Quilting the Block

Create your quilt sandwich.

Layer in this order:

- 1. Backing fabric (wrong side up)**
- 2. Quilt batting**
- 3. Quilt top (right side up)**

Smooth every layer.

Pin or baste securely.

Now quilt the block.

The sample uses Stitch in the Ditch quilting.

Sew directly inside the seams of the denim bricks.

Continue quilting around the cat to help define its shape.

Additional quilting may be added if desired.

H2 – Optional Embroidered Branch

For additional decoration, embroider the branch above the cat.

Branch

Use brown embroidery floss.

Use three strands.

Stitch with Backstitch.

Leaves

Use Satin Stitch.

Suggested colors:

- **Dark Blue**
- **Light Blue**
- **Green**
- **Light Green**

Fill each leaf completely using smooth parallel stitches.

H2 – Finishing the Quilt Block

Trim away excess batting.

Trim the backing evenly.

Square the block.

If the block will remain as a single mini quilt, bind all edges.

If it will become part of a larger quilt, leave the edges unfinished until final quilt assembly.

Press gently from the back.

Avoid flattening the embroidery excessively.

Congratulations!

Your Denim Cat Quilt Appliqué is now complete. 🎉🐱

H2 – Understanding the Main Sewing Techniques

Blanket Stitch

Used to permanently secure appliqué pieces around the edges while creating a decorative finish.

Backstitch

Perfect for outlines and fine embroidered details such as whiskers and branches.

Satin Stitch

A dense embroidery stitch used to fill shapes completely, including stripes and leaves.

Topstitching

Visible straight stitching that strengthens seams while adding decorative texture.

Stitch in the Ditch Quilting

A quilting technique where stitches are sewn directly inside seam lines, allowing the quilting to blend naturally into the design.

H2 – Tips for Professional Results

✨ Prewash all fabrics before cutting.

- ✨ Press after every sewing step.
- ✨ Use a new sharp needle when sewing denim.
- ✨ Match thread colors carefully.
- ✨ Trim loose threads frequently.
- ✨ Test embroidery stitches on scrap fabric before working on the project.
- ✨ Work from the center outward when fusing pieces.
- ✨ Take your time around curved edges.
- ✨ Keep stitch lengths consistent for a polished finish.
- ✨ Enjoy the process—precision and patience produce beautiful results.

Happy Sewing & Quilting! 🧵🐱💙